



Gosforth Park First School

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Wow! What an amazing bunch of talented children we have at Gosforth Park First School! The children's Christmas productions were all magical and have really got us in the festive spirit. Thank you so much for supporting us by helping with costumes, attending the events, buying raffle tickets, teas and coffees and for your lovely comments! A huge thanks and well done to all of the staff who made this all happen.

Christmas Lunch

The children enjoyed their Christmas Lunches on Wednesday and were treated to a special performance at the end of lunchtime! Staff gathered on the Early Years steps to perform a rendition of the Twelve Days of Christmas, complete with actions! Ask the children to re-enact it for you at home.

Reminder

The last day of term is Friday 21st December
School re-opens at 8.55am on Monday 7th January
2019 and we look forward to welcoming everyone in
to the New Year.



As we approach the Christmas Break I would like to express thanks to our hardworking staff and bid a fond farewell to those members of staff who are leaving us.

Miss Young will be leaving us at the end of next week and I would like to say a huge thank you for all of the hard work and dedication she has devoted to the children at GPFS.

I would also like to thank Mrs Patterson who has been with us since September. She has been a real asset to the team and we thank her for all of her hard work and dedication.

We are delighted that Mrs Lambert will be joining in us in January as our second Assistant Headteacher and Literacy Lead. She has already visited school, met with staff and attended parent's evenings. She will be spending some time in school with Green Class next week.

We also extend a warm welcome back to Mrs McClurg who returns from maternity leave after Christmas. She has already been in school meeting with staff and working with the children in Yellow Class.

Mrs Lamb



Christmas Carols on the Yard

The School Choir will be doing a special performance of their favourite Christmas songs and carols in the school yard from **3:15pm on Wednesday 19th December**. The rest of the classes will be on the playground to watch and join in with some of our favourites. School gates will open to parents just before 3:15. **Please make sure you see your child's class teacher before you take your child home – they will be marked off on a register so we know everyone is safe.** Please fill your pockets with loose change – PTA will be collecting donations for the choir (see below).

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Awesome Aladdin!

Reception and Key Stage One classes had a fantastic time at the panto yesterday! There was lots of singing and dancing, booing and hissing, clapping and cheering from the children and staff!

"Oh no there wasn't!"

"Oh yes there was!"

KS2 are in for a real treat when they visit next week. I would highly recommend it to any families looking for a bit of festive cheer. It's definitely worth a second watch!

Christmas Jumper Day

The children and staff all looked fantastic in their Christmas outfits today. Thank you so much for your kind donations which will be sent to Save the Children.

Reception Christmas Craft Morning



A big thank you to all of the parents and carers that joined us this morning for our 'Christmas Craft Morning' in Reception. The children took part in a range of activities such as card making, reindeer making and biscuit decorating. The children, parents/carers and staff had lots of fun! We raised £58.05! The money will go towards class activities and resources.

Thank you and a Merry Christmas,

The Reception Team



We hope you agree that our School Christmas Tree, decorated by the children looked absolutely fantastic! If you would like to keep your decorations you can take them home on Friday of next week. If not they will be boxed up and will go on our tree next year.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics Trophy has been awarded to **Yellow Class** this week! Well done.

Our top two Mathletes of the week are **Magnus Goult** and **Hania Pervez!**
Congratulations!



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 98.2% up on last year's 97.3% - keep it up!

We had 18 lates this week (12 families).

I know it's a busy, dark and cold time of year but let's see if we can improve this next week.

Thank you.

Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications for children to start school in Reception is midday on 15th January 2019.

To find out more and apply online visit www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions.

Christmas Parties

On the day of the Christmas Parties children can come to school in their party clothes. In the afternoon they will have some games and dancing in the hall followed by some party nibbles which are kindly being provided by the PTA. Each Key Stage will send out more detailed information nearer the time.

The dates are:

Monday 17th December PM KS2 Party

Tuesday 18th December PM KS1 Party

Thursday 20th December Reception Party

Miss Gasper will notify parents about the arrangements for Nursery Christmas parties.

From all the staff and children



Well done to Matthew Lazenby who has achieved his Stage 3 swimming award.

Well done to Ewan Hearn who has achieved his stage 6 swimming award.

Homework

Class	
Green	Maths: To create a Christmas picture using shapes English: Read!
Orange	Maths: To create a Christmas picture using shapes
Yellow	Maths: To create a Christmas picture using shapes
Indigo	Maths: Christmas multiplication mosaic.
Violet	Maths: Mathletics multiplication: groupings, multiplication facts and times tables practice.
Blue	Holiday Homework: Research an aspect of Ancient Egypt (our new project) to present to the class after the holiday. There are some ideas on the information sheet that has been sent home with your child.



The Friends of GPFS

Christmas Productions

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas Productions, and thank you for all the donations of cakes and raffle prizes. The children did an amazing job and we raised lots of money.

Special Visitor

Please send £2 (suggested donation) in with your child on Wednesday 19th December.

We have a **SURPRISE** visitor coming to see the children who will be handing out a little gift to every child – we ask you please **do not** tell your child this will be happening as we don't want to ruin the surprise for anyone. All money raised will go back in to school to pay for things such as the children's Christmas parties, the cost of travel to the Panto and supplies for prizes for Mrs Lamb's raffle.

School Choir Performance

The School Choir will be doing a special performance of their favourite Christmas songs and carols in the school yard from 3:15pm on Wednesday 19th December. There will be collection buckets dotted around so please show your appreciation and help the choir raise some money to buy some t-shirts for the members.

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS,

Have a lovely weekend

Jen Higgins



Dates for Your Diary

✓	Date	Event
	Monday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
	Tuesday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Party
	Wednesday 19 th December	Carols on the Yard from 3:15
	Thursday 20 th December AM	KS2 visit to see the pantomime Aladdin at Simonside Community Centre
	Thursday 20 th December PM	Reception Christmas Party
	Friday 21 st December	Last Day of Term
	Monday 7 th January	School re-opens