



# Gosforth Park First School

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## Wow! What a fantastic start to the new

**term.** The children have settled beautifully into their new routines and have been demonstrating impeccable behaviour in and around school this week!

We would like to extend a special warm welcome to all of our new families and staff who have joined us this term as we look forward to getting to know you all.

This week you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter. Newsletters will be put on the school website on the Friday of every week and will be sent electronically to you if we have your email address. If you don't have access to a computer and wish to have a hard copy, you may collect a copy from the rack outside the school office.

Any other correspondence will come as hard copies and we ask that you check your child's reading folder on a daily basis. You will also find on the website a calendar of term dates. We are aware that our website needs updating and we will be attending to this over the coming weeks. If there's something you can't find, please let us know.

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. There will be an invitation in your child's book bag tonight with further information. The meetings are for parents only, but to make it easier for you to attend I will look after any little ones in one of the classes in school 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 19<sup>th</sup> September from 4pm

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

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 4pm

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

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> September from 4pm





**On Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September** we will be having a non-uniform day to support the running of the Chocolate Tombola Stall and the Bottle Stall at the Autumn Fair. The children can come to school not wearing their uniform but please ensure sensible footwear is worn. In return please could they bring in donations of chocolate and or bottles for the Chocolate Tombola Stall and Bottle Stall. This is always very popular at the Fair but we do need donations. The FGPFs thank you in advance for your help and support.



**On the morning of Friday 28<sup>th</sup> September**, we will be opening the school hall to parents from **9:30 – 10:30** so you can come and have a cuppa and chat with each other! Children in school will stay in their classes but babies and toddlers are welcome to join you. Our wonderful PTA will be organising tea, coffee and biscuits. Any donations of cakes on the morning of the event would be greatly appreciated (nut free).



On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> October we will be wearing pink in school to raise money for Breast Cancer research. This could be anything from a full pink onesie to a small pink sticker. Donations will be collected on the day.

## INDIGO CLASSES FIRST WEEK

Well, Indigo have had a great week making stained glass windows, talking about the Victorians, friendship and how to be a good friend **AND** more importantly have decorated some friendship biscuits! (Apologies if they did not sleep well that night – they were very generous with the sprinkles!!) Here's to their next great week!

Mrs Thorpe

### **QUERIES AND QUESTIONS**

If you have any queries about your child or need to inform school about things please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or me. If we all communicate and work with each other your child will continue to be happy and thrive.

### **ACHIEVEMENTS**

If your child receives any awards outside of school linked to sports, clubs, Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies etc. please let me know. We can celebrate the success in school and put their name in the newsletter. Mrs Wilson co-ordinates the swimming achievers and has a chart near the entrance to the classrooms, near Yellow/Orange Class.

### **School Lunches**

Information about lunches e.g. the latest menu is on the school website under the parent section. From time to time the menus on the day may change due to delivery of produce delays, this is quite rare but Mrs Clark always provides a super range for the children.

If you want your child to change to lunches or packed lunches you must contact the School Office. A week's notice is required please; our cook, Mrs Clark has to change the orders of produce etc.

### **Lunch Money**

Lunch Money for Year 3 & 4 children for this half term is £76

The usual weekly amount is £10.00.

Please make cheques payable to Newcastle City Council.

Thank you

Mrs Carrick and Mrs Eltringham



## Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **both Reception Classes**

- both with 100% attendance!

**Well done to everyone!**

**Mrs Lamb**



**Healthy School**

### **HEALTHY TUCK SHOP**

This extremely popular shop will begin again next week. The Tuck shop will be available every morning break where we sell fruits which are in season such as strawberries and blackberries, plus apples, cucumber, melon, yogurts, raisins, cheese sticks and much, much more.

*Mrs Wilson*



Next week on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September we will be celebrating **Roald Dahl Day** by listening to our favourite Roald Dahl stories. Each teacher will be reading a different book and the children will be able to visit different classes to listen to their favourite stories.



## **YEAR 4 SWIMMING**

Don't forget we will all be going swimming next Tuesday, leaving school at 12:30 and back for 2:30. Don't forget to bring your NEW swimming bag, and in it you need to pack a towel, one piece bathing costume/ trunks (not below the knee), brush or comb. No deodorants or shampoo are permitted. Long hair **MUST** be tied back and no jewellery is to be worn. We will be walking to the pool and back again so please bring a coat.

Mrs Wilson

## **YEAR 4 ROBINWOOD 2019**

There are still a couple of places available for this fantastic residential next April. If you are interested please see Mrs Wilson who will be happy to tell you all about it.

Year 3's if the places aren't snapped up, a letter will be going out to see if you would like to join us, which means you could go twice!

Mrs Wilson



Well done to Henry Craib who has passed his 50metre swimming award.



Thank you very much for all your kind good wishes and generous gifts I was given in the summer, I am still in the process of enjoying them! I hope you all had a lovely holiday. I really miss seeing the staff, children and parents at GPFS but am relishing my new lifestyle!

Best wishes to you all

Mrs Gordon x

# The Friends of Gosforth Park First School

We hope you have all had a wonderful Summer! And welcome to all the new parents and carers joining GPFS. As we start the new academic year here are just a few things from the Friends of GPFS....

## Join Us!!

We still have some vacancies for Class Reps for Reception Class and Blue Class. We will also be asking people to volunteer some time at our next event.....

## The School Fair

Our school fair will be held on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> September between 11am -1pm. We hope you will all come along and enjoy the event with us.

We are still looking for as many volunteers as possible to help at the event, if you can spare half an hour or more please let your Class Representative know.

We will be running another amazing raffle at the fair. Tickets are £1 each. We have had some amazing prizes donated from lots of lovely local companies such as Newcastle Race Course, Gosforth Civic Centre, Beamish, Delta Force, Tyneside Cinema, Stitch It and The Gym plus many more.... a full list will be in the school newsletters over the next couple of weeks and will be posted in the PTFA display cabinet.

## Committee Members

To help you find us we now have a poster with our pictures on so you can put faces to the names and know who to approach if you are interested in helping us at an event, becoming an active member of the PTFA or if you just want to find out what's going on. You will find this poster in our display cabinet next to the bike rack and we will have a copy on the school website ASAP.



## Meeting

Our next meeting will be Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm in the school hall. As always, everyone is welcome to attend and we would love to see you there. If you are unable to attend you can read the minutes of the meeting on the school website.

## Easy Fundraising

For those of you who do any sort of shopping online, we would be very grateful if you would register with [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) and sign up to support the Friends of GPFS. It doesn't cost you a thing but helps us to raise extra funds for the pupils at GPFS.

## Communication

We have new content ready for the school website which should hopefully be online soon, and the cabinet above the bike racks will be getting the makeover we promised so updates and information will be posted there. If you have any suggestions on how we can make further improvements please come along to our next meeting and let us know!

Looking forward to seeing all of you at the Fair, and smashing the Summer Open Day total!!

Jen Higgins

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS