



Gosforth Park First School

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Leavers and Goodbyes

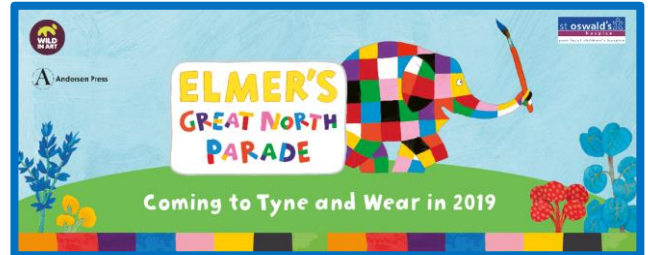
What a wonderful Leavers Assembly our Year 4 team put on for us this morning! The children were incredible, making us laugh and cry, imitating the teachers and sharing their memories! They really have done us all proud. On behalf of all the staff and Governing Body, I would like to wish all of our Year 4 pupils good luck and every success in their new school. We know that you are ready to show what you can do in Year 5. You have been a brilliant Year 4 and we will really miss you!

We also wish our Nursery children, who are moving to other settings, good luck in their new Reception classes.

Finally, thank you so much for all your support this year.

**On behalf of all staff and the Governing Body,
we wish you all a safe, happy and hopefully
sunny summer holiday!**

**School re-opens at 8:55am on Tuesday 3rd
September. Monday 2nd September** is a staff training day and school will be closed to children.



We're thrilled to share with you all the final confirmed location of "Rainbow" our elephant. You can visit him at Gosforth Civic Theatre, Regent Farm Rd, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 3HD.

Please pay him a visit when the trail goes live on 21st August!

Mrs Lambert

Calling All New Year 4's



Just to remind you that you will be swimming the second week back - Tuesday 10th September - and you will need to pack your new swimming bag with: costume, swim hat, goggles (if required) and a towel. Remember all long hair needs to be tied back and absolutely **NO** jewellery is to be worn. For parents and carers who have so kindly offered to walk up with the YR4s to the baths, please could you let Mrs Wilson know if you can't attend as Mrs Wilson then has to find a substitute. Thank you very much for your anticipated support.

Mrs Wilson



First Day Back

On the morning of the first day back, Tuesday 3rd September, we will be holding a coffee morning in the school hall from 9 – 10. This will give current parents a chance to catch up after the holidays and new parents a chance to meet new friends. We hope to see you there.

Mrs Lamb

Message for KS1 Parents

For the first week of the new academic year could you please come into your child's class to collect them at **3.20 pm**. This will enable staff to meet parents or the person who will be collecting your child. Thank you in advance for your support.

- Mrs Lambert = Yellow Yr2 (current Green classroom)
- Mr Phipps = Orange Yr 1/2
- Mrs McClurg = Green Yr1 (current Yellow classroom)

Report Comments

Thank you so much for returning your comment slips from your child's reports. It has been lovely to read through the positive comments.

BBC Supermovers

During the summer holidays be sure to check out the BBC Supermovers website! There are lots of fun curriculum linked resources to get your children moving while they learn.

Have fun!

Miss Walsh

Meet the Teacher

How do we best help the children to make the best start in their new class? How can we have fun and learn?

Please come along to meet your child's teacher!

We will be holding an informal session where we can work together. We'll explain a bit about the curriculum but we'll also have some informal time when we can sit and chat so that we can listen to you!

We want to make the best team around your child where parents and staff give your child the best possible start.

Please come along to your child's class at **3:45pm** (for about 30 minutes) on the dates below.

We know that this may be tricky so if you have children with you, Mrs Lamb will look after them one of the other classrooms.

Please don't worry if you can't make it. We'll send out a flyer with information discussed after the event.

To help us with arrangements, we'll be sending our reply 'slips' via Parent Pay in September.

<i>Tuesday 17th September</i>	<i>3:45 KS1 Parents (Green, Orange, Yellow)</i>
<i>Wednesday 18th September</i>	<i>3:45 Reception Class Parents</i>
<i>Thursday 19th September</i>	<i>3:45 KS2 Parents (Indigo, Violet, Blue)</i>



Gosforth is Great!

In September, Gosforth Park First School will be starting our first new topic: Gosforth is Great!

This geography-based topic will teach our children about their own locality through fieldwork, maps, aerial photographs and much more. From a historical perspective, we will also be looking at some of the changes that have occurred within our locality from within and beyond living memory.

For your child's holiday homework, we would like them to research an aspect of Gosforth's geography or history so that they can present their findings to their new class or join in a class discussion about what they already know.

You could:

- Go for a walk in Gosforth
- Ask an elderly relative about their memories of Gosforth when they were growing up
- Write a list of human and physical features in Gosforth
- Design a brochure about things to do in Gosforth
- Draw a map of your area
- Make a PowerPoint presentation about an aspect of Gosforth that you have researched
- Research famous people from Gosforth

(P.S. We appreciate that the holidays are a busy and exciting time for everyone and no child will be penalised if they are unable to complete a piece of work/research)

Thank you for your continued support

The GPFS Team



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Orange** and **Yellow** class.

