



Gosforth Park First School PTFA
Granville Road,
Broadway East,
Gosforth,
Newcastle upon Tyne
NE3 5JQ

12th March 2020

Dear parents/guardians,

LOLLIPOP RAFFLE GOES ONLINE FOR 2020

It is once again time to launch the Lollipop Raffle to raise the £5,000 needed to save our lollipop crossing patrol warden on the blind bend of Granville Road/Broadway West.

If we do not raise the £5,000 needed then there will be no crossing patrol warden on the corner from September 2020.

This year, we are asking parents to play the giant inter-school raffle online, via justgiving.

Just like last year, there is a raft of amazing prizes to be won including:

- A Mercedes Benz convertible for the weekend, t&cs apply.
- Round of golf for four at City of Newcastle golf club and a stunning Mercedes golf accessories set to play with.
- Breakfast for 4 AND a bistro meal for 2 at City of Newcastle golf club.
- Create-your-own dream ice cream at Mimi's ice Emporium.
- Family pass for Washington Wetland Centre.
- £20 Vue Cinema voucher, courtesy of 19 Recruitment.
- Mercedes, the Mercedes official branded teddy bear.
- Family (or pet) photoshoot plus complimentary print, from Sem's Photography.
- Eleven Boutique, Cramlington, voucher.
- Mercedes caps x 2.
- Easter treats.

Rightly or wrongly, it remains the sole responsibility of the parents and community surrounding Gosforth East Middle, St. Oswald's RC Primary, Broadway East and Gosforth Park First schools to keep our children crossing the road to school safely.

Even if your child does not currently cross over the dangerous corner with our lollipop lady Katie, we would please urge you to take a moment to consider the impact on our entire school community should the unthinkable happen. It does not bear thinking about. But we believe it would impact every child and every family so this truly is a collective responsibility to save it for the fourth year running.

Again, we will not ask you to give up your time and attend events. We will not constantly bombard you with pleas to help throughout the year. We are just three busy parents attempting to coordinate one, sustainable fundraising idea to save the crossing and we need EVERY family to get behind it and help us.

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This, very importantly, allows you to share the link with friends/family/your own network to broaden our fundraising net. Please send the link to anyone in your circle who you think will support the kids by buying a ticket or two.

The raffle will run from NOW until April 1. Every £1 donated = one entry into the raffle.

Please make sure you read all the information on the justgiving page before donating. You MUST tick the email box (so we can get in touch with you to claim your prize) and name your associated school in the comments box.

Like last year, in the sad event we do not raise the £5,000 necessary from this raffle then all monies raised will be gifted back to your school, via your PTFA, so you must tell us which school you would like this to be while making a donation.

If you are unwilling to play online, you can purchase traditional raffle tickets over the bar at City of Newcastle golf club on the Great North Road and at Coppers 8-8 store on Brunton Park.

Thanks in advance for making ours the only school crossing patrol saved by its community every year since the City Council first axed their funding in 2017.

Please be as generous as you can and buy your tickets at:
www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/parklandscommunitycrossing

And fingers crossed by Easter we are celebrating, once again.

With many thanks,
Rebekah Stephenson, Keri Walker and Iain Duigan (of GPFS)
Parklands Community Crossing group

P.S. If there are any golfers among you, please check out the golf silent auction being coordinated by the hugely supportive City golf club. Here you can bid on £4,500 worth of golf rounds at 25 golf courses in the North-East and beyond with ALL proceeds going to the Parklands Community Crossing. Make a bid here: <https://www.cityofnewcastleliffclub.com/lollipop-golf-auction?fbclid=IwAR3J-uiDO1Jv1VrwlmsmJx8IJJSQZi85XXLoPKOF479Ska1NI8NW4w74sk>