



Gosforth Park First School

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On behalf of staff and governors I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year with happiness, good health and prosperity. Let's hope 2018 is a great year for everyone.

We hope you all had a good holiday despite all the viruses and nasty bugs which were doing the rounds. The children have all come back thrilled to see each other and ready to learn. They all seem to have had such a growth spurt over the holidays too!

Love from everyone at GPFS.

Playground Leaders

Playtime is a vital part of a child's school day, teaching them to be active, interact and let off steam. On Monday a group of Year 4's had the opportunity to train to be a 'Playground Leader'. They discussed what makes a good playground leader and the skills that they would need such as "to be kind and friendly". The children enjoyed playing games that they were familiar with and learned how to play new games such as 'Volcanoes' and 'Spiderman stuck in the mud'. They went outside to look at the layout of the playground and map out where would be best to set up the different areas. The children discussed the importance of rules and sportsmanship when playing a game. We look forward to lots of fun and active playtimes!

Miss Walsh

OPEN DOOR POLICY

Please remember that you are most welcome to pop in and see staff or myself if you wish to discuss matters. You are most welcome to see me or phone the office for an appointment. If we all work together this ensures that we give the children our full attention and care. Please note that for class teachers, first thing in the morning when the children come in is not possible; you can pass on a message via Mrs Wilson or myself to pass onto your child's class teacher when we open the door in the morning; if it is something to discuss we'll arrange for the teacher to contact you. Thank you.

Mrs Lamb

Curriculum

Topic Webs for KS1 and KS2 will be attached to this week's newsletter and will also be on the School website under Curriculum information. If you have any resources which we could borrow to support your child's class with their topic work we would be grateful for the loan.

Class Assemblies

Class Assemblies will be taking place In Spring 2 and Summer 1. The children will showcase some of their learning and this will enable parents to see what they have been doing. The Special Assemblies will take place on a Friday afternoon. There will be more information later in the term but please save the date!

Friday 23rd February - Violet Class

Friday 2nd March - Indigo Class

Friday 9th March Nursery am and pm Nursery

Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 16th March – Blue Class

Friday 23rd March – Green Class

Friday 4th May – Orange Class

Friday 11th May – Reception 1 and 2

Friday 18th May - Yellow



Welcome!

Gosforth Park First School offer a very warm welcome to our new School Crossing Patrol, Katie, who I'm sure many of you have already met this week. Katie will be helping with the crossing on Broadway East/Granville Road.

As advised via text, Peter who is the School Crossing Patrol on the Great North Road at the traffic lights will not be at work for the next week so please take extra care.

Optional - HOLIDAY HOMEWORK FOR MRS LAMB – RECEPTION TO YR 4

Following the wonderful performance of 'Cinderella' in the last week of term, children were invited to make models or, make dioramas or, paint pictures or do some writing e.g. about the characters in the story or write an alternative ending or version of the story using all their wonderful literacy skills. The deadline was today but I will gladly accept any other contributions next week and then certificates and prizes will be awarded.



I have been informed that some of the packed lunch boxes this week have contained Nutella and other nut products.

We are a NUT FREE school

People who suffer from nut allergies can develop a severe, potentially life-threatening allergic reaction.

If someone has a nut allergy it is not just eating nuts that can cause a severe reaction, just being touched on the skin or smelling the breath of someone who has had nuts or a product containing nuts can trigger an allergic reaction which can cause breathing and swallowing difficulties.

First aid staff in the school are trained to use Epi-pens (an injection of adrenalin) which are required immediately if this happens.

We cannot have nuts in school in any form.

So please do not put any nut products in your child's lunch box.

Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 96.9% which is down on this time last year (97.3%).

We have had 23 late marks this week (13 families). This is a huge improvement – thank you!



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Indigo** and **Orange** classes again!

Well done to everyone

Mrs Lamb



Well done to Lauren Scofield who has achieved the Gymnastics proficiency Award for level 7.



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to both Reception Classes on Monday. A special mention goes out to **Finn Walker** and **Jamie Watkins** who were our Mathletes of the week.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

School Dinners

Notice for parents of year 3 and 4 children.

Lunch Money for the half term from **Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February 2018** is **£50.00**.

Please make cheques payable to Newcastle City Council.

Thanks

Mrs Douglas



Healthy School

HEALTHY TUCK SHOP WILL RESUME NEXT WEEK...NEW ADDITION!!

As well as all our usual fruit, cheese and yoghurts we will be selling milk shakes. Mondays shake will be banana! These will be the same price to keep everything simple and easy (20p).

Thanks, Mrs Wilson

