



# Gosforth Park First School

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## ParentPay

If you haven't done so already, please make sure you sign up to parent pay and register to receive school texts and emails. Where possible, all school correspondence will come via Parent Pay including newsletters, texts and emails as well as permission slips for trips and activities and payment of dinner money and trips. We are no longer using the T2P system.

Nursery and Reception parents, please also make sure you give permission for Taspstry through Parent Pay so that we can share your child's learning journal with you. If you need any technical support, please pop in to the office and we will be happy to help.

Many thanks  
Mrs Lamb

Thank  
You



I would like to say a huge **well done** to those families who have remembered to dismount from their bikes and scooters at the *first* school gate and walk them to the bike racks. You are doing a great job of keeping our community safe and it is very much appreciated.

Mrs Lamb

## MEET THE TEACHER

We're sure you've already heard lots about your child's new teacher but we'd like to give you the opportunity to meet them for yourselves. Staff will be holding half hour meet the teacher sessions in class on the dates below. The meetings are for parents only, but to make it easier for you to attend I will look after any little ones in Nursery during these times. We hope you can make it. Please don't worry if you can't. We will send out any information in a flyer after the event. Our formal parents evening, where you will be given a 10 minute 1:1 appointment, will take place after the half term holiday.

### Early Years (Reception Classes)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 3:45pm

### Key Stage 1 Classes (Green, Orange and Yellow)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 3:45pm

### Key Stage 2 Classes (Indigo, Violet and Blue)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 3:45pm

## School Pick Up

If someone different will be collecting your child from school, please remember to let your child's class teacher know or send a message via the school office. If we have not been told, we will phone parents to check before allowing children to go with another adult, even if it is a family member.

Many thanks





Please remember to keep your mobile devices in your pockets on the playground. If you have to make or take an urgent call, please do this beyond the school gates.

Many thanks  
Mrs Lamb



Dear Parents,  
We have still few places left in our French lunch clubs:

Year 2, 3 & 4: Wednesdays from 12:00 till 12:30

Year 1: Wednesdays from 12:30 till 13:00

If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Mrs Baldasera on 0191 649 06 96, or 07815 115 468, or by email: [rachelbaldy@gmail.com](mailto:rachelbaldy@gmail.com)



There are still some spaces left for the Key Stage 2 Handball Lunch club on Mondays.

Please contact Marlen directly if you would like to book a place.  
[marlenhandball@gmail.com](mailto:marlenhandball@gmail.com)



Please remember we are a NUT FREE SCHOOL. We have several children in school with severe allergies. That means no nuts, no cereal bars containing nuts, no chocolate spread containing nuts etc. Thank you for helping us to keep all of our children safe.



### Reception, KS1 and KS2

Our tuck shop is now up and running during morning break. With items costing only 20p, each it's an easy way for your child to get one of their 5-a-day or a healthy snack to keep them going until lunch time. You also have the option of providing a portion of fruit or veg for your child to bring in themselves. Free fruit and veg is still provided to Early Years and Key Stage 1 children but children in Years 1 and 2 may still access the tuck shop too.



[Classes of the Week!](#)



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Orange** and **Green** class *again this week*

Our attendance this week was 97.6%, up on last week (97.5%)

We had 13 lates this week (5 families). Let's see if we can do even better next week.

Thank you so much for your support.  
Mrs Lamb

# Congratulations!

Huge congratulations to Aurelia Fahey Garvey, Emily Graham and Isla Howett who were awarded the Gold Star Super Star Award for collecting the most Gold Stars last year. Enjoy spending your Intu voucher!

Well done to Asmina Doshi who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award for advanced level Bronze in floor. Asmina has also been invested as a Cub Scout!

Well done to Claire McClintock who brought in a whole host of wonderful trophies and certificates from the Northern Counties Dance Teachers Association for Ballroom, Latin, Classical Sequence, Contemporary Freestyle and Country and Western.

Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care presents...

Last Night  
of the  
**Proms  
Weekend**

TICKETS FROM £10

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NEWCASTLE

Doors open at 6.00pm, concert commences from 7.00pm

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**FRI 18 & SAT 19 OCT 2019**

Tickets from The Box Office, O2 Academy,  
Westgate Road, Newcastle. (Open 12pm-4pm Mon-Sat).

