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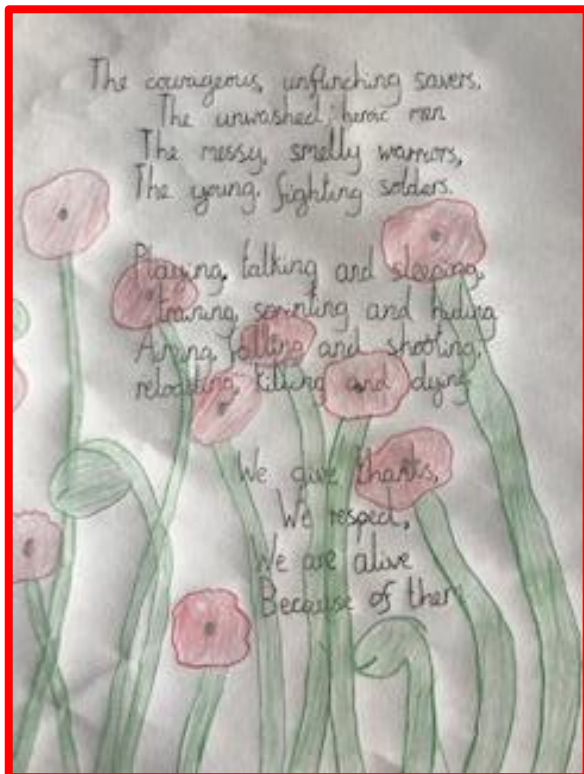
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Poppies and Poems Day



On Tuesday this week all of the children in school were producing work for the 2018 Poppy Appeal. This ranged from Poppy Prints and Soldier Silhouettes to different types of poetry. I was delighted when Mr Hindess sent some of the Year 4 children to see me with their fabulous work. Here is a beautiful poem written **by William Handyside** to give you a taste of what you can expect when work is exhibited at Trinity Church next week.



Poppies and Poems Day

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

Remembrance Assembly

Children from GEMS will be coming to deliver a **Remembrance Assembly** to our children next Thursday afternoon. We hope to see some familiar faces!



BBC Children in Need is back! Circle the **16th November** in your calendar for a day of fun-filled fundraising. Children can wear their spots or Pudsey related items on the day in exchange for a suggested donation of £1.

Safeguarding

Please remember to tell your child's class teacher or phone the office if your child will be collected by someone different. We have had lots of children telling us they will be collected by other parents/friends but this information must come from you and we will challenge grown-ups collecting if we have not been informed.

Thank you

Mrs Lamb



Proud as Punch



This week we had the first of our tours for prospective parents of Reception children for 2019. It was an absolute joy to show them around our school and for them to see our children in action. Our Year 4 children were hard at work, teaching each other about Florence Nightingale with their own super PowerPoint presentations. Fraser in Blue Class was brave and presented some of his to the parents too!

We also made a visit to Yellow class where the children were keen to tell our visitors how we are all friends in school, how we respect each other, and if anyone is lonely, people will come and play with you. It did make some of us a little misty eyed!

We also had a parent in school who commented on how well-mannered the children were in the corridors, holding doors and being wonderful.

We are so proud of all of our children in school!

Mrs Lamb

Parent Consultations

Thank you for returning your parent consultation slips. Parent consultations will be held on **Monday 19th November** and **Thursday 22nd November**. You should have all been returned your slip indicating your appointment day and time. If you haven't received this please see your child's class teacher.

Mrs Lamb

Beamish!!

Years 3 and 4 took the day off on Wednesday and went back in time to 1897 to spend some time having a Victorian lesson, (very scary teacher) as well as riding on trams and open top busses, tasting old fashioned sweets, going down a mine and, of course, stopping for lunch!

Here are some of the comments from Indigo Class:

'In Victorian times you were not allowed to be left handed. We got pulled out to the front of the class and I did not like it!'

Daniel Irving

'I liked the mines because it was very funny as the grown-ups banged their heads a lot!'

Katie Collins

'In the Victorian School Mr Metcalf was very strict.'

Maggie Handyside

'I liked the trams because we could get some fresh air. There was a delicious smell coming from the sweet shop. I saw a machine with a box of dynamite next to it. We went to the dentist which was a little freaky because there were boxes full of teeth!'





Peter Havery the School Crossing Patrol who stands on the Great North Road at the pedestrian crossing is due to retire on the 16th Nov 2018. Gosforth Park First School would like to thank Peter for all of his hard work and we will miss seeing him in school each day when he comes to collect his lollipop! We hope he enjoys his retirement and will pop back to visit us.

We have been informed that the recruitment for a new person to operate at this point will take place as soon as possible. However, it is likely that there will be a gap of a couple of weeks between Peter leaving and a new person starting in post. We will keep you informed of progress with the recruitment of a new officer as and when we receive information from the Road Safety Manager at the Council.

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)



I was lucky enough to taste the Victoria sponge that Indigo class made last term, with its low sugar jammy filling and it was delicious! We are increasingly being made aware of how much sugar there is in the food that we buy and it often exceeds the amounts our children should have. Be Food Smart is the slogan of the Change4Life campaign and their food scanner app is great. This displays the sugar content of a huge number of products as sugar cubes, which is a great visual prompt to help us be more aware of what we are all eating.

Mrs Wells



Friday 23rd November

Tempest Photography will be in school on Friday 23/11/2018 to take individual and family group photographs. Perfect timing for Christmas presents!

