



Gosforth Park First School

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FGPFS – Surprise Room

Thank you so much for sending in donations today, of gifts for the Surprise Room/Grotto Shop. If you have forgotten to send something in then the FGPFS would be very grateful if it could be sent in on Monday. Thank you

The Surprise room is opened for children to buy a present for someone special in their family (we encourage them to understand that this shouldn't be themselves). Santa's Elves will be there to wrap the gifts and help write the Christmas/Special gift tag. The children can spend **£2.50** on the gift (**max 1 per child**). The Surprise Room and Grotto Shop are beautifully decorated to reflect Santa's Workshop. Each Key Stage has a particular day to do their shopping. Please refer to the timetable:



Monday 18th December = EYRS +

Green & Orange

9.15am = Morning Nursery

10.00am = R1

10.45am = R2

12.45pm = Afternoon Nursery

1.30pm = Green

2.25pm = Orange



Tuesday 19th December = KS2 + Yellow

9.10am = Yellow

9.50am = Violet

10.30am = Indigo

11.10am = Blue



Wednesday 20th December, Mrs Hall

and Mrs Tudor will do an additional 'Mop Up' if needed (children who have been absent)

Christmas Disco

The Christmas Disco is **tomorrow** from 3 til 4.30pm. Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket. Please remember you need to stay at the disco to supervise.

If you can help with the parent rotas for teas and coffees at the Christmas Performances (not the dress rehearsals) please let me know ASAP.

Thank you all for your support at this busy time of year,

Jane Alley

(Parent of Thomas in Yellow)

CHRISTMAS PARTIES – LAST WEEK

Each key stage will send out a memo re party clothes.

The party days are :

The morning of Monday 18th **December** = Morning Nursery

The afternoon of Monday 18th **December** = Afternoon Nursery / Reception 1 & 2

The afternoon of Tuesday 19th **December** = Key Stage 1 (Green, Orange & Yellow classes)

The afternoon of Wednesday 20th **December** = Key Stage 2 (Violet, Indigo, Blue classes)

The last day of term is Friday 22nd December/ School re-opens at 8.55am on Monday 8th January 2017

Please note that this is not a Training Day, everyone should be in school; it is a normal school day. Thank you.

Christmas Productions

Tickets for KS1 and KS2 (please note Early Years, Nursery and Reception, are **NOT** ticketed).

The tickets will be in your child's reading folder on **Monday 4th December**. You will be issued with two tickets per family on your child's class colour, with their name on the back. Please check your child's reading folder for these. If you don't need them all, we would be grateful if you could return any spare tickets to the School Office. These will then be allocated on a first come, first served basis from **Tuesday 5th December**.

For KS1 & KS2 productions you must show your ticket at the door to gain entry. A member of the FGPFS will collect them. The actual productions are for grown-ups to attend.

Please remember that pre-school children and babies are very welcome at the Dress Rehearsals but NOT at the actual productions. We don't want to turn anyone away; staff have requested this so that the children are not distracted whilst doing their shows. We thank you in advance for your support with this.



Merry Christmas

From Monday 4th December children can send Christmas cards to their friends in school. Please make sure the cards have the person's name and class on the envelope (and if possible surname) so our little helpers can deliver them to the correct class. The Post Box for Y1 to Y4 will be outside the office and Early Years' will be in the Early Years Entrance.

Nursery children will be bringing home a special card to design and colour to then swap with their friends in class.

Christmas Productions

Please make a note of the information on your calendars.

Dress Rehearsals will be on the following dates:-

- **Reception 1 & 2 and Morning Nursery**
Friday 8TH December 9.30 am – 'It's a Baby!'
- **Key Stage 1 Friday 8TH December 2.00pm**
– 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings'
- **Key Stage 2 Monday 11th December**
9.30am – 'Hosanna Rock'
- **Reception 1 & 2 and Afternoon Nursery**
Monday 11TH December 2.00pm – 'It's a Baby'

MAIN PRODUCTIONS

Please note the main productions are for **adults only**. All the children in school and babies, pre-school children, including Nursery aged children, are invited to attend the dress rehearsals and watch the productions at the Dress Rehearsals.

The FGPFS will kindly- FOR THE MAIN PERFORMANCES ONLY - be serving COFFEE/TEA and raffle tickets prior to the performances. Doors will open at 1.30pm for afternoon performances and 9.05 am for the am EYRS performance. You will be asked to wait patiently outside as you will realise that we have to set the hall up prior to the performances.

The Main Performances are on:

Tuesday 12th December 2.00pm= Reception 1&2 and Afternoon Nursery 'It's a Baby'

Wednesday 13th December 9.30am = Reception 1&2 and Morning Nursery 'It's a Baby'

Thursday 14th December 2.00pm = KS1 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings'

Friday 15th December 2.00pm = KS2 'Hosanna Rock'

Attendance News

It's been a tough couple of weeks for attendance! We know lots of our families have been hit by either the sickness bug or the terrible cough and in some cases both at the same time! Our attendance this week is 97.5% which is down from last year (97.6%). We hope you are all fighting fit and back with us soon!

We have had 21 late marks this week (14 families).



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception 1** and **Yellow** classes.

Well done to everyone

Mrs Lamb



Well done to Evie Bunyan who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award Level 2!

Well done to Katie Collins who has achieved her Stage 7 gymnastics and her Stage 4 swimming!

Well done to Freya Buck who has achieved her Stage 6 gymnastics and her Stage 2 swimming!

Well done to Grace Lenham who has achieved her Stage 4 swimming!

Parking 'Please Help'

Thank you so much to our parents who park safely and responsibly. Can we please remind parents **not** to park down the access road to the Golf Club as this blocks the road to emergency vehicles.

If anyone gets any abuse please inform the police first, record the details, including registration number and let the school office know as well.

KEY STAGE 1 CAKE SALE



Next Tuesday (5th December) after the end of the school day, Key Stage One will be holding a Cake Sale. Donations of cakes/muffins/buns/tray bakes may be brought in on the morning of the 5th or the day before (nut free).

The sale (weather permitting) will be outside the school gates at 3.30. If the weather is inclement we shall hold it in the Library area.

Many thanks.

Mrs Thorpe



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to Mrs McClurg's Class on Monday. A special mention goes out to **Scott Sidney** and **Asmina Doshi** who were our Mathletes of the week. We came 263rd out of 411 schools in the November Mathletics challenge. The only Newcastle school to score higher than us was Walkergate Primary in 253rd Place. Well done to everyone who took part!

Mrs Lamb

