



# Gosforth Park First School

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Our long awaited steppers finally arrived yesterday. Mr Brown built them up and the children (and staff) were keen to have a go! They will be on the playground from Monday and will be used by KS1 and KS2 children at playtime and lunchtime, and then moved into the Early Years garden after lunch so they can be enjoyed by everyone.

The steppers, which cost just over £200 each, were paid for using the money donated for pre-loved uniform. Thank you so much to Kate, one of our PTFA parents, and Mrs Hall in school who organise this. The children are thrilled!

Thank you so much!

**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.



## Robinwood 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup> April

A final meeting will take place on **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** in the school hall at **6.30pm**. It is most important that every child who is going is represented by their parent/guardian as there is a lot to go through and forms to hand out. We will be telling the children which staff members will also be going on the residential visit. The meeting should last no longer than 45 minutes.

Mrs Wilson



Local residents have asked me to issue a polite reminder to the parents to make sure that they do not block driveways in the surrounding streets. Residents have been unable to get access to and from their properties.

Thank you for your cooperation.





### We're taking part in NSPCC Number Day!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on **Friday 7 February 2020**.

#### Children deserve an equal start in life

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse.

The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern. The NSPCC Speak out Stay safe Programme aims to equip a generation of children with the knowledge and understanding they need to stay safe from abuse and neglect through delivery of assemblies and workshops in schools.

#### Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

We will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a **onesie!**). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of **£1**, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event.

#### It all adds up

We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Gosforth Park First School will make an enormous difference to children today and help change the lives of children tomorrow.

Thank you.

Best wishes,

Ms Gasper

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**You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at [nspcc.org.uk](https://nspcc.org.uk)**

**To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit [nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety](https://nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety)**



## Free Level 2 Bikeability Cycle Training at Walker Activity Dome.

In February half term the city is offering level 2 Bikeability training for those children who can already ride a bike with confidence and are ready to move on to more complex training on the roads.

The training sessions will be available to children who live and study in Newcastle upon Tyne local authority area and it is free of charge to participants.

The training is delivered by experienced qualified national standard instructors who have DBS checks and work for Newcastle City Councils Road Safety Team.

The dates of the training are:

- Monday 17th February (10am-12pm - Lunch time - 1pm-3pm)
- Tuesday 18th February (10am-12pm - Lunch time - 1pm-3pm)
- All training is delivered from Walker Activity Dome, Wharrier Street, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE6 3BR.

They have their own fleet of bikes and helmets available to use free of charge at Walker Activity Dome. Parking, changing facilities, toilets and vending machines are also available at the Centre.

How to book (You must book): Please e-mail [road.safety@newcastle.gov.uk](mailto:road.safety@newcastle.gov.uk) or call/text 07977410045 to book your place or for further information.



Please remember that although we encourage both children and parents to cycle or scoot to school, the school site is for all of our community. Please dismount cycles and scooters at the first gate and do not cycle or scoot until you have left the school site. Please do not ride through pedestrians in the school grounds.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



During the last week of half term, February 10<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup>, we will be celebrating and learning more about the faiths and beliefs in our school and local community.

Mrs Easdon, our RE lead is busy arranging visits in and visits out for the children.

We are so lucky to be part of a diverse community where everyone is valued.

If you are able to support us, or if you know anyone who can, please get in touch. We would be grateful if any visitors could come in to talk about their faith or belief.

Mrs Lamb



## Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Green Class**, **Reception Miss Walsh** and **Blue Class** this week.

Our attendance this week was 96.6% which is up from last week!

We had 16 lates this week (11 families).

Mrs Lamb



Well done to Evie Stewart who has achieved her Stage 4 swimming award.  
Well done to Ethan Middleton who has achieved his Stage 2 swimming award.

Well done to Jack Lloyd who has achieved his Stage 7 swimming award.

Well done to Roselyn Muldoon-Smith who has achieved her Stage 1 swimming award.

Well done to Leo Stewart who has achieved his Swim Star Award.

Congratulations to Ethan Middleton who was awarded 'Beaver of the Month' at 2<sup>nd</sup> Cramlington Beavers.

