



Gosforth Park First School

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NURSERY Places September 2017 - URGENT

We have some afternoon places available for September 2017, 15 hours, 12.30pm - 3.30pm for five sessions per week. If you know of anyone who would like a place please ask them to contact the School Office asap. Parents are able to use their 30 hrs funding for Nursery settings, child minders, playgroups etc. However, at our school in the Gosforth Cluster of Schools, we offer, five three hour sessions am / pm on a daily basis. Thank you for your support.

END OF YEAR REPORTS

As advised in several of the weekly newsletters, your child's end of year report will be sent out on Friday 14th July, this does include the Nursery. Many thanks to parents who have contacted school requesting an additional report. I did advise last week that the deadline was Friday 7th July. If you haven't done so you need to do this today please, you can email admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

TRANSITION DAY THURSDAY 6TH JULY (YR4S HAD TWO DAYS VISITING GEMS)

The children were very excited and enjoyed their experience visiting their new class during the afternoon and had quality time with their new teacher. The Year 4's transferring to GEMS & GCM were also very pleased with their experiences. The feedback I got about our YR4s was that behaviour was excellent and that the children were superb in mixing with the YR4s from the other feeder schools. Well done to all of our children. Thank you

Gosforth Gets Going Trust events:

Next week some of our children will be taking part in joint Gosforth Schools' Trust sports events. We have already hosted Glow Zumba for groups of ten YR1 children from the various schools in our Trust. Further events are:

- Cross Country
- Football
- Yoga
- Cricket

Many thanks go to Miss Storey who has worked very closely with the Sports curriculum leads at the 9 First Schools in the Trust.



Further REMINDER OF WHEN YOUR CHILD'S SPORTS AFTERNOON WILL TAKE PLACE

You are very welcome to come and watch your child/ren take part in their key stage sports afternoon. If staff decide to ask you to do a parents' race-event, then please understand that you do this at your 'own risk' if you choose to take part.

If the Sports Afternoon has to be called off due to inclement weather and health and safety, you will receive a text on the day, before lunch.

Due to the very busy nature of planned events in school up to the end of term, it will not be possible to reschedule the key stage sports afternoon, apologies now. Please ensure that your child has their water bottle, a hat, cap, glasses and sun cream on and if I dare say, we hope that the weather is kind to us all.

Please make a note of the date and time:

- Monday 10h July -@ 10.45am Morning Nursery
- Monday 10th July -@ 2.00pm Afternoon Nursery
- Tuesday 11th July @ 1.30pm – 3.00pm Reception 1 & 2
- Wednesday 12th July @ 1.30pm – 3.00pm = KS1 classes Green/Orange / Yellow
- Friday 14th July @ 1.30pm – 3.00pm = KS2 classes Violet / Indigo / Blue



On Friday our wonderful school choir, led by Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Wilson, performed brilliantly at the Angels of the North Concert at the Sage, Gateshead.

They had a full day of rehearsals starting at 10am and were on stage until after 9pm on Friday night! Their behaviour was outstanding and their singing was beautiful!

It was great to see so many families supporting the children on stage – I hope you had as much fun as I did. Well done to all of you and thank you Mrs Thorpe and Mrs Wilson for your hard work and dedication.

Mrs Lamb

Goosforth Park Family Mile

During sports week come and join us every morning between 8:30 – 8:50 to run a mile around our school grounds with your child/ren.

The mile will begin at the edge of our school garden and will be 4 laps around the marked out track. Parents will be responsible for their own children and must accompany them along the mile. Please be extra careful when going around the yard and look out for others who may not be taking part.

It is not a race! Any family member, of any age is welcome to take part. Whether you run, walk or hop we just want your support and participation.

We would love to see as many families as possible taking part. It's a great way to start the day and encourage your children to lead a healthy, active lifestyle. I look forward to seeing lots of you at 8:30 on Monday 10th July!

Miss Storey



Gosforth Gets Going

Glow Zumba



As part of the Gosforth Trust School's we are each hosting a sporting event, which selected children are attending over the next two weeks. On Tuesday 4th July we held a Glow Zumba event for Year 1 children. We were joined by Regent Farm, Broadway East, Archbishop Runcie, Archibald and Brunton. After putting on our glow bands and turning down the lights it was time to get active. Sheri Jolly-Passant led the Zumba session which really got us moving. It was fun and energetic with lots of enthusiasm from children and staff. There were lots of red faces and beaming smiles by the end, showing we can all have fun being active.