We are ending the year with 97.2%, attendance which is a great improvement on last year's 96.5%. Let's see if we can get to 98% next year!

We had 12 lates this week (10 families). Let's see if we can do even better next year!

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Green Class** again this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Magnus Goulty** and **James Phillips**
Well done!



Well done to Ayla Seccombe who has been awarded her Beavers badges for personal, world, cyclist, international, nights away, paddle sports, swimmer and time on the water.

Well done to Jude Manning who has been awarded his Level 2 swimming award.

Well done to Jemima Bond who has achieved the Green, Blue and Purple awards for Primary Street Dance.

Advanced Notice of Dates

Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer Holiday
Monday 2 nd September	Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	School reopens
Tuesday 3 rd September	9:00 – 10:00 Coffee and a Catch up for parents in the school hall
Tuesday 17 th September	3:45 KS1 Parents - Meet the Teacher
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Goodbye to our Year 4's!

We would like to wish all our Year 4 leavers the very best of luck as they leave us to head off to middle school. Thank you to all the families who will also be leaving us, your support has been very much appreciated.



Goodbye Alison!

As our Year 4's leave us so does a very valued member of the Friends of GPFS Committee. Alison has been our Class Rep for Violet class this year and has been pivotal in the planning, organising and delivery of all our events this academic year. We would like to say a huge **THANK YOU** to Alison for everything she has done for our school.

Class Reps

As the children move on to their new classes in September so do our class reps!

We still need two class reps for Indigo and one more for Blue Class from September. We will be posting this new poster on our noticeboard so you can find out who your class reps are.

Class reps play a vital role in the PTFA, they help keep parents and carers in the loop with PTFA events, help organise class specific events and sign up volunteers for our events.

If you would like more information about the role or would like to volunteer to become a Class Rep please contact us at

Committee Members 2019/2020

Class Reps

Nursery	Infant
Jan Chapman	Laura H, Sarah A, Claire, Ellie
Sarah P, Jane	
Green	Orange
Nicola D, Vikki	Kate, Naomi
Yellow	Indigo
Keri, Joanne	2x Vacancies for Class Rep for Indigo Class
Violet	Blue
Nicola D, Vikki	Laura, Vacancy

Anna Committee Member

Contact us at 2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

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A massive thank you to our current class reps, committee members and volunteers for all their hard work and dedication to helping our school. We have an amazing team who really do put everything they can into making as much money as we can for the school, whilst also ensuring the events enrich the school experience for the children. They are a passionate and selfless bunch of amazing people and without them none of this would be possible.

So again – Thank you! You're all stars!

Preloved Uniform

With the school year at an end you might be wondering what to do with your child's school uniform that they have out grown or no longer need as they are moving on to middle school – Why not donate it to us so we can help our school buy more playground equipment for the children?

If you have any unwanted uniform (School logo Polo/Cardigans/Sweatshirts, grey trousers/skirts/pinafores, PE t-shirts & red shorts) in good condition that you would like to donate you can leave in a bag at the front door of 6 Burnside Rd, 2 mins from school, anytime.

Anyone wishing to purchase some preloved uniform for September can contact Kate on **07947846974**. It's a great way to stock up on uniform for a fraction of the price, help the school provide more playgroup equipment for the children and it's recycling!! So your purchases help the environment too! You really can't say no!

Survey Monkey

You should have received a text with a link to our survey, which has also been shared via the class reps in the social media groups. Thank you to everyone who has completed our survey so far. We love to get feedback from you about what you think about the PTFA's work. If you haven't already completed it, please spare a few minutes to share your opinion to help us continue to make improvements next academic year.

Please go to <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2GPF9V8> to complete our survey.

Coming Soon....



cupper!

On **Tuesday 4th September** 9:00-10:00am we will be hosting a Coffee Morning in the school hall. This is an opportunity for new and existing parents and carers to come together for a chat and a well-deserved

Please save **Saturday 5th October** in your diaries for our next event. We are still in the process of planning it all, but we will be holding a 'Sizzle & Bake: Family Food Festival' to gather the school community together for a fun afternoon. If you or someone you know would like to help cater at the event, please get in touch with the Committee via the class reps or at the email address above. More details to follow in the new term.



In the Autumn Term we will also be running a competition for the classes – the aim is for each class to fill their bottle with as much spare change as they can by half term. The class who raises the most money will be awarded a set amount of money towards their Christmas party. A percentage of the proceeds will go to Daft as a Brush, the School's chosen Charity. More details to follow in the new term.

*Have a brilliant summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in September!
From all the members of the Friends of GPFS Committee*