



# Gosforth Park First School

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## Exciting News for GPFS!

Dear Parents

We wanted to keep you up to date as much as possible with the good news this week which some of you may have seen in the Chronicle.

Newcastle City Council's Cabinet have agreed funding in principle for the future expansion and remodelling of Gosforth Park First School as part of the wider school places programme. The GPFS future expansion is obviously still dependent upon the timeline and progress on a number of other factors, particularly gaining full planning approval for the new school at Newcastle Great Park to enable Broadway East First School's relocation

We will in due course need to consider the processes involved in any future expansion and remodelling and this will be subject to consultation with our community and stakeholders accordingly, but as and when we have more information to share, we will pass this on. In the interim, we are working to the outline timescale that we hope to move to two forms of entry in September 2020 and will begin remodelling and expanding into the Broadway East site from this time forward.

This is a very exciting time for our children, the school and the community and we are very much looking forward to the opportunity this will hopefully provide to build upon the success of Gosforth Park First School.

Yours sincerely

Leanne Lamb, Headteacher

Steve Collins, Co-Chair of Governors on behalf of the Governing Body

## Staff News

Mrs Thorpe will be leaving Gosforth Park First School at the end of this term and wishes our school community well. Mrs Thorpe has taught children at GPFS for nearly twelve years. We thank Mrs Thorpe for her hard work dedication to the children in school during that time.

Miss Young, who knows the school and children very well, will teach Indigo class in the summer term.



Parent teacher consultations will take place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** and **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**.

There will be a classroom set up in each Key Stage where you will be able to view your child's work books before your appointment.

Reception SW (view work in Rec SC)

KS1 Orange Class (view work in Yellow)

KS2 Indigo Class (view work in Blue Class)

The Thursday session also coincides with World Book day so please don't be surprised if you are met by a famous book character for your appointment!

Mrs Lamb



# RED NOSE DAY

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019**

For Red Nose Day this year we will be asking children to donate £1 to attend school wearing their own clothes (including at least one red item!) They can, of course, wear their red noses and other funky red accessories!



P.S. Mr Hindess and School Council have been busy organising a few surprises for some unlucky teachers which will be sure to add some comedy value throughout the day!

## Quick Sticks Tournament

On Tuesday's sunny afternoon our team of six year 3 and 4 pupils took on the challenge of the Newcastle Quick Sticks hockey Tournament. All six children showed off the school's finest qualities including: teamwork, sportsmanship, honesty and willingness to succeed. The team succeeded in winning two games, drawing two and only losing out to the teams that progressed to the knock out stages. Nothing deterred them from playing their absolute best in every game; whether they were losing or winning they continued to play like some of the best teams at the tournament with their effort and determination. It was a pleasure to take and manage the team!



Well done Hockey players! It was lovely to hear the super comments from parents who attended saying how well behaved you were and what a fantastic job you did at representing our school.  
Mrs Lamb



We are very excited about World Book Day next Thursday! Children can come into school dressed as favourite book character. Children will take part in a special assembly and a competition to design the front cover of a class book. The whole school is going to share stories with other classes in the afternoon. I'm really looking forward to it!  
Mrs Lambert



The book fair will be arriving in school on Friday 8th March. It will be open for business after school in the library in the week beginning Monday 11th March. Many thanks to our fantastic parents group for running this – please speak to our PTA to sign up for a slot if you'd like to volunteer. Come along and see the wonderful selection!

## sign2sing

### RAISING MONEY FOR THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

Thank you for your fantastic support for our fundraising singing last month.

We have just sent £108.37 to the Deaf Health Charity. The children were amazing and their singing was fabulous! They are definitely very skilled at signing and singing!



## *Dates for your Diary*

<i>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Parent Consultations</i>
<i>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Parent Consultations</i>
<i>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>World Book Day (dress as a book character)</i>
<i>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Book Fair School Library 3:30 – 4:00</i>
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Red Nose Day (more information to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Music Students from Durham University to see Violet and Blue Class</i>
<i>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</i>	<i>KS1 Trip to Alnwick Castle</i>
<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</i>	<i>Year 3 Singing with Ian Roberts (more information to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday April 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Year 4 at Robinwood</i>
<i>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Music Students from Durham University to see Indigo Class</i>
<i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Break up for Easter Holiday</i>
<i>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</i>	<i>School reopens</i>
<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday Monday</i>
<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Daft as a Brush Day</i>
<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Break up for May half term</i>
<i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</i>	<i>Training Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>School reopens</i>
<i>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</i>	<i>Open Day from 12:30</i>
<i>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>End of Year reports out to parents</i>
<i>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Break up for Summer Holiday</i>

## Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin this half term when you will have the opportunity to come into school and watch your child and their class present what they have been learning about. Due to our very exciting and popular celebration assemblies which are held at the end of the school day, class assemblies will be on Friday mornings. Doors will open as soon as we can get the hall ready (no later than 9:15) so you can have a cuppa and a chat, then the children will come down at 9:30. Dates for each class assembly are:

Class	Date
Nursery am and pm	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 10:45am 2:30pm
Reception SC and SW	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Green	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Orange	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Yellow	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Violet	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Indigo	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Blue	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April



### Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception Miss Coughlan** and **Orange Class**

Our attendance this week was 97.6%. A huge improvement on last year (96.5%)

We had 12 lates this week (7 families)  
Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Yellow Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Reine Eblewi**, and **Ewan Hearn!**  
Well done!

## Homework

Class	
Green	Phonics – 'aw' sound sentences Maths – compare objects within 50
Orange	Phonics- split diagraphs Maths- addition/subtraction
Yellow	Phonics – Adding suffixes Maths – Fractions – Finding a quarter
Indigo	Interpreting Bar Charts
Violet	Mathletics: Recap and practice multiplying 2-digit number by a given 1-digit number formal written method
Blue	Finding unit fractions and non unit fractions of quantities. Mathletics (I want that trophy!)



Huge congratulations to Jude Manning (Rec SC), and Daniel Irving (Indigo) who have had their work displayed on The Pride of Gosforth Park First School board! They were presented in assembly with their medal which they will return next Friday, ready to hand over to the next set of superstars!



Congratulations to Tommy Kirk (Yellow Class) who has achieved his Stage 3 swimming award.

Congratulations to Millie Anderson (Yellow Class) who has achieved a blue belt in Jujitsu this week.

Congratulations to Oliver Fagandini (Green Class) who has achieved a red belt in Jujitsu this week.



# The Friends of GPFS

Welcome back! We hope you all had a lovely half term break and have enjoyed your first week back at school!

## Pre Loved Uniform Sale

We still have a lot of Pre Loved uniform available for sale, if you would like to order any please text Kate Watkins on 07947846974. All the money raised from the sale of the Pre Loved Uniform will be used to buy play equipment for the children.

<p><b>Prices</b></p> <p>Jumper £2.50 Polos £1.50 Dresses £1.50 Trousers, shorts etc 50p Pinafores £1 School Bag 50p PE Shorts 50p Trainers and pumps £1</p>	<p><b>Age 3/4</b></p> <p>Jumper Red 1 Cardigan Red 4 Navy 2 Polos Red 5 PE T-Shirt 1 Summer Dress Red 2 Girls Trousers 2 Girls Skirt 3</p>	<p><b>Age 4/5</b></p> <p>Summer Dress Red 1 Summer Dress Navy 2 Girls Pinafore 5 Boys Trousers 4</p>	<p><b>Age 5/6</b></p> <p>Jumper Navy 15 Cardigan Navy 3 Polos Navy 5 PE T-Shirt 2 Boys Trousers 14 Boys Shorts 5</p>
<p><b>Age 7/8</b></p> <p>Jumper Red 1 Navy 3 Cardigan Navy 4 Polos Red 7 Navy 5 Summer Dress Red 5 Summer Dress Red 1 (Size 8) Girls Skirt 4 Girls Trousers 5</p>	<p><b>Age 8/9</b></p> <p>Summer Culottes Dress 1 Summer Navy Dress 2 Girls Skirt 5</p>	<p><b>Age 9/10</b></p> <p>Girls Trousers 1</p>	<p><b>Extras</b></p> <p>School Bag 1 Girls Trainers Size 9 PE Pumps Size 9</p>
		<p><b>Age 11/12</b></p> <p>Jumper Navy 2</p>	



**Asda Green Coins**

We are way in the lead, but we don't want to give up just yet! So please keep collecting the Green coins on your shopping trips to Asda, Gosforth and pop them in the yellow slots to support our school.

**Next Committee Meeting – All welcome**

**Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7pm in school hall**

Coming soon:

- Class assemblies (Refreshments will be served by PTFA Committee and Volunteers)
- Spring Disco (more information to follow soon)
- Easter activities and fundraising (More information to follow soon)

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS Committee,

Jen Higgins