



Gosforth Park First School

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Christmas Productions

The first dress rehearsals have taken place today and we will soon be in the full swing of things.

Please remember the following:

For KS1 & KS2 productions you must show your ticket at the door to gain entry. A member of the FGFS will collect them. The actual productions are for grown-ups to attend. Please remember that pre-school children and babies are very welcome at the Dress Rehearsals but not at the actual productions.

We thank you in advance for your support with this.

School Christmas Lunch



This is on Wednesday 12th December. The children may wear a festive hair band or hat on the day.



Safeguarding

Please remember that if you need to come into school you must come in via the main office so we know who is on site.

Any medicines which need to be administered in school must be handed in at the office and the correct paperwork completed and signed.

Help

Dear all

I have now advertised the School Crossing Patrol point on the Great North Road twice without any successful applicants. I currently have one of my team standing in temporarily until Christmas but in the New Year he will no longer be available.

I am seeking your help to recruit a new School Crossing Patrol as soon as possible otherwise the point will be vacant which I know is a situation that none of us wants.

Please could you let your families and wider community know that this vacancy is available and that I am happy to speak to any interested parties about the role.

The advert is attached below.

www.northeastjobs.org.uk/job/School_Crossing_Patrol/182037

Many thanks

Cheryl

Cheryl Ford Lyddon

Road Safety Manager

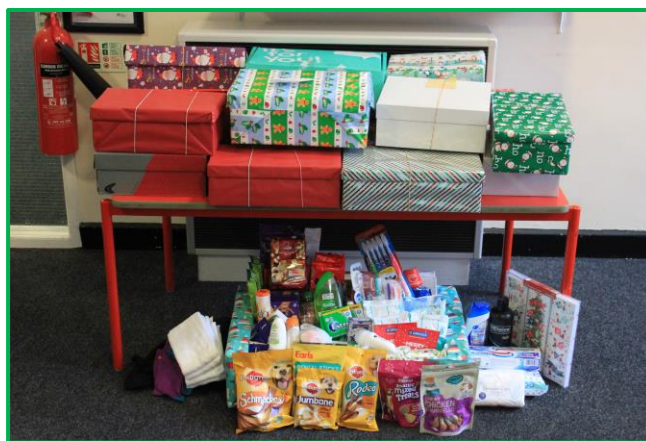




Thank you!

Thank you so much for your kind donations for Newcastle University's Christmas Shoebox Appeal. All of these wonderful shoeboxes and goodies are now on their way to 'The People's Kitchen' and 'Destiny's Streetworx', as gifts to homeless individuals in time for Christmas.

Thank you for your support and generosity.



Christmas Parties

On the day of the Christmas Parties children can come to school in their party clothes. In the afternoon they will have some games and dancing in the hall followed by some party nibbles which are kindly being provided by the PTA. Each Key Stage will send out more detailed information nearer the time.

The dates are:

Monday 17th December PM KS2 Party

Tuesday 18th December PM KS1 Party

Thursday 20th December Reception Party

Miss Gasper will notify parents about the arrangements for Nursery Christmas parties soon.

From all the staff and children

Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications for children to start school in Reception is midday on 15th January 2019.

To find out more and apply online visit

www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions.

Christmas Productions

Dress Rehearsals:

- Monday 10th December **9:30am**=Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet) **A Victorian Christmas**
- Monday 10th December **2:00pm** = Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2 **The Wriggly Nativity**

Main Productions

Please note the main productions are for **adults only**. All the children in school, babies, pre-school children, including Nursery aged children, are invited to watch the dress rehearsals.

The FGPFS will kindly- FOR THE MAIN PERFORMANCES ONLY - be serving COFFEE/TEA and selling raffle tickets prior to the performances. Doors will open at 1.30pm for afternoon performances and 9.05 am for the am EYRS performance. You will be asked to wait patiently outside as you will realise that we have to set the hall up prior to the performances.

The Main Performances are on:

- Tuesday 11th December **2:00 pm**= Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes) **The Magical Christmas Journey**
Running time approx. 45mins
- Wednesday 12th December **9:30am**= Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2 **The Wriggly Nativity**
Running time approx. 30mins
- Thursday 13th December **2:00pm**= Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2 **The Wriggly Nativity**
Running time approx. 30mins
- Friday 14th December **2:00pm** = Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet) **A Victorian Christmas**
Running time approx. 1hour

Found

Mrs Hall has found a lovely fleece lined, navy parka coat branded Urban Outerwear from Tesco, aged 9-10. We'd love to reunite it with its owner. Please let us know if it belongs to you.

