



# Gosforth Park First School

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## wear it pink



It was wonderful to look out to a sea of pink in assembly this morning! Thank you so much for your support in helping us to raise money for a charity that is close to our hearts. We raised a fantastic £202.91!



Thank you so much for all of your generous Harvest Donations. The People's Kitchen will be collecting these on Tuesday so if you have forgotten there is still time.

Many thanks.



## Poppies and Poems Day

On Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> November, all children in school will be producing poems and artwork in school for the 2018 Poppy Appeal.

Artwork and Poems from across the trust will be displayed at Trinity Church on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> – Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> of November for children, parents/carers and members of the public to view.

## Parent Consultations

Thank you for returning your parent consultation slips. Parent consultations will be held on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> November** and **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November**.

## Photographs

Photograph permission letters will be in book bags today. Please make sure you return these to school as soon as possible. You can remove/alter your consent at any time. Further details will be on the letter.

Thank you

Mrs Lamb

## Reception Maths Fun

Just a reminder about our Maths Halloween morning next Wednesday (24<sup>th</sup> October) 9-10am, fancy dress is optional for both children and parents. We hope to see you there!

Miss Coughlan and Miss Walsh

## Uniform Sale

There will be a table top sale of pre-loved uniform on Wednesday next week. If you can't make it into school but are looking for something, please contact Mrs Watkins, Blue Class Rep.



# HIGH FIVE TO JIM

As many of you will now have seen, a permanent tribute to lollipop man Jim Connon is now in place.

Jim's high fives were purchased with the money kindly donated by parents and friends of all four schools after his death.

Unable to place this at the actual crossing, it was felt that the gates nearest to the crossing/entry to 3 out of the 4 of the schools was the next best thing.

You will notice it has intentionally been placed at child height to encourage the children to interact with it.

Please encourage your kids to read them aloud and give them a physical high five.

With the remaining money raised, a really decent donation has been made to Great North Children's Hospital at Newcastle's RVI, as Jim's wife Kath asked.

It has taken some time, but I hope you all agree that this is the perfect lasting tribute to Jim, who always had a high five for every child that wanted one.

Credit to Kate Watkins, whose creative idea this was.

And thank you also to GPFS head teacher Mrs Lamb for all her time to help us make this happen and make sure Jim is never forgotten.

Thank you everyone for your donations.

And remember:

- Be safe
- Be happy
- Be respectful
- Be kind
- Be a friend

Rebekah Stephenson

On behalf of Parklands Community Crossing



# Magnificent Multi-Skills

Yellow Class visited Walker Dome on Thursday afternoon to take part in a range of Multi skills activities. It provided a great opportunity to develop and practise our PE skills. The children were very enthusiastic and had a fantastic afternoon!

Miss Young



Did you know that Gibside have barrels of free apples in their walled garden at the moment? It's a great time to take advantage of this seasonal star and tick off one of our 5-a-day. Full of health benefits, "an apple a day" has even been found to reduce the risk of asthma. Easy for a quick lunch box, play time or after school snack, we know that apples are incredibly versatile. How about combining a grated eating apple with 50g grated cheese and a tablespoon of mayonnaise for sandwich filler enough for 3. Or if you scale down the amount, grate the leftover apple over porridge in the morning to act as natural sweetener. Delicious!

Mrs Wells



The Daft as a Brush Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch on is due to take place on Wednesday 7th Nov @ 4.30pm at DAAB House. All children and parents are invited to attend and can arrive from 4pm for a 4.30pm switch on. Professor Sir John Burn, the Chairman of Newcastle Hospitals, will be there to switch the lights on this year. There will be festive carol singing and the Bede Wind Orchestra will be also provide the accompanying music.

There will be no parking on site, as the gates will be closed but arrangements will be made with the Golf Club next door to use their car park. Please let DAAB house know if you will be attending. They will supply juice & biscuits for the children.



