

SOUTH GOSFORTH FIRST SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

January 18th 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now nearly at the end of week two of the Spring Term 2019 and whilst I am sure we have seen most of you to wish you a Happy New Year, just in case, **HAPPY NEW YEAR** to all.



Whilst we are clearly still in the middle of winter and the dark mornings and evenings persist, there is at least the thought of longer and brighter days to come very soon!

What has been going on?

Can we signpost our families to the Twitter account: @AllGosforth

Where there is a new and exciting twitter page! 'Gosforth Supports All Learners' is run by Gosforth SENCOs. Our aim is to provide all families with information, help, and support regardless of their needs. This page is designed with children with additional needs in mind but not exclusively. Hopefully there is something for everyone. We post about training and workshops as well as family days and events. Please follow us and show your support

Spring Term is often a brilliant term for uninterrupted work without Christmas performances and transition events that happen at Christmas and in the summer. The children came back last week ready to focus and have been working hard. Hopefully parents who came to the Book – Look sessions this week have noticed how much work the children have done and can see progress from September to January. If you do have any concerns please do chat with your class teacher. Thank you everyone for sparing the time to pop in and share your child(children's) books.

Cinderella

On 9th January the whole school thoroughly enjoyed a production of Cinderella. As always the performance was of a high standard and energetic with cameo performances by Mr Mullick and Mrs Milnes whose dancing gave everyone a thrill! We would like to thank the PTA and of course you as a parent body for supporting this event with funds raised throughout the year.



Road Safety and Scooter Training



Reception and KS1 had a special visitor last week to give them a timely reminder about basic road safety. They could all repeat the messages they had been given and hopefully will be a little more aware when crossing roads with you on these dark mornings.

Newcastle City Council also came to work with Year Three. They talked about being aware of having a scooter fit for purpose as well as how to scooter safely.

Mrs Simmons Just wanted to report back on how much Maisie enjoyed the scooter safety session and sent us this photograph saying: "Here she is this morning doing her safety check before scooting to school."



Reminders

Rucksacks

Last term the cloakroom areas were so much safer and tidier without rucksacks. We would be very grateful if those families who have started to bring rucksacks into school again could leave them at home. Thank you.

PE Kits

We have far fewer children without kits which is fantastic. Please remember that our kit is comprised of plain, dark shorts (or leggings in the winter) and a plain white T shirt or polo shirt with a change of PE shoes/plimsolls.

Future Events

Thursday 24th January: Bike – it – Breakfast from 8.15 until 8.55am. Please avoid the front entrance and use the doors into Y4 via the yard or the side gate to the field.

Friday 25th January: Class 3I Class Assembly

Wednesday 30th January: Phonics Information Evening for parents – 6pm. This will last approximately 45 minutes. Please note – if a sibling has already completed the Phonics Check in previous years the arrangements have not changed.