Many thanks.



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Blue Class** and

Indigo Class

Our attendance this week was 98.2% up on last year's 97.4% - keep it up!

We only had 9 lates this week (7 families). Thank you.



Our Mathletics Trophy has been awarded to **Yellow Class** this week! Well done.

Our top two Mathletes of the week are **Hamna Pervez** and **Hania Pervez!**
Congratulations!



Mr Hamilton has a few places available for clarinet lessons after Christmas, for children in Year 3 or 4.

Lessons are offered on a group basis (3-4 children), which are priced at £6.50 per session. Paired lessons (2 children taught together) at a cost of £9.50 per lesson may also be possible, subject to availability. Clarinets can be hired from Nemco at a cost of £17.00 per term (subject to availability).

If your child is interested in having lessons please contact the Nemco office on 0191 2363999 or pick up a form at the office to complete and return by Friday 14th December.

Please note that places are limited and will be offered on a "first come, first served" basis. A waiting list will operate if places are over-subscribed.



Well done to Freya Buck who has been awarded the British Gymnastics proficiency award level 3.

Well done to Melody Makvandi who has been awarded the British Gymnastics proficiency award level 8.

Well done to Jessica Waters who has been awarded the British Gymnastics proficiency award level 8.

Well done to Asmina Doshi who has achieved her Stage 7 swimming award.

Homework

Class	
Green	Maths: Counting in 2s and 5s English: Phase 5a Tricky Word Sentences.
Orange	Multiplication and Division
Yellow	Mathletics – Properties of Shape. Learn Its Sheet
Indigo	Multiplication and Division
Violet	Maths: 20 min times table challenge Literacy/Topic holiday project: Research the Ancient Egyptians, and create a presentation for the class, using a poster, fact file etc.
Blue	Maths: 9 Times Table Problem Solving Maths (optional): 7 Times Table practice



The Friends of GPFS

Committee Meeting/ Annual General Meeting

Thank you to everyone who came to our meeting. For those who were unable to make it you can read the Meeting Minutes on the school website in the PTFA section.

Christmas Productions – Raffle Prize Donations

Thank you for all the fantastic donations for our raffles. Each performance will run a raffle which will be drawn after the children have finished their performance. Tickets will be £1 each. If you would like to contribute to the raffle please bring any donations along to school as soon as possible.

Christmas Productions – Cake Donations

At each of the production performances the PTFA will be selling tea, coffee and cakes. We would be very grateful for any nut free cake donations. These can be dropped off between Monday 10th – Friday 14th December. Any unsold cakes will be sold at the Reception Open morning.

Just a reminder all the money raised by the PTFA goes back into school to buy things the school budget just can't cover, things like the beautiful Christmas tree in the school hall (which is looking extra smart with everyone's baubles all over it!). We really appreciate your support and the children definitely reap the rewards of your generosity.

Thank you so much to Asda who have donated some goodies for the children's Christmas parties!



On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS,

Have a lovely weekend

Jen Higgins



Dates for Your Diary

✓	Date	Event
	Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch
	Thursday 13 December AM	Reception and KS1 visit to see the pantomime Aladdin at Simonside Community Centre
	Thursday 13 December PM	KS2 visit to GEMS to see Rock Nativity
	Friday 14 th December	Reception Christmas Craft Morning
	Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Monday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
	Tuesday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Party
	Wednesday 19 th December	Carols on the Yard from 3:15
	Thursday 20 th December AM	KS2 visit to see the pantomime Aladdin at Simonside Community Centre
	Thursday 20 th December PM	Reception Christmas Party



Coming soon - The Lollipop Raffle

In February, the four schools along Granville Road - Gosforth East Middle, St. Oswald's RC Primary, Gosforth Park First and Broadway East First - are coming together to hold a huge raffle.

This is in a bid to raise the £5,000 necessary to fund the crossing patrol warden on the corner of Broadway East, saved by our community in 2017, for a further academic year.

Raffle books and a letter will be heading home with your child at the end of February but, in the meantime, if any parents are able to help with any corporate-style prizes, such as afternoon teas, annual memberships, spa/hotel/hospitality prizes, then we would be hugely grateful.

Please text: Rebekah Stephenson 07763 711431, Kate Watkins 07947846974 or Keri Walker 07725 461047 to make your prize pledge.

Thank you in advance for helping us to remain the only crossing in the city funded by its families.

On behalf of the Parklands Community Crossing