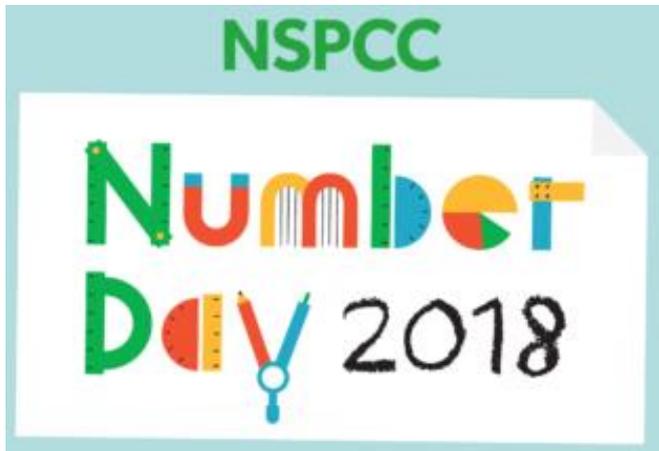




# Gosforth Park First School

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On Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number day. Dress up for digits

To celebrate the day we are asking children to wear an item of clothing with a number on it and bring in a suggested donation of £1.

This can be a sports shirt or cap, even a onesie. Or why not get more creative and come as a numicon shape, dice or calculator!

During the day the children will be taking part in lots of fun maths activities. We'll also be raising money by raising money, to fund the NSPCC's vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support.

## ***Class Assemblies***

Class Assemblies will be taking place In Spring 2 and Summer 1. The children will showcase some of their learning and this will enable parents to see what they have been doing. The Special Assemblies will take place on a Friday afternoon. There will be more information later in the term but please save the date!

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> February - Violet Class

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> March - Indigo Class

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March Nursery am and pm Nursery

Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Blue Class

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March – Green Class

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> May – Orange Class

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May – Reception 1 and 2

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> May – Yellow

## ***Advance Notice of Dates***

**PTFA AGM** – Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 7pm

**Robinwood Meeting** – Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February 6:30pm

**World Book Day** – Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March

**Book Fair** – 5<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> March

**Science Week** – 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> March

**Viewing of children's work** – the morning of Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March

**Parent Consultations** – after school on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> March

**Open Day** – the afternoon of Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> June

## ***Term Dates 2018 - 2019***

Term dates and training days for the academic year 2018 – 2019 have been agreed and published on the school website, both on the front page and in the Term Dates and Holidays section on the Parents tab. I have also attached a copy to the newsletter.

## ***Phenomenal Phonics!***

On Wednesday morning parents of children in Reception were invited to a Phonics Workshop. This workshop was designed to provide parents with more information regarding how Phonics and reading is taught in Reception and through the school. There was a fantastic turn out and parents were able to have their questions answered. Thank you for all of your support.

The Reception Team

## ***Super Science***

Last Friday, Miss Young took Ellie Cook and Leon O' Connor (our Gosforth Schools' Trust Councillors) to Regent Farm First School. We went because we are preparing for Science Week. We had to think of a project for our school to do. We took in a box with some straws, masking tape, plastic cars, lollipop sticks and some wooden pegs. With the lollipop sticks and pegs, we had to make a tower with slotting the lollipop sticks into the peg. With the straws, masking tape and cars we had to make the strongest bridge. When we were finished, we put on the cars and saw how many cars the bridge would hold. Lastly, we got biscuits!

By Ellie Cook, Blue Class

### Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 96.7% which is down on this time last year (97.3%). We have had 21 late marks this week (13 families).



### Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Blue** and **Orange** classes again!

Well done to everyone  
Mrs Lamb



## **Safer Internet Day 2018**

Tuesday 6 February

With Safer Internet Day, Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup>, February, just around the corner we have invited Craig Johnson our ICT consultant into school on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February to hold a Parent Workshop from 2:15 – 3:00. Parents who attend can then collect children a little earlier! An invitation has been sent home today so we can get an idea of numbers for resources needed.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

## **Friends of G.P.F.S.**



Thanks to everyone who came to our last meeting - it was excellent! The group discussed some brilliant ideas.

The next meeting, which is the **A.G.M.**, is **scheduled for Tuesday 20th February, at 7pm - everyone welcome.** The first part of the meeting is the AGM as the FGPFs is a registered charity. This is a very short part of the meeting.

The meetings are a great opportunity to meet parents and teachers, have a chat and talk about events and spending priorities. We would really welcome new ideas and faces to help take forward the group for the benefit of all our children.

# Making Maths Magnificent

We're Listening 🙋😊

Following feedback regarding the family maths scrapbooks activities last term, staff will be choosing the next activity very carefully to make sure it is fun and easy to follow and where appropriate will give some tips on how to go about solving the activity.

Please return any Family Maths Scrapbooks by Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February so we can return them with a new activity in the last week of the half term.

We also know parents are very keen to support at home and want to make sure they are using the correct strategies and methods. We know the children tell you off if they don't think you are doing it the 'right' way. To help we have added a copy of the calculation policy we are following from White Rose Maths on our school website in the Curriculum Section under Maths. There are two documents, one which shows the strategies and the other which gives information on which strategies are most appropriate for each year group.

A copy of our Homework Policy can also be found on the school website.

We are working on making communication about maths homework more clear and more information on this will follow soon.

Thank you for your continued support in Making Maths Magnificent at Gosforth Park First School.

Mrs Lamb



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to Mrs Thorpe's class on Monday. A special mention goes out to **Eleanor Wilcox** and **Mandana Baigi** who were our Mathletes of the week.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

## **ROBINWOOD APRIL 2018**

A meeting will be held for **all** parents /guardians of children who are going on the residential trip in April, regardless if you have had a child go before as there are new protocols and important information to hand out. If you cannot attend please send a representative from your family. The meeting will take place in the school hall at **6.30 on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> February**. A letter will be sent out nearer the time to remind you.

Many thanks to those parents who have already paid the balance for Robinwood and may I remind parents that the absolute **deadline** for payment is **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> February**. School unfortunately is not in a position to subsidise until a later date because of budget restraints.

Many thanks, Sue Wilson

