



# Gosforth Park First School

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## SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>** (Mother's Day) = Morning  
Nursery 10.40am teas etc children in for 10.50am

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>** (Mother's Day) = Afternoon  
Nursery, teas etc 2.20pm children in at 2.30pm

**Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>** = Blue Class

**Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>** = Reception 1 & 2

Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.20pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. The children will come in at 2.50pm to showcase their talents. Fundraising will take place with the sale of cakes (nut free please), raffle etc. This will be to support the class with buying some little extras and to help raise money for our school charity The Ghanaian Children's Trust. We will let you know via the newsletter how the children have decided to spend their class money.

## Nursery Mother's Day Assembly Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

If you can help, please speak to  
Mrs Gasper or Mrs Wells.

Please send any donations of nut free cakes in on  
the morning of the assembly and remember to  
bring some change for raffle tickets.

## Parent Consultations

As advised in last week's newsletter you should have received your appointment slip back on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> March. Please check your child's reading folder. If in doubt, please check with your child's teacher. I will also be asking to see parents and will slot in times near the consultation time. If a parent would like to see me, then please contact the office for an appointment time. If this is not possible then a separate arrangement can be made.

Reminder - Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April parents, carers will have an opportunity to look at their child's work with them and talk about their learning. It also gives you the opportunity to raise any questions with your child's teacher. The times for this have to adhered to:

This will be in the School hall, library area and KS2 parents may use the ICT suite as well.

Morning session = 9.05am - 10.20am (after registration)

Afternoon session = 2.30pm - 3.15pm. The OSC will need access to the hall hence 3.15pm end time. (Parents will be permitted to take their child home afterwards)



# STEM WEEK

*We have had such an enjoyable week in school, celebrating National STEM Week. Thank you so much to all of our visitors, who gave up their time to come into school to talk about their jobs. As I walked around school on Wednesday morning alone, I saw children performing DNA extraction in Year 1 with Mrs Butterworth, heard KS2 children discussing the use of pneumatics in the care of poorly babies with Mr Hearn and watched children working with Mrs Tudor naming all the different food groups.*

*Amongst many other things, Reception have been growing carrot tops and finding out about roots this week, whilst Nursery have been operating pulleys to move their toys around. KS2 have learnt about the importance of having their eyes tested regularly with Mrs Henderson and KS1 have found out a little bit about the role of the anaesthetist in the operating theatre with Mrs Taylor. Indigo Class have even made their own toothpaste!*

*Thank you to all of our visitors, who have made their subject areas so accessible and interesting. You have really helped our children to see the relevance of science in everyday life, and helped to bust the myth that scientists are old men with lab coats and pens (as discussed in Yellow class on Monday morning)!*

*Please ask your children what they have learnt and enjoyed – it has been a very special week!*

*Mrs Howitt*



***Some very serious scientists!***

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT GPFS

Previous notice of dates, trips etc. have been put on the calendar on the school website. During the course of the term and year there will be additional dates as staff are busy organising curriculum link visits; we will also have visitors in to talk to the children-topic linked etc. Mrs Hall has kindly put the dates on the school website calendar and she will update the website calendar on a weekly basis

- Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March KS2 visit to Newcastle University – Music Curriculum Enhancement
- Red Nose Day charity event Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March (morn information nearer the time)
- Year 4 residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- FGPFs Easter Fun Morning = Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April
- KS1 topic themed visit to Alnwick Castle on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

## **Nursery Application Deadline Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March**

Please remember the deadline for Nursery applications for 2017 is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March at 3:30pm.

We offer 15 hours of Nursery education (am or pm), however you can still apply for funding for a total of 30 hours per week, using the remaining 15 hours for a childminder or another setting. This is available to people who meet the following criteria

- both parents working over 16 hours per week
- joint earnings less than £100, 00 a year.

Nursery applications are on the school website.

Spread the word!

# RED NOSE DAY

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March

The school council met yesterday and decided that to raise money for this very worthwhile charity we would have a non-uniform day and a competition. We hope that you will be happy to support us in raising money for a charity that we have a long history with. Details below:-

**Non-uniform day Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March, pay £1.50 to come to school wearing as much red as you can!**

**Design a new Red Nose Day nose competition. Entry sheets will be on sale from Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March for 50p each.**

There will be an assembly on the morning on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> where I will talk to the children about why we want to support this charity.

Thank you in anticipation of your support

Miss Cogdon



*The following children were chosen to sit at Top Table today.*

*Well done!*

*Daisy Wrigley, Angel Wolf, Aleesha Rahman, Benjamin Wilkinson, and Tess Redrado*



**Dance Festival  
Thursday  
16<sup>th</sup> March**

Miss Walsh and her Dancers came back into school buzzing after their performance at Newcastle City Hall on Thursday! There were 50 schools involved in the festival and our wonderful dancers got to perform Dance With Me Tonight, by Olly Murs, at the end of the morning session.

Well done!



**Greggs Children's Cancer Run  
Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2017**

Have you signed up? To get an early bird discount sign up before the end of March to run together as a school.

<http://www.neccr.org.uk/event/childrens-cancer-run-2017/>



## Attendance News

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.1% - 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 **Reception 1** and **Yellow** classes for the third week in a row!

Well done to everyone!

Mrs Lamb



Do you know the recommended guidelines for children's daily sugar intake?

Age 4-6 – 19g, the equivalent of 5 cubes of sugar

Age 7-10 – 24g, the equivalent of 6 cubes of sugar

Age 11+ (including adults) - 30g, the equivalent of 7 cubes of sugar

Miss Cogdon

## Mr Hamilton



This week was the last week for music sessions with Mr Hamilton (recorder and clarinet). Sessions will start again on 28<sup>th</sup> April.

Thanks

## Congratulations!

Well done to Harry Brown who has achieved his Stage 4 Swimming Award!

### Hello all art lovers!

Using the Ghana theme for this term as an excuse we are delighted to bring you a 'once in a life time' opportunity to view and purchase an original piece of art. This offer will be available to you during the last week of term!

Your child is producing a framed piece of art with an African/Ghanaian theme taking inspiration from the colours and culture of this beautiful continent. At the viewing on April 3<sup>rd</sup> you will be able to look at the wide variety of work that classes from Reception to Year 4 have produced.

The framed prints will be available for sale at £5 each – a lovely Easter gift maybe? These can be purchased and taken away when you come to view your child's work or at the parent's evenings on 4<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> of April.

Should you be unable to attend the parent's evenings other arrangements can be made with your child's class teacher.

This is a great opportunity for us to further support the King Jesus Orphanage and we are hoping the money raised will buy much needed mattresses for the children at a cost of £25 each.

Thank you in anticipation of your support

Enjoy the art!

Mrs Thorpe