Also from [www.o2cityhallnewcastle.co.uk](http://www.o2cityhallnewcastle.co.uk)



## Pearl of Africa Children's Choir - an unmissable event!!

I would like to let you know of an incredibly exciting event we are hosting at our school. The Pearl of Africa Children's Choir have been visiting the North East for the past few years, and as part of their tour this year they will be visiting our school on **Wednesday 18th September**. The charity Pearl of Africa Child Care Ltd, which organises the tour, is a registered charity in England and Wales and all the money raised is sent to Uganda to help educate, house and feed orphans and destitute children in six schools in Kampala and Masaka District in S.W Uganda.

**The evening concert will start at 6.30pm** and will showcase colourful costumes, energetic dancing, drumming and singing. I have seen the choir perform during their previous tours and am always blown away by the energy and entertainment they provide. During the interval there will be African crafts on sale and a raffle to raise money in addition to the money raised from ticket sales. There will also be a short visual presentation from the choir to show what life in Uganda is like for these children.

We would like to raise as much money for the choir as possible and it would be great for as many people to be able to enjoy the concert and support their fundraising. Please bring your family and friends and if anyone is involved with any local community groups it would be great if you could publicise it to give the wider Gosforth community the opportunity to come along too.

**Tickets are available from the Gosforth East Middle School office at £4 for adults and £2 for children/concessions.** Tickets will be sold on a first come, first served basis and I anticipate this will be a popular event so please book your tickets as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Cash only please.

Yours sincerely

Mrs H Cheape



## What Happens at a PTFA Meeting?

Some of the feedback from our survey indicated that a lot of people haven't been to a PTFA meeting as they are unsure what to expect.

Our meetings are very relaxed. Although we do have an agenda to go through, that is mainly to ensure we don't just sit around talking and having a laugh (though we do plenty of that as well!). The main purpose of the meetings is to go through arrangements for upcoming events, think of new ideas for fundraising and for Mrs Lamb and the staff to request money to buy resources and equipment!



Every Parent or Carer of a child attending GPFS is a member of our PTFA. We would love for more people to get involved and to come and share their ideas and opinions on what we do. Attending a meeting does not mean you

will have to take on an official role, all we ask is you spare what time you can to help out to help us help our school.

Our next meeting date will be announced in the newsletter. We have decided to alternate the day of the meeting to allow more people the opportunity to attend.

We would like to thank Mr Patterson and Jen (Mum from Nursery) for attending our meeting for the first time on Thursday 12th September.

## Preloved Uniform

Don't forget you can still purchase Preloved Uniform from Kate, our Preloved Uniform Volunteer, on 07947846974. Sales of Preloved Uniform have been very successful over the summer holidays, all the money raised has been passed to Mrs Lamb for the School Council to decide how best to spend it.



## Sizzle and Bake Family Food Festival



Our next event is on Saturday 5th October 2-3:30pm. We really need some volunteers to help out on the day, to set up, cover stalls and to clear up. If you are able to help we would love to hear from you. Please let your class rep know, or email us at [2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk).

We will also be holding a sign up event the week before the event so you will also be able to sign up there and get some more information from our committee.

From Monday 30th Sept – Friday 4th Oct we would be very grateful for any donations of chocolates or bottles (alcohol, toiletries etc) for our tombola stall. We will arrange for boxes to be at each of the entrances to allow easy drop off for any donations. We are also going to need donations of cakes for our cake stall which can be dropped off on Friday 4th Oct. Please remember all cakes must be NUT FREE, but can be shop bought or homemade.

### Match Funding

Thank you to all the Sage employees who have continued to support us through the Benevity Match Funding Scheme. This has been an amazing source of income for us, and we are very grateful. If your employer has a similar scheme, we would love to hear from you.

If not, you can still help us earn extra money without any work by using [easyfundraising.com](http://easyfundraising.com) when shopping online.

On behalf of the Friends of GPFS, have a lovely weekend!