



# Gosforth Park First School

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## Kung hey Fat Choi! Happy Chinese New Year 2020!

Happy Chinese New Year to all of our families who are celebrating this weekend.

There is another year of vibrant activities and parades in the city centre.

Chinese New Year festivities will be based around the city's China Town along St Andrew's Street.

Families are invited to enjoy free activities and performances for all ages including traditional crafts, dance, music and refreshments.

Date: Sunday 26 January 2020

Starting time: 11.20am

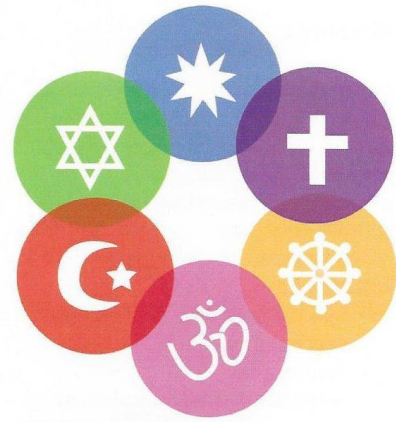
Events to look out for:

11.20am at Old Eldon Square: The Chinese New Year Parade will be performed at The Green, Old Eldon Square in the centre of Newcastle at approximately 11.30am before parading via Gallowgate to the Chinese arch in Chinatown. Walk alongside the parade along Stowell Street to Chinatown.

The popular traditional dragon and lion dances will take place around the ceremonial Chinese arch on Stowell Street at approximately 12.30pm.

For more information visit

<https://www.newcastlethead.com/whats-on/chinese-new-year-in-newcastle-p730971>



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 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.

Mrs Lamb

**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.





### 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 and the NSPCC Speak out Stay safe Programme which 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 £2, 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

Gosforth Park First School

**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.

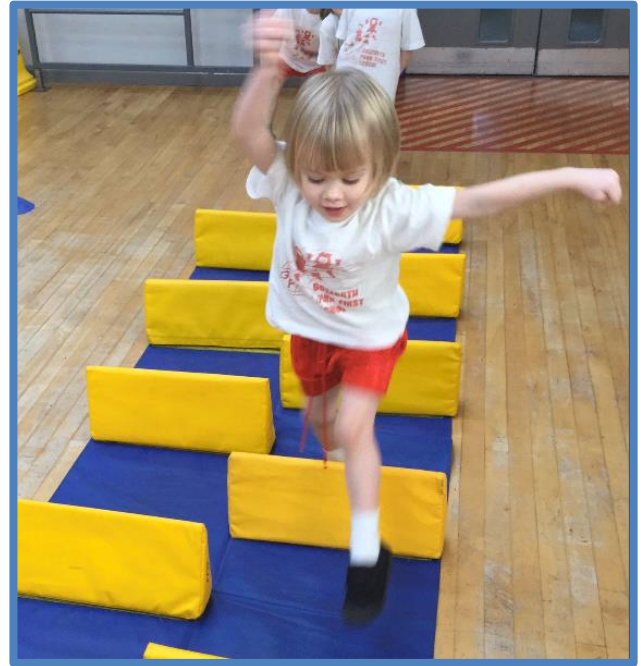
The training is delivered by experienced qualified national standard instructors who have DBS checks and work for Newcastle City Councils Road Safety Team.

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.



A group of Reception children had a great afternoon at Archbishop Runcie First School taking part in a Gosforth Gets Going event. They enjoyed a range of multi skills activities.  
Miss Walsh

Our Early Years children had a great time learning about Chinese New Year. They cooked their own delicious noodle stir-fry!



The EYFS Team





## Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 96.5% which is the same as last week.

We had 15 lates this week (7 families). This is a huge improvement – thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



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

Thanks

Mrs Wilson



Congratulations to Sophia Black who has been awarded her 25metre swimming award

Congratulations to Oliver Fagandini who has achieved his Stage 3 swimming award.



Our Mathletes of the week this week are William Craib and William Gibbins. Well done! Our class of the week is **Orange Class**.

## 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

Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	PTFA Meeting 7pm in the school hall
<b>Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Indigo Class Creative Writing Workshop at The Live Theatre</b>
<b>Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	<b>Violet Class Creative Writing Workshop at The Live Theatre</b>
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 Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45 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 Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45 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 Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45 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



# PTFA AGM

On Tuesday 21st January, the PTFA committee met for the AGM where we discussed the previous years figures. We would like to sincerely thank everyone for your continued support, we have had a fantastic 2018- 2019 and been able to support the school by purchasing much needed equipment and resources (such as reward prizes, Elmer, Books for school, STEM Week prizes, Keyboards, Oxford Reading Tree, Mathletics, the School Christmas Tree). Our Fundraising for 2019-2020 has had a very positive start so far and we hope to exceed last year's figures. The faculty are already spending the money raised so far on fantastic experiences and resources for the children.

## Parent Assemblies

We will be serving refreshments at each of the parent assemblies in March. We could do with some extra help for Nursery, Reception and KS2. If you would be able to help, please contact your class rep or let the school office know. Thank you.

## Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 11th February at 7pm in the school hall, where we will be discussing our next fundraising idea. If you would like to join us we would love to see you there.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Friends of GPFS Committee