



Gosforth Park First School

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Parent Consultations Reception to Year 4

Letters will be coming home today for you to select an appointment time for parent consultations which will be held after the half term holiday. I will be based in the Reception area if any parents would like to pop in for a chat. We look forward to seeing you all on your Parent Consultation evening. Please remember this is for you and not for the children. Although there will not be time to share your child's work/books at this appointment, this will be shared later on in the year.

Thank you
Mrs Lamb

CLUBS

Letters will be coming home today detailing the clubs on offer throughout school. These will then start after the half term holiday. Please return reply slips by Friday 19th October.

Thanks
Mrs Lamb

Photographs

We will be sending home a new photograph permission letter next week for all children in school to make sure we are GDPR compliant. Please make sure you return these to school. You can remove/alter your consent at any time. Further details will be on the letter.

Thank you
Mrs Lamb

Christmas Productions Dates

We have been liaising with Mrs McKenna from Broadway East to confirm our Christmas Production dates (as our halls are adjoining). Exact times will be given nearer the date but please note that the productions for Key Stage 1 and 2 are ticketed due to hall capacity and two tickets per family will be issued. Pre-school, babies and children under First School age are not permitted at the main Productions but will be very welcome at the dress rehearsals. All of our children see each key stage production dress rehearsal so no one misses out. The EYRs productions are not ticketed.

Dress Rehearsals:

Friday 7th December = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Friday 7th December = in the afternoon - Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

Monday 10th December = in the morning - Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)

Monday 10th December = in the afternoon – Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

The Productions

Tuesday 11th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

Wednesday 12th December Morning Performance = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Thursday 13th December Afternoon Performance = Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Friday 14th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)





We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Monday 22nd October with the children in school. As always, we will welcome donations for the People's Kitchen which provides hot meals and support for anyone who, for many different reasons, find themselves in dire straits. This is a critical time for this excellent charity, which is based near St James' Park, because it is when the warehouse is replenished with goods to sustain it through the year to come.

The charity provides a 'Harvest Wish List' for all who are willing to give. This includes tinned meals, vegetables, fruit and soups; tea, coffee and instant drinking chocolate; household items such as dishwashing cloths, pan scrubs, freezer bags, laundry wash tablets and general toiletries are also welcome. Please note that fresh fruit and vegetables are not required because it is not necessarily possible to use them immediately. We thank you in advance for your continuing generosity and support.

Please send any donations in with your child during the week beginning **15th October**. These will be displayed in the main entrance and Early Years entrance.

Thank you again for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Healthy School



It's been lovely to hear about some of our children's forays in to blackberry picking recently! Getting children to eat a variety of fruit and veg can be difficult so what better way to get them to try something new or to revisit a food than picking your own! Eating fruit and veg in season is also the best way to guarantee something is going to taste its best. Some other fruit and veg still in season this month include: apples, pears, plums, tomatoes, beetroot, spring onion, lambs lettuce, carrots and cauliflower. The kid's easy peelers tangerines or satsumas are particularly juicy at the moment and perfect for lunch boxes! "Watch this space" for a new healthy eating slot on our school's website.

Mrs Wells



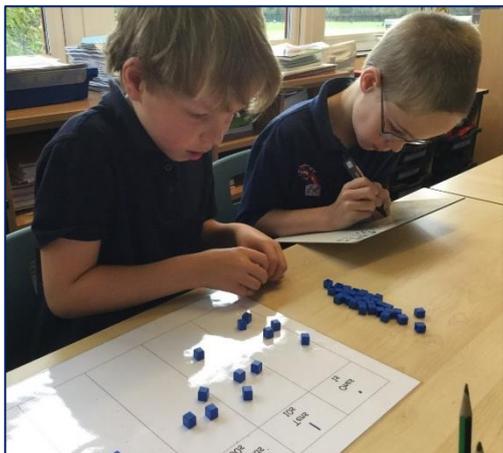
New Y5 2019 Open Evening

This event takes place 17/10/2018 18:00 – 19:30

Open Evening for Parents and current Year 4 children who will transfer schools in September 2019.

Magnificent Maths Column Addition

Blue class have been impressing Mr Hindess this week with their excellent column addition. We have been using practical equipment to help us understand this difficult concept- especially when we have to exchange. Children have been really up for the challenge!



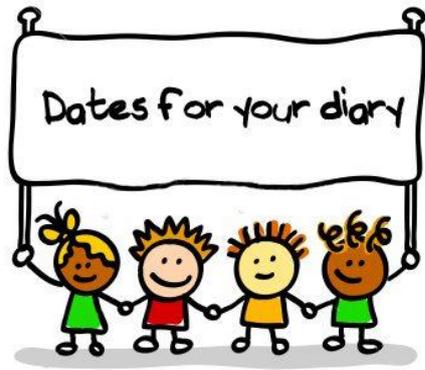
Gruel, Workhouses and a great piece of writing!!

Indigo have worked their socks off this week with a fantastic piece of writing about Victorian workhouses. Without exception Indigo have presented me with beautiful handwriting and well set out facts!



As a reward Mrs Lucas with a few helpers, concocted two tasty examples of gruel for Indigo to taste. Almost everyone had a try! The perfect end to our topic on workhouses!!





Friday 19 th October	Wear Something Pink Day
Harvest Assembly	In school for children only. Please send donations in WB 15 th Oct.
Thursday 25 th October	Break up for Half Term
Friday 26 th October	Training Day
WB 2 nd November	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 5 th November	Back to School
Monday 5 th November	Clubs Start
WB 19 th November	Parent's Evenings
Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day

Homework

Class	
Green	Keep a weather diary
Orange	Keep a weather diary Addition in any order
Yellow	Keep a weather diary Greater/less than/ordering
Indigo	Triangle challenge!
Violet	Mathletics- Ordering Numbers
Blue	Mathletics – Ordering Numbers



Classes of the Week!



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

Blue Class



Our attendance this week was 98.1% which is a great improvement on last week's 97.9% and getting closer to last year's 98.4%!

We had 28 lates this week. We know traffic has been tricky – let's hope it gets better next week!



Well done to Jack Lloyd, Daniel Craig, Thomas Alley and Matthew Walker who have all been made Lodge Leaders at Brunton Park Beavers (Scouts).

The Friends of GPFS



Our next meeting..

Apologies – last week's newsletter had the incorrect date for our next meeting. Our next meeting will be **Tuesday 16th October at 7pm in the school hall.** As always everyone is welcome to come along.

Autumn Fair 2018

We cannot say enough thank you for all the support we received at the Autumn Fair, we raised such a fantastic amount we feel we should shout about it again! **£1650!!** Every penny will be used in school for various things from school trips to equipment.

Last week we listed lots of companies who have supported us with donations and this week we would like to give a special shout out to a few more people. Thank you to Nestle who kindly donated two huge bags of chocolates for our chocolate tombola's, and a very HUGE thank you to Al Walker, from Automatic Retailing, who has been extremely generous and donated our paper cups for all the hot drinks and the fruit shoots which were sold at the refreshment stand. Al has kept us well stocked with much needed cups for our events and we are very grateful. We would also like to thank the Police Officers and Police Dogs, led by Mal Welch, for coming along to talk to all our visitors. The children loved meeting the Police dogs and some were very lucky and allowed to sit in the Police Van and sound the siren!



Glow In The Dark Disco

Arrangements are on going and as promised we will keep you up to date with any plans for the Glow in the Dark Disco we plan to hold in November.

Have a fab weekend,

Jen Higgins

On behalf of The Friends of GPFS