



Gosforth Park First School

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Parent Consultations Reception to YR4

Thank you so much for the wonderful turn out. It was so heartening to hear the very positive comments from parents of how children are supported by class teachers and all staff in school. Your comments on how you as parents felt supported were much appreciated. Your children are our key priority, home and school working together is so important. I know that a couple of children were ill so parents couldn't attend. I would appreciate it if you could contact your child's teacher to rearrange your ten minute appointment at a mutually agreed time to discuss your child.

Nurture / Pastoral Work

Continuing on from last academic year, Miss Cogdon has several roles in school. She is the PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) release teacher for some KS2 and some KS1 staff; she teaches Indigo Class every Friday as Mrs Thorpe is continuing to work Monday to Thursday. We are delighted that Miss Cogdon is able to support children with specific nurture group work or individual work to support children with their emotional development needs; or support with confidence building, 'blips' in their lives etc. If you have any concerns which you would like some advice with, you are welcome to contact Miss Cogdon and she can arrange to see you. Miss Cogdon attends regular meetings with updates on how we can support children in school.

We also have several of our support staff who have accessed skilled training in supporting children with their emotional needs and well-being. We are very fortunate to have staff with these skill sets.

- Mrs Wilson has undertaken the 'Bereavement Counselling Training' & well-being training
- Mrs Hall is a trained counsellor & has undertaken well-being training
- Mrs Matthewson has undertaken well-being training.

In my capacity as head teacher and SENCO (special needs coordinator) I have had training in child mental health, well-being and nurturing. Also for your information, I am the designated Safeguarding lead in school and Mrs Lamb is the deputy for this. We have had intense training in this area. All staff in school have received safeguarding training and governors access a rolling programme of training.

TRAINEES IN SCHOOL

Every term we host trainees from Northumbria University who are training to be teachers in school. They work alongside class teachers and are a great support for the children in supporting them with their learning. In EYRs we will be hosting trainees from Newcastle College who are undertaking Early Childhood Studies and this also provides our children with additional adult support.



SCHOOL CLUBS YR2S & KS2

The deadline for returning the reply slips is Friday 14th **October**. Children will be informed on **Wednesday 19th October** as to which club they are able to join. I will send out a letter to my 3 D Art club members as this club is on a Tuesday after school re protocols etc. If a club is oversubscribed then it will run on a termly, rota basis. Clubs will start after the half term holiday, the first week eg Monday 31st October. As advised due to staff capacity most of the clubs are for KS2 but one is for YR2 children.

Key Stage 2 Visit to Beamish Museum



The children had a super day at Beamish and have come back buzzing. They will make contributions for next week's newsletter.

Special Harvest Assembly



We will be having our special Harvest Assembly on Monday 18th October at 9.10 am in the School hall. You are most welcome to attend. **All** children are invited to donate something for our Harvest display. The produce collected will be given to the People's Kitchen whom we have supported for a number of years. The children know that this charity supports homeless people in our City. The People's Kitchen have requested tinned and packet foods rather than fresh, which often perishes before they are able to use it.

Their 'wish list' includes:

Tinned: meat/cooked meat/vegetables/ fruit/puddings and desserts/custard/soup/evaporated milk/long-life cream.

Packets: gravy granules/cooking sauces/biscuits/sugar/breakfast cereals/soups/cornflour/ baking powder/tea.

Bottles/jars: pepper/spices/table sauces/mayonnaise/instant coffee/hot chocolate/orange or blackcurrant juice.

Donations can be sent in next week. The School Council and I will set up a Harvest display of the donated foods on Friday 14th October. If you wish to send in some fresh produce this can be sent in on Friday 14th October or on the morning of the 18th. This will be incorporated into the display. Thank you so much for your support with this.

GOLD STAR AWARDS RECEPTION TO YEAR 4



Once again, at the children's request we have the Gold Star Awards. For every ten Gold Stars the children collect they will receive a certificate and a small prize. The Gold Star collection cards are also used as a counting tool for +/x etc maths work. We have a display in the corridor for the children. When a child gets their first 10 Stars, their picture is put up on the display and moved to different sections as they collect next sets of 10. The children hope that they will get to 100. Over the year the children will receive Gold Stars for exceptional things e.g. they have gone beyond the call of duty to help others, have shown real determination and effort with tricky aspects of work etc. The Gold Stars are not awarded for being polite etc as this is what everyone should be doing. Great news, Rosie Dalkin, Serena Midas –Panayi and Eva Greenhill are the first three children in school to get 10 Gold Stars. They have been awarded a prize and certificate. I do know that there are others hot on their heels for a 10 star award. Thank you to all of our children who are working hard to get their stars.

Non Smoking Site 'We are watching'

We are a Smoke Free School and a Smoke Free Site and follow the Country's Health initiatives. I have been informed that 'someone' has been seen smoking an E-cigarette on the school site. This is NOT permitted. As you will appreciate we are trying to give the children positive experiences and role models for healthy living. Thank you to the person who reported this to school staff.



A reminder please that I require a deposit of £50 for all children going to Robinwood next March. We need this to secure your child's place by the 20th October at the very latest otherwise we shall have to open the last 5 places to some of our Year 3 children.

Mrs Wilson



Feeling peckish? Have a fruity snack.

- Fresh fruit – a ready packaged, easy to carry, any time treat.
- Make a smoothie – banana or strawberries, liquidised with low fat milk and a scoop of ice cream – cool and refreshing.
- Banana bread or carrot cake – easy to make at home.

Attendance

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.8% - up from 97.3% last year! Well done!!

Mrs Lamb

Attendance - Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Yellow** and **Blue** classes. Well done to everyone!

Mrs Lamb



Congratulations to **Joe Thompson** in Orange class for being awarded his 5 metre swimming badge!

And also to **Ziggy Rawling** for being runner-up in the David Lloyd Tennis All Stars Championships 2016!

Well done both of you !!

TOP TABLE



The following children were selected to sit at the **TOP TABLE** last Friday (30th Sept)

Abdullah Okok, Turki Alqahtani, Nicola Elliott, Blake Fahy, Berci Kelecsenyi, Raphael Duigan, Asmina Doshi.