



Gosforth Park First School

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Spring has sprung and classes are looking forward to getting out in the garden after the Easter Holidays to do some planting. However, we are feeling a little overwhelmed with the state of the planting beds and need your help. Please could you give up an hour of your time with a spade and some gardening gloves to help tidy and turn over the beds? In return you will be provided with free tea/coffee and a good work out! We are asking for volunteers during the first week back, April 23rd – April 26th each afternoon from 2:15 – 3:15 pm. If you can help, please contact the school office.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

Yellow Class Assembly

Friday 5th April

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. We look forward to seeing you there!



On Monday 1st April, the Friends of Gosforth Park First School are holding an Easter Egg decorating competition for **Nursery – Year 4**. Entry to the competition will be £1. Please decorate your hard-boiled egg at home and bring into school on the morning of **Monday 1st April** (Wednesday 3rd for Nursery). Prizes will be awarded for the best 2 in each class! These have been generously donated by Asda. The eggs can be decorated however you like, Easter themed, super heroes, patterned, animals etc. We are really looking forward to seeing what your children can create!

Reception

Remember - Easter fun morning from 9:00 – 10:00

Tuck Shop

There will be **NO** tuck shop next week (W/C 1st APRIL) as Mrs Wilson will be away with the Year 4 children. It will start up again after the Easter Holidays with hopefully banana smoothies too!



Year 3 Parents

You are invited into school on Wednesday 3rd April at 2:50 to hear your children sing. They have been working with Mr Roberts from Newcastle Cathedral and they would like to showcase their hard work over the last few weeks.

We look forward to seeing you.
Mrs Thorpe and Year 3 children.



There are still some spaces left for the Key Stage 2 Handball Lunch club starting up on Monday 29th April from 12:00 – 12:30. Please contact Marlen directly if you would like to book a place.

marlenhandball@gmail.com

Mr Hamilton

Mrs Hamilton's music lessons will restart on Friday 26th April after the Easter break.

Ancient Egyptian Day



On Wednesday, Blue Class and Violet Class were joined by two archaeologists from Durham University. The children had a fantastic day of handling artefacts, making clay amulets and even sending poor William Handyside into the afterlife (Ancient Egyptian style!) Don't worry Indigo class- the archaeologists are back next week for your turn!

Mr Hindess

Dates for your Diary

Tuesday 2 nd April	KS1 Trip to Alnwick Castle
Wednesday 3 rd April	Year 3 Singing with Ian Roberts
Weds April 3 rd – Fri April 5 th	Year 4 at Robinwood
Thursday 4 th April	Music Students from Durham University to see Indigo Class
Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	School reopens
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 24 th May	Daft as a Brush Day
Friday 24 th May	Break up for May half term
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens
Friday 21 st June	Open Day from 12:30
Friday 12 th July	End of Year reports out to parents
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer Holiday

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
Reception SC and SW	Friday 10 th May
Orange	Friday 17 th May
Yellow	Friday 5 th April
Indigo	Friday 3 rd May
Blue	Friday 26 th April



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception SW** and **Violet** class

Our attendance this week was 97.4%. A dip on last week (still chicken pox) but still a huge improvement on last year (96.6%)

**We only had 6 lates this week (5 families)
Thank you so much for your support.**

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Orange Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Katellyn Anderson**, and **Havish Kamtam!**
Well done!

Homework

Class	
Green	Phonics – 'ue' sound worksheet Maths – Capacity investigation
Orange	Phonics-split diagraphs Maths-length activity
Yellow	Phonics – adding 'y' to nouns Maths – weight and mass
Indigo	What's the table? Challenge work.
Violet	Counting fractions.
Blue	Tenths and hundredths as fractions and decimals



Huge congratulations to Phoebe Elwood, Sophie Burke, Megan Farnaby and Matthew Walker 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!



Well done to Serena Midas Panayi for achieving Stage 7 in swimming.

Well done to Jack Lloyd for achieving his Stage 5 swimming award.

Well done to Ewan Hearn for achieving his Stage 7 swimming award.

Well done to Elizabeth Graham for achieving her Stage 7 swimming award and 600 metres badge.

Well done to Asmina Doshi who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for level 1.

Well done to Megan Watt who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for level 7.

Congratulations to Benji Lawrence who won first prize on Saturday at the Jesmond Library Creative Writing Competition for his short story *The Atlas vs The Evil Disney Thief*.

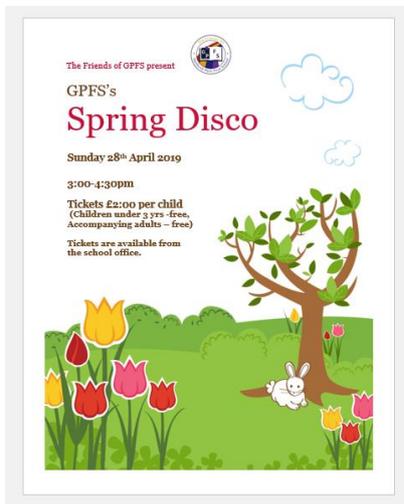
<http://jesmondlibrary.org/2019/03/25/meet-the-winners/>



The Friends of GPFS

Parklands Crossing Committee – Raffle Fundraiser

The raffle tickets have been sent home and we now need your help to ensure the stubs and money are returned ASAP! Please complete the stubs with the required info (adults name please for legal reasons) and return with payment in an envelope, clearly marked for Parklands Crossing, to school by 3rd April. Please also return any unwanted or unsold tickets ASAP to school for those who require additional tickets. The raffle draw will be done on Friday 5th April and results will be published via school. Our PTFA committee is very pleased to be able to work with fellow PTFA's from our neighbouring schools to support such a worthy and vital cause, but your support is essential for this to be successful in securing the crossing patrol for a further two years.



Spring Disco

Our next event will be a Spring Disco on Sunday 28th April 3-4:30pm in the School Hall. Tickets will go on sale on Monday 1st April from the school office and are priced at £3 per child which includes entry to the disco and entry to our prize draw (accompanying adults and under 3yrs are free). Please can we remind you that this event requires all children to be accompanied and supervised throughout by an adult.

We ask that, unless absolutely necessary, older siblings do not attend as this event as it is intended for all of the students at GPFS from Nursery right up to Year 4. Any older siblings attending will require a ticket.

HELP US: If you are able to help at the disco we would be very grateful, so please let your class rep know via your WhatsApp or Facebook groups, or alternatively please email us at 2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk. We are hoping to have enough helpers to allow everyone to spend some time with their children at the event and limit everyone to a maximum of 45mins covering a stall – however this will only be possible IF enough people help us, thank you.

Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm** in the school Hall. As always everyone is welcome to attend, and it would be lovely to see some new faces!

Have a great weekend,

On behalf of the Friends of GPFS,

Jen Higgins