



Gosforth Park First School

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Number Day

Thank you so much for supporting number day. It was great to see the wonderful array of numbers and costumes coming through the gate this morning! There have been loads of fun maths activities going on in classes!

We have raised £161.57 to send to NSPCC. Thank you for your support.

Miss Gasper



Safer Internet Day will be on
Tuesday 5th February 2019

Safer Internet Day 2019 will be celebrated globally with the theme: **Together for a better internet.**

The children will be finding out more in our whole school assembly on Monday. A pack of resources for parents will be posted on the front page of our website or can be downloaded by following this link
<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2019/education-packs/activities-parents-and-carers>



CALLING ALL ENGINEERS!

We are looking for enthusiastic parents who are willing to help in school during this year's STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) which begins on Monday 11th March.

We would like you to come into school and talk about your job and the experiences you have had being an engineer. (You may want to bring a few props or photos along too)

If you are able to give up a little time to enthuse the children and help to enrich our pupil's experiences it would be really appreciated.

If you are interested and can help please contact **Mr Phipps** through the school office and if you need any more information just ask. (0191 2852559)



Fabulous Phonics

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the Reception Phonics session last week. We hope you found it useful. If you need any more information please don't hesitate to speak to Miss Walsh or Miss Coughlan.

Mrs Lambert, our English Lead, will be holding sessions next week for Year 1 parents to explain about the Year 1 phonics screening check. There are two slots available, Monday 4th February or Wednesday 6th February from 5pm in Green Class. Parents can sign up at the office either in person or by phoning/emailing. The meeting is for parents only but if you need to bring your child along I will keep them entertained in Orange Class.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Violin

Miss Montgomery has spaces for any KS2 children wanting to try the Violin. Six taster sessions on Friday mornings from 9:00 – 9:30 will cost £30 (violins and music provided). If your child then decides this instrument is not for them they do not have to continue beyond the six weeks. If you are interested please let the school office know.

Gosforth Gets Going



Last week some of our Reception children were invited to attend a Gosforth Gets Going event at Archbishop Runcie to practise their multi skills. The children particularly enjoyed the throwing and catching activities. We all had a great time!

Miss Young

School Texts/Emails

Please let us know if you're having problems receiving school texts or emails. These will be sent to the first contact on your child's contact information sheet. If you aren't receiving them they may be going to mum/dad.

Please let the school office know if your contact details change.

Many thanks

Mrs Carrick and Mrs Eltringham



Are you getting stuck in a rut with packed lunches? It can be hard to vary the lunches each day, especially for fussy eaters, but it's worth assessing a typical lunch box by checking labels to see how much nutrition and also unhealthy fat and sugars we are unknowingly providing as part of our child's daily quota. Try to include at least 1 food from each food group. Vegetables could include a pot of cherry tomatoes (cut in half), cooked beetroot, sweetcorn, sticks of carrot, cucumber, pepper or celery. Stop cut veg sticks from drying out by adding a damp kitchen towel to the pot.

Mrs Wells

ROBINWOOD Final reminder

For those of you who haven't paid for the residential in April. Next Friday 8th Feb is the absolute deadline. ALL outstanding monies must be paid by then as the school accounts are then closed to be audited and payment made to Robinwood.

Thanks

Mrs Wilson

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin next 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 th March 10:45am 2:30pm
Reception SC and SW	Friday 10 th May
Green	Friday 29 th March
Orange	Friday 17 th May
Yellow	Friday 5 th April
Violet	Friday 22 nd March
Indigo	Friday 3 rd May
Blue	Friday 26 th April

Coming soon...



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 97.8%. A huge improvement on last year (96.5%) but down on last week's 97.9%

We had 23 lates this week (14 families)

Let's try to get this down next week.

Mrs Lamb

Wearable Technology



We have noticed a huge increase in the number of children coming to school with 'wearable technology' such as fit bits. Wearable Technology that has the ability to communicate, i.e. camera, microphone or message notifications, is not allowed to be worn in school.

If a Wearable Technology device is deemed by the teacher to be causing a distraction around school, it is liable to confiscation until the end of the school day. As with other watches, staff will ask that these are removed before PE.

We advise that these are not worn on swimming days.

Please may we remind you that any earrings must also be removed or covered for PE.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Mrs Lamb

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body of the School. If anyone is interested in taking on this role and being involved in the continued success of the school, please collect an information pack from the school office or download from the governor section of the school website.

We have always been very fortunate in having excellent support from parents. There are three full Governing Body meetings per year and each of the two sub-committees, Standards and Curriculum and Staffing and Finance meet three times per year.

The deadline for registering an interest is **Monday 4th February.**

If you wish to talk to our Vice Chair of Governors, Gill Milne, or myself about the role you are most welcome to do so. Please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment.



RAISING MONEY FOR THE DEAF HEALTH CHARITY SIGNHEALTH

Dear Parents/Carers,

You may have heard from your child that they are learning to sign a song at school. This is because we are practising to take part in sign2sing, a fundraising activity organised by the Deaf Health Charity Sign Health, which helps to give Deaf children and adults a brighter, healthier future. For the event, the children are learning pop hit-"Greatest Day" by Take That with signs.

About sign2sing: Between 4th-10th February 2019 hundreds of schools across the UK are taking part along with businesses, choirs and community groups. We are suggesting that each child bring a £1 donation on the day and have fun while learning sign language. We will be singing together on **Wednesday 6th February.**

Learning the song and signs: You can help your child learn the song and signs and find out more about the event on the sign2sing website: www.sign2sing.org.uk. We encourage all of the family to take part.

Thank you for supporting this exciting challenge and helping to make a difference. If you would learn more about SignHealth visit our website www.signhealth.org.uk

If you would like to know more about sign2sing and this years song "Greatest Day" contact the team on sign2sing@signhealth.org.uk

Best wishes,
GPFS School Team

Where your money goes:

- £100** gives a day of fun to one person with a support worker
- £250** pays for 5 therapy sessions to help a deaf person
- £500** can give 24 hours of housing support to those living on their own

Homework

Class	
Green	Greater than, less than or equals Phonics phase 4 blends
Orange	Maths: tallies Spelling: plurals
Yellow	Mnemonics Money problems
Indigo	Challenge questions for division and multiplication
Violet	Mathletics: division challenges.
Blue	Dividing 3 digit numbers with exchanging and remainders (Sorry!) Times table rock stars



Congratulations to Maisie Rjvett who has achieved her Stage 5 swimming award.

Well done to Isabel Gent who has been awarded Novocastrians RFC Under 7 Star Player.



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Orange Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Niamh Cronin** and **Hunain Hashim!**
Well done!



Huge congratulations to Theo Birdsall, Year 1, Maddy May, Year 2, Sophie Reid, Year 3, and Archie Wells, Year 4, who are the first children to have 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!



The Friends of GPFS

Asda Green Coins

Please continue to support our school at the Asda charity point, we are currently in the lead, but we need to ensure we maintain this to secure the £500 charity donation from Asda.

Easy fundraising

Just a reminder you can still sign up to easyfundraising.org.uk and help our school without doing any hard work! You just shop online as normal and every time you spend a donation is made to us, it's that simple!

Pre-Loved Uniform Sale

Between 4th - 8th February we will be collecting donations of pre-loved uniform. Donations must be of a good condition and can be left with the school office. Once we have collected and sorted the donations, we will arrange a date to sell with all proceeds going into school fund.

PTFA Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 5th February at 7pm in the school hall. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a great weekend,

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS Committee,

Jen Higgins