Well done to Eliza Thoresen-Pritchard who won 1<sup>st</sup> place with group at the City of Newcastle Gymnastics Academy.

Well done to Rory Watt, Violet class, who auditioned and has a part in the Dance to the Music 2020 tour starting ex Strictly Come Dancing professionals.



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Zoe Tinnion and Hadi Kayani. Well done! Our class of the week is **Orange Class**.

## Active Stars Award

Parents of Key Stage 2 children may have heard mention of an Active Stars Award. This is where the children in this Key Stage compete to be the most active class at lunchtimes. They can gain points for taking part in activities led by our playground leaders, playing basketball, utilising our play equipment such as the skipping ropes or in any sporting activity where they raise their heart rate. Our playground leaders are doing a great job of collating points and so far **Violet Class** are in the lead.

## STEM WEEK

Our annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) week will be held in March. If you have a job or hobby which involves any of these areas and you would be willing to lead an activity in school with children or staff please let Mr Phipps know. Please send emails to [admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk). Thank you!

## Class Assemblies

Following feedback and suggestions from parents, we will be slightly changing the format of our class assemblies this year.

We will be holding Key Stage Assemblies on a Friday afternoon.

You will be invited into school from refreshments from 2:15, with each class giving a short presentation of what they have been learning about, starting at 2:45.

Reception: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

KS1: Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March

KS2: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March

Our Nursery Assemblies will remain the same due to the children who attend at the beginning and end of the week.

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 10:30 refreshments from 10:00

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2:15 refreshments from 1:45



## Diary Dates

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| Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> February                              | Safer Internet Day Activities in school  |
| Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> February                             | 6:30 Robinwood – final information meeting for parents                           |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February                               | February Half Term   |
| Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> February                               | Back to School   |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 3:40 or 5:30                     | Year 1 Phonics Briefing for Parents  |
| Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March                                 | World Book Day   |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | Key Stage 1 Class Assemblies<br>Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45<br>Assembly 2:45 – 3:15 |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March 10:30                           | Nursery Mother's Day Assembly  |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2:15                           | Nursery Mother's Day Assembly  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | Scholastic Book Bus in School  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | Key Stage 2 Class Assemblies<br>Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45<br>Assembly 2:45 – 3:15 |
| Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March                                 | Parent Consultations   |
| Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March                                | Parent Consultations   |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March                                  | Reception Class Assemblies<br>Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45<br>Assembly 2:45 – 3:15   |
| Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April – Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April | Year 4 Residential to Robinwood  |
| Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April                                   | Easter Holiday   |
| Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April                                  | Back to School   |
| Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> May check                               | Bank Holiday   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                                    | Daft Day   |
| Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May                                    | Half Term  |
| Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June                                    | Training Day   |
| Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                                   | Back to School   |
| Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> June                                   | Open Day   |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Reports out  |
| Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> July                                 | Parent Consultations   |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July                                   | Summer Holiday   |



## How can YOU help our school with minimal effort?

We know how busy life can be, and we understand not everyone can spare the time to volunteer at events or come to meetings... but you can still help the Friends of GPFS with minimal effort.

For example:

- Donating unused, unwanted gifts for us to use in our raffles
- Sign up to your companies match funding scheme
- Use easyfundraising.com when you shop online, it costs you nothing and we get a percentage of the amount you spend back off the companies you shop with
- Use companies such as Stampastic who give us 20% back when you shop with them (use code NE35JQ when shopping online)
- Buy preloved uniform from our dedicated Uniform Sales Women, Kate – all the money raised from Preloved Uniform sales is used for playground equipment

All of the above ways of supporting us take little to no time at all to do but make a huge difference to our fundraising, all of which goes straight back to school to pay for things such as new reading books for our amazing library, experiences for the children, and other equipment and resources needed to enhance their education experience.



Our next meeting will be **on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February at 7pm** in the school hall. We would love for more people to come along and share their ideas on how we can raise more money for our school, Mrs Lamb has a very long wish list of things she and the faculty would like to buy for the children.

Have a great weekend,

The Friends of GPFS Committee