Harvest Assembly	In school for children only. Please send donations in WB 15 <sup>th</sup> Oct.
Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Break up for Half Term
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Training Day
WB 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Anti-bullying Week
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Back to School
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	<b>Clubs Start</b>
WB 19 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Parent's Evenings
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	<b>Christmas Lunch</b>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Jumper Day

## Christmas Productions Dates

### Dress Rehearsals:

Friday 7th December = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Friday 7th December = in the afternoon - Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

Monday 10th December = in the morning - Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)

Monday 10th December = in the afternoon – Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

### The Productions

Tuesday 11th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

Wednesday 12th December Morning

Performance = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Thursday 13th December Afternoon Performance = Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Friday 14th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)

## Homework

Class	
Green	Phonics: Phase 4 consonant blends Maths: number bonds within 10
Orange	Mathletics homework-addition Phonics homework u-e Split diagraph
Yellow	Mathletics homework Phonics worksheet ue, ew and u_e
Indigo	Column addition word problems
Violet	Rounding 10 10, 100 and 1000.
Blue	Column addition with and without exchanging



### Classes of the Week!

The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Green Class** and **Blue Class**



Our attendance this week was 98.3% compared to last year's 98.4% - we're almost there!  
We had 18 lates this week (15 pupils) – another great improvement – thank you so much for your support!



Well done to Sophia Cutmore who has achieved her Stage 8 swimming certificate.

Well done to Hadi Kayani who has achieved his Stage 2 Swimming Award.



# Glow in the Dark Disco

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November 2018 3-4:30pm**

Tickets will be £3 per child and includes entry to disco, entry into prize draw, one drink and one snack. Tickets will go on sale first week back at school after half term. More details next week.



The Parklands Community Crossing team are currently looking at ways of raising funds to ensure our fantastic crossing patrol service is maintained. At present the funding secured will only cover the cost of the patrol until **end of July 2019**. In order to secure the patrol for the following academic year the group must raise a minimum of £5k. Our PTFA is looking to work with the PTFA's of the neighbouring schools to support the PCC team in their efforts. We feel this vital service cannot disappear and whatever we can do to help is worth the effort.

## Fundraising Matching

Many large organisations offer fundraising matching to their employees, companies such as Sage. We would be really grateful if any parents working for a company offering this scheme could look into signing up and let the PTFA know. Also, we still need more people to sign up to [easyfundraising.com](http://easyfundraising.com) and support The Friends of Gosforth Park First School. If you shop online regularly then this service is free for you to sign and is an easy and free way for you to support us.



## School Website

Thank you to Mrs Lamb and Miss Coughlan for updating all of our PTFA information on the school website. We will do our best to ensure that all relevant information is posted on the website for you to check, and copies of the PTFA Meeting minutes are also available on the PTFA page for you to

## Committee Members

Below are all the current members of The Friends of Gosforth Park PTFA Committee, if you have any questions, ideas or would like more information about the work we do please come have a chat with any of us or alternatively you can contact us at

[2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk)

Chairperson Jen Higgins (Mum to Oliver H, Green Class)	Vice Chairperson Marlen Goulty (Mum to Magnus, Green Class)	Secretary Teresa Saul (Mum to Nathan, Green Class)	Treasurer Piona Seccombe (Mum to Ayla, Green Class)
Reception Class Rep Kate Watkins (Mum to Lucy, Rec 1)	Reception Class Rep Nicola Davies (Mum to Eloise, Rec 2)	Green Class Rep Keri Walker (Mum to Finn)	Green Class Rep Nichola Tomlinson (Mum to Leo)
Orange Class Rep Jane Dixon (Mum to Eliza)	Orange Class Rep Lori Taylor (Mum to Evie)	Yellow Class Rep Nicola Davies (Mum to Charlie)	Yellow Class Rep Vicki Henderson (Mum to Abi)
Indigo Class Rep Laura Greenhill (Mum to Eva)	Indigo Class Rep Karen Samples (Mum to Abigail)	Violet Class Rep Anna Graham (Mum to Elizabeth)	Violet Class Rep Alison Young (Mum to Imogen)
Blue Class Rep Piona Seccombe (Mum to Fraser)	Blue Class Rep Kate Watkins (Mum to Jamie)	Committee Rep Naomi Fagandini (Mum of Oliver F, Green Class)	Committee Rep Joanne Flinders (Mum of Harry, Green Class)

We'd like to thank you all for your continued support and appreciate all the positive feedback we have received so far about the improvements we have made and about the Autumn Fair.

Have a great weekend,

Jen Higgins

On behalf of the Friends of GPFS