Get Active: Go Outdoors

I have slowly been receiving some of your photographs and pictures for our Get Active Challenge 2017 but we need more! Thomas and Ewan Hearn have been kayaking, sailing and pond dipping. Harry Brown had a great time outdoors at Druridge Bay. Thomas and Matthew Walker have been exploring the great outdoors on their bikes, as well as doing a spot of gardening at their allotment. Henry Craib joined us for the Children's Cancer Run, raising an impressive £163.12! Evie Bunyan has been very active in her garden bouncing on the trampoline and practising her tennis skills. Joe Grantham and Samuel Schofield have both made journals all about the wonderful adventures they have been on outdoors. If you have any photographs you would like to add to our display please send them in by **Friday 14th July**.



Tennis Stars!

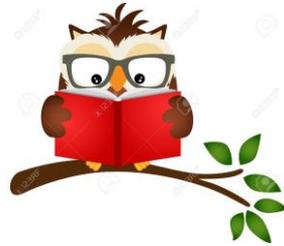


Congratulations to Max Cala, Dhyanesh Athirman, William Lewis, Isaac Patterson, Evie Bunyan, Amelie Lenham, Ellie Cook and Phoebe Walters, who went to Sunderland Tennis Centre on Friday 30th June to play in the Tyne and Wear Finals of the Tony Blair Tennis Tournament. There were ten schools altogether split in to two groups, A and B. We played in group B. The children all had some very tough matches but showed great determination and sportsmanship throughout. We took an impressive 3rd place within our group. Kings Priory and Broadway East won their groups and had a final match to play to decide who took 1st and 2nd. Kings Priory won but both teams are through to the final county stage of the tournament. Good luck to Broadway East and another huge well done to our tennis stars who should be extremely proud of their achievements. Look out for them at Wimbledon in the future.



Miss Storey

Reading Books



All reading books will be collected in on Monday July 10th. Your child's reading diary and a new book will then be passed on to their new class teacher ready for September.

Please continue to enjoy books and visit the local and city libraries during the holiday and join in with the Summer Reading Challenge if you possibly can. This involves reading a minimum of 6 books taken from a library over the six weeks holiday. There are some lovely activities available for children to join in with too, organised by library staff.

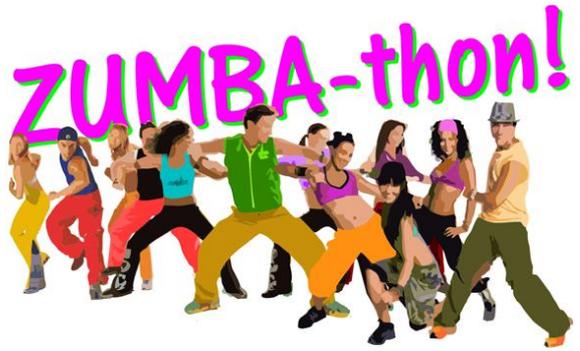
Children who continue to enjoy and share books with their families during the summer always maintain their reading levels. This has been proved by research. Wishing you a Happy Summer reading experience!

Mrs Renwick.



Back Packs

Our classrooms and corridors are not large enough to accommodate large bags and backpacks. We would urge parents to keep reading books, etc in the normal school flat bags, which we can fit into drawers. There are an increasing number of larger bags being brought into school and we are unable to store them and they cause major storage problems impacting on health and safety. Please note: Tots to Teams are no longer manufacturing the GP backpacks that were recently available. This is to support us with our storage issues.



Reminder – it is our Zumbathos on Monday – please remember to hand in your sponsor sheets and any sponsor money.

Many thanks

Mrs Wilson



Year 3
Swimming
Next Tuesday

Any parents who have volunteered to help and would like to can meet us at school at 12.30 to see what we do to keep safe and walk to the pool and back again. Mrs Wilson



School are selling their old heavy goals as we no longer use them. They cost £168 each from new and will sell from £50 each or make us a sensible offer (money to go back into school fund).

- AMBA MATCH GOAL x2 .
- 12x6 Junior goal
- 100% locking system.
- A little damage to one net.
- H=1.83m x W=3.66m



Please see Mrs Wilson

Skipping Festival

KS1 had a fantastic morning on Wednesday at Junior High for the skipping festival. A team of 30 dedicated Year 2 skippers, who have been practising for weeks, took part in a variety of individual, paired and team events against 9 other schools in our Trust.

The children were outstanding in every way, and managed to come back to school with three gold awards, one silver and three bronze. Mrs Gordon, Mrs Tudor and I were so proud of the positive attitudes on display, not to mention the fabulous skipping skills! We really hope the festival will run again next year. So, Year 1 boys and girls – you're next!

Mrs Howitt



Well done to Thomas Hearn who has achieved his 800 m swimming award, Issac Patterson who has achieved is Stage 6 Swimming award and Lauren Schofield who has achived her Stage 3 Swimming award *and* her proficiency level 2 award in gymnastics!

Attendance News

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is **97.3%**, up from 96.6% last year! Well done!!

Attendance



Classes of the Week!



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

Well done to everyone! Mrs Lamb



Healthy School

Running and walking are great forms of exercise. Join us in our family school mile next week!