



# Gosforth Park First School

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We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 **15<sup>th</sup> October**.

Thank you again for your support.

Mrs Lamb



## POPPY APPEAL

We already have poppies available at the school office.

If you would like your child to purchase one, please send in a donation. The poppies are the stick on type. Thank you.



The children have really been impressing us in school and are collecting Gold Stars for fantastic work! Lots of children have already received their 10 and 20 Gold Star awards which have been presented in our Friday Assembly and today we even had some children who had earned their 30 Gold Star Award. School council had the important job of selecting prizes with Mr Hindess which have been kindly purchased by the PTA. Well done to you all!

## CLUBS

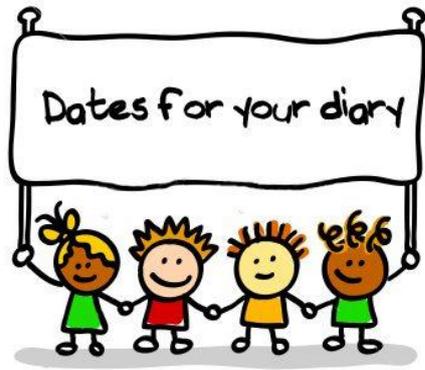
Letters will be coming home next week detailing the clubs on offer throughout school. These will then start after the half term holiday.

## Dates and Times for visits for New Parents of Reception 2019

Please phone the school office to book on to a visit. We look forward to seeing you soon!  
Mrs Lamb

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2pm  
Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2pm  
Friday 16<sup>th</sup> November 2pm  
Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 2pm  
Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2pm





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



At the end of the day when you are collecting your child, unless it is an emergency, please keep your phones in your pockets/bags and greet your child with a smile!

Thanks

## Homework

Class	
Green	Maths-missing numbers Phonics-days of the week
Orange	Maths- adding three numbers Phonics-silent letters
Yellow	Maths-More/Less Phonics 'Wh' Worksheet
Indigo	Multiplication wheels
Violet	100 and 1000 more or less than Discussion about newspaper articles
Blue	Understanding and finding negative numbers



### Classes of the Week!

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

Out attendance this week was 97.9% which is a huge improvement on last weeks 95.8%. We're still down on last year's 98.5%. Thank you for keeping us above 96% - now let's see if we can get to 98%!



Emily and Lauren Graham from green Class have both achieved their Stage 3 swimming award! Well done

# Autumn Fair 2018



What a day! We had an amazing turn out so we want to first thank each and every person who made the effort to come along and support us, and a special thank you to every single one of our amazing volunteers – without you we wouldn't have been able to pull it off! We've had some fabulous feedback from some parents and lots of the children, knowing you all enjoyed it so much really made all the hard work worth it.



Opheilia (green class) thought the fair was the best day ever!



William (Reception) enjoyed the bookstall.



Lots of thanks to the companies who made donations for our raffle, it was jam packed full of prizes – and for those lucky enough to win one please check the winners list on the school website (in the Friends of GPFS section under the Autumn Fair tab, just hit the download button). Prizes are available to collect from the school office if you haven't already done so.

Companies we would like to thank: Asda, Newcastle Race Course, Gosforth Civic Centre, Tyneside Cinema, Beamish, Delta Force, Falcons Rugby Club, Falcons Nest, The Gym, Stitch It, Lollybomb, Scentsy by Keri, Gosforth Swimming Pool, Eldon Leisure, Saltwell Park, Newcastle Keep, Blue Reef Aquarium, New New Bengal, Gallery 108, Flamingo Cards, Jen the Piecemaker, Shine Shimmer Glam and Glitter, Football Squirts, Eagles, Newcastle United and the Vikings.

We raised an amazing **£1650!!** So well done everyone!

As with all the money the friends of GPFS, the money will be used in school to purchase much needed equipment and to help subsidise the cost of school trips.

## New Logo

Check out our new posh logo! Kindly designed by Mrs Lamb's cousin! A perfect new addition to the PTFA – as we grow bigger and better every month!

Remember you are automatically a member of the PTFA so you are welcome at all events and meetings! The more people who participate, the more effective we are at raising money for our school. Our next meeting is **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm in the school Hall.**



## 5 Reasons WHY you should join the Friends of GPFS:

- **Shows you value our school and helps us maintain a strong and proud school community** by being an active PTFA member you are setting a fantastic example to your child, to take pride in their school, to help a charity with fundraising, to work together as a team, and to be proud of being part of a community.
- **You get to have your say and be up to date of all things going on within the PTFA**  
We value all contributions from all members, new ideas and new ways of working are encouraged to help us keep the events and fundraising interesting and effective.
- **Make new friends and meet likeminded people** We enjoy getting to know more and more members of the school community and it's been lovely getting to know the staff better too. We are keen to start PTFA social events to make sure the PTFA isn't just all work!
- **Use your skills and expertise to help the school** The more people we have helping the lighter the load for everyone involved, and the more skill sets we can call upon the better we are as a PTFA.
- **Everything we make is for the good of the school** Every single penny will be used to either buy equipment, pay for a service or subsidise the cost of school trips. So the more help we have, the more money we make and the more the school benefits, which means our children benefit!

**So if you think you can help, support or contribute in any way then please come to our next meeting.**

Have an amazing weekend,  
Jen Higgins  
On behalf of the Friends of GPFS