



# Gosforth Park First School

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Next week (7<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> October) is Dyslexia Awareness Week

More than one in ten of us are dyslexic. Dyslexic strengths around understanding complex information, seeing the big picture and communicating with others, means dyslexia creates great work at all levels, in all kinds of roles and across all industries.

If you would like more information about dyslexia, please visit the British Dyslexia Association website at [www.bdadyslexia.org.uk](http://www.bdadyslexia.org.uk)

If you would like more information about how Gosforth Park First School supports specific learning difficulties and other special educational needs please visit our website or speak to Mr Hindess.

Mr Hindess



The Daft as a Brush Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch on, is due to take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November @ 4.30pm, at DAAB House. All children are invited to attend and they can arrive from 4pm for a 4.30pm switch on. Please let DAAB know if you can attend so they can provide enough juice & biscuits for the children.

## Reception Parents 2020

We now have a list of dates available for prospective parents of Reception 2020 children to visit school. These are also on the school website calendar. Please book an appointment at the office letting us know how many adults will be attending.

- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 9:30am
- Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> October 2:00 pm
- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9:30 am
- Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October 2:00pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9:30am

The deadline for applying for a reception place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 12 noon.

For more information see

<https://newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place>

## Moving from Year 4 to Year 5

The deadline for applying for a transfer places is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 12 noon.

For more information see

<https://newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>

## GEMS Open Evening

GEMs Open Evening for Prospective Year 5 Sept 2020. This event takes place 09/10/2019 18:00 – 19:00. Letters have already been sent out containing more information.



## Reception Phonics Workshop



On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October there will be a phonics workshop from 9:00—9:30am in Reception. You are welcome to come into school to find out how we deliver phonics in school and how you can help your child at home. We hope to see you there! Miss Walsh and Miss Coughlan

## Math's Halloween Themed Open Morning



On **Thursday 24th October (9:00 - 10:30)** we would like to welcome Reception parents in to class to participate in a variety of maths Halloween based activities with your child. The children really enjoy these mornings and it enables parents to see what their child is learning in school. We will be having a coffee/cake sale throughout the morning to raise funds for Early Years and would appreciate any contributions. The money raised will be used for making and baking activities. **Dressing up is optional (parents included!)** We look forward to seeing you all then!

Miss Walsh and Miss Coughlan



## Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 98.2%, up on last year (98.1%)

We had 21 lates this week (14 families).

Children arriving late miss out on phonics and reading teaching at the beginning of the day. This also disrupts the learning of children already in school. Let's see if we can improve this next week.

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb

## YOUNGmINDS

Thursday October 10<sup>th</sup> is world Mental Health Day. We would like to raise the importance of children's mental health, while raising much-needed funds for YoungMinds. By donating £1 children can come to school wearing something yellow in support of the cause (a bit of yellow e.g. yellow socks or head to toe – the decision is yours!). #HelloYellow

Mrs McClurg

## Mathletics

Now that everyone is up and running with Mathletics we can announce that Sahib Singh Dhalwal and Hadi Kayani are our first mathletes of the year and the top class for participation was Yellow Class! Well don!

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

## SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Congratulations to Joey Douthwaite, for completing the Summer Reading Challenge! The results have been announced and in this years 'Space Chase' challenge, nearly a million books were read by children in local libraries across the UK. Well done!

Mrs Lambert

# Diary Dates

**Please see changes/new additions in red**

Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2:00 – 3:30	Sizzle and Bake Fair
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October 2:00 pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 9:30 am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00 - 9:30	Reception Phonics Workshop
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00 - 10:30	Reception Halloween Maths morning
<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November 4:30pm</b>	<b>DAAB Christmas Tree Light Switch On</b>
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 9:30am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am	KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Production
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunches



**Healthy School**

The supermarket shop is not always the most enjoyable experience with kids but it can really help with getting them to try more fruit and vegetables. If they are allowed to choose their fruit and veg snacks they are more likely to eat them and why not challenge them to choose different colours each time. And if they drag you down the biscuit or crisp aisle, look at the labelling



# TOMORROW!!

Our Sizzle and Bake event is **TOMORROW, 2-3:30pm**. We really hope as many of you, if not all of you will pop along and enjoy the afternoon with us regardless of the weather!

Entry is £2 per Adult and Children go free!

We will be holding a raffle with the following fabulous prizes:

- 4 Ball of Golf at Newcastle City Golf (donated by Newcastle City Golf)
- Sweetie Hamper x2 (donated by Kitwave Wholesale Group)
- Scentsy Gift (donated by Keri Walker)
- £5 Tropic Skincare Voucher (donated by Kairen Wilkinson)
- Bottle of wine and chocolates (donated by PTFA)
- £15 off a cut and colour (donated by All That Sass Mobile Hairdressing)
- Lego Set (donated by the PTFA)
- Bottle of wine and chocolates (donated by PTFA)

Raffle tickets are £1 each and will be available on the day. Winners will be drawn by Mrs Lamb and a PTFA member and announced via email on **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019**.

## THANK YOU!!!

Thank you to everyone who has donated a prize for the Tombola or Cakes for our stall and thank you to everyone who has volunteered to help on the day. We really appreciate you giving up part of your Saturday to support us and the school. We really cannot stress enough that these events can only go ahead if people spare some time to help us. We do as much as we can to prepare for the event to make it as stress free as possible for our volunteers, so please, if you have not volunteered yet at an event, spare some time to lend a hand this Saturday!!!



*Lauren and Emily with Michelle from Asda, collecting the 48 bars of chocolate for our Tombola.*

We would also like to thank the companies listed above who have kindly donated the prizes for our raffle and a big thank you to **Asda** for yet again being very generous and suppling us with lots of chocolate for the Tombola!

Have a great weekend,

The Friends of GPFS Committee