



Gosforth Park First School

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HAPPY NEW YEAR

On behalf of staff and governors I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! We hope you all had a lovely holiday. The children have all come back thrilled to see each other and ready to learn. We have a busy and exciting year ahead – look out for dates in the newsletter next week. Let's hope 2020 is a great year for everyone!
Mrs Lamb

Spring Term Topics

EYFS - *Space*

Key Stage 1 – *Pole to Pole*

Key Stage 2 – *Hola!*

See the Topic Webs attached to the Newsletter before Christmas or on the curriculum section on the website.



Reminder: Only one more pay day until the final balance is due for Robinwood on 3rd February.
Thanks

Attendance

Please remember, I cannot and will not authorise holiday in term time. Your child's attendance should be at least 96% and anyone with less than 90% attendance is classed as a persistent absentee. We have seven weeks of school holiday this summer. We break up on 17th July and do not return until the week beginning 7th September. This is much later than most of the schools in the country and holidays in the first week of September, before we return, are much more affordable. A copy of absence request forms will now be returned via post with a letter stating whether this has or has not been authorised and will be sent separately to both parents, whether or not they live at the same address. This is in line with LA guidance.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

School Health Flu Vaccination

The school nurses will be holding catch up clinics at the beginning of term in January for those parents who did not return their child's consent forms in time or missed the session in school. Parents can ring the team on 0191 6432869 to book an appointment.
Thanks
Mrs Lamb





Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 96.5% which is down on the week before the holiday and down on last year.

We had 12 lates this week (10 families). This is a huge improvement – thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Thank you for alerting us about the issue with TTRS. We are aware that some children have been unable to log on. The subscription was renewed before Christmas and should be up and running. All of the children's points should still be there. If you have any further problems, please let me know.

Miss Gasper

PLEASE REMEMBER - Preloved uniform is available to buy anytime through Kate Watkins. Please contact her on 07947846974. Lots of stock available at the moment. This includes not only official school uniform but also grey items priced as low as 50p.



Well done to Aurelia Fahey Garvey who has passed her Grade 1 Piano exam with distinction.

Well done to Lonh Garvey who has achieved his Stage 1 swimming award.

Well done to Madeleine Lewis who has achieved her Stage 3 in swimming and her 15metre award.



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Zoe Tinnion and Hunain Hashim. Well done! Our class of the week is **Indigo Class**.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term will be £58.

Reception 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.

Nursery Applications

Nursery applications are available from the school website. If you'd like to arrange a visit please see the calendar on the website for dates and times.

Miss Gasper



Happy New Year!!

Welcome back! We hope you have had a lovely Christmas break.

The Friends of GPFS would like to give our sincere thanks for all your support so far this academic year. We will be deciding on our next fundraising activity at our January meeting. More info to follow soon.

SAGE EMPLOYEES... YOU'RE AMAZING!

To everyone who works at Sage, who has selected our school as the recipient of their Benevity donation allowance... THANK YOU! On Christmas Eve I received an email to confirm our December donation was being processed. We have received so many amazing donations from Benevity so far but this was a lovely one to receive on Christmas Eve..... for £971!!! This is a massive amount of money to receive as a donation, but it will be put to great use by Mrs Lamb and the faculty.

A big shout out to Laura H who has been a driving force in encouraging the Sage employees to choose us. Without her we wouldn't have had such an amazing response. Thank You Laura H!

January Meeting: AGM

Our next meeting is our AGM. We will be holding this on Tuesday 21st January 2020 at 7pm in the school hall. As always, everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Friends of GPFS committee