



Gosforth Park First School

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Parent teacher consultations will take place on **Monday 4th March** and **Thursday 7th March**. A letter will be sent out next week giving you the option to choose a date and time. Please complete the reply form and return it to your child's class teacher by **Friday 8th February**. Any non replies will be allocated a time. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Lamb

Coming soon...



Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin next half term when you will have the opportunity to come into school and watch your child and their class present what they have been learning about. Due to our very exciting and popular celebration assemblies which are held at the end of the school day, class assemblies will be on Friday mornings. Doors will open as soon as we can get the hall ready (no later than 9:15) so you can have a cuppa and a chat, then the children will come down at 9:30. Dates for each class assembly are:

Class	Date
Nursery am and pm	Wednesday 27 th March 10:45am 2:30pm
Reception SC and SW	Friday 10 th May
Green	Friday 29 th March
Orange	Friday 17 th May
Yellow	Friday 5 th April
Violet	Friday 22 nd March
Indigo	Friday 3 rd May
Blue	Friday 26 th April



We raised £46.56 for the Poppy Appeal last term. Thank you.





We're counting down to Number Day 2019!

Dear Parents

We are delighted to be supporting the NSPCC by taking part in their Number Day on **Friday 1 February 2019**.

Children deserve an equal start in life

The NSPCC believes that all children deserve a childhood free from harm but, sadly, that's not the case for many children. That's why the NSPCC is fighting for every childhood and working to help keep children safe from abuse.

The NSPCC needs our support. By raising money, we can help to fund their vital services such as Childline – the helpline that's always there for children and young people whatever their problem or concern.

Making maths meaningful

Number Day is a great way to make maths fun and bring about a positive, 'can-do' attitude towards it.

On 1 February we will be taking part in *Dress up for Digits* and pupils will be invited to wear an item of clothing with a number on it (football shirt, cap, netball shirt or even a **onesie!**). To help raise money for the NSPCC, we are asking for a suggested donation of £1, and we'd love everyone in the school to take part in this special event. Your child will be joining in with some fun maths activities in their class.

It all adds up

We're looking forward to all the fun of Number Day, and we really appreciate your support. All the money we raise at Gosforth Park First School will make an enormous difference to children today and help change the lives of children tomorrow.

Thank you.

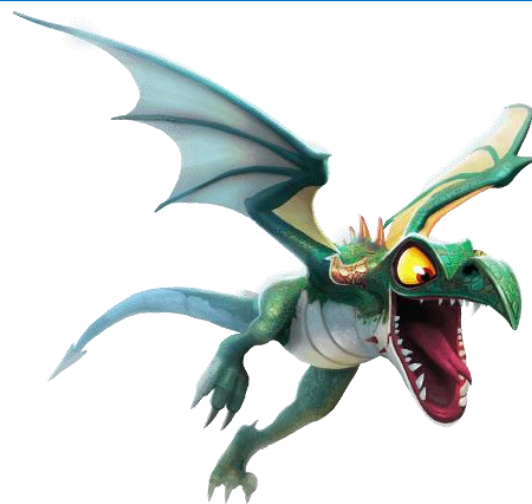
Best wishes,

Miss Gasper

Maths Lead

You can find out more about the NSPCC's work at nspcc.org.uk

To find out more about keeping children safe online, visit nspcc.org.uk/onlinesafety



This week in **Yellow Class**, the children have been writing some amazing newspaper reports about a ferocious dragon. The terrifying beast has been spotted flying over Gosforth Park First School causing chaos! Please exercise caution and do not approach the creature!

Mrs McClurg

Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body of the School. If anyone is interested in taking on this role and being involved in the continued success of the school, please collect an information pack from the school office or download from the governor section of the school website.

We have always been very fortunate in having excellent support from parents. There are three full Governing Body meetings per year and each of the two sub-committees, Standards and Curriculum and Staffing and Finance meet three times per year.

The deadline for registering an interest is **Monday 4th February**.

If you wish to talk to our Vice Chair of Governors, Gill Milne, or myself about the role you are most welcome to do so. Please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment.

Mathletics

Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Blue Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Ethan Fullen** and **Niamh Cronin**!

Well done!

Here is some information about how we used mathletics last term!

Miss Gasper

Activities Completed

Research concludes that it takes just 3 Mathletics activities (around 20 minutes) per week to improve results.



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On average, your students are attempting 1.44 activities per week.

Success and Awards

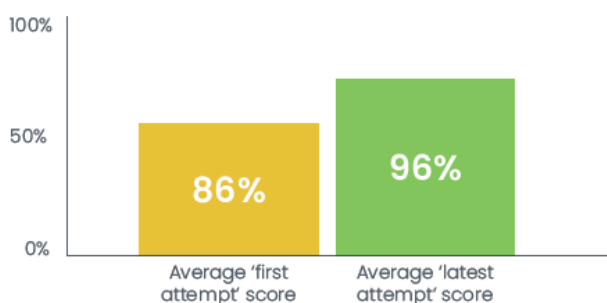
Students achieving more than 1,000 points in a single week receive an award certificate. Certificates are continuous records of achievement which are based on a bronze, silver and gold scale.



That's a total of 316 certificates awarded to your students last term.

Student Improvement

See how much students at Gosforth Park First School are improving, by composing their first attempt at an activity to their latest attempt.



On average, students improved by 22%* last term.

Homework

Class	
Green	Related number facts Phonics – sentence work and word matching
Orange	Maths-pictograms/graphs Spelling-plurals
Yellow	Suffixes Counting in 5s
Indigo	Division word problems.
Violet	To practice multiplication and division facts for the 3 and 6 times tables.
Blue	Dividing 2 digit numbers with exchanging and remainders.



Congratulations to Ella Henderson who has achieved the Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 5.



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 97.9%. A huge improvement on last year (96.6%) but down on last week's 98%

We had 19 lates this week (13 families)

Thank you



Madame Baldasera still has some places for French Club. Please contact her directly if you would like to book a place.

rachelbaldy@gmail.com 07815115468

Reception Thursday 12:30 – 1:00

Year 1 Wednesday 12:30 – 1:00

Year 2 Thursday 12:00 – 12:30

Year 3 and 4 Wednesday 12:00 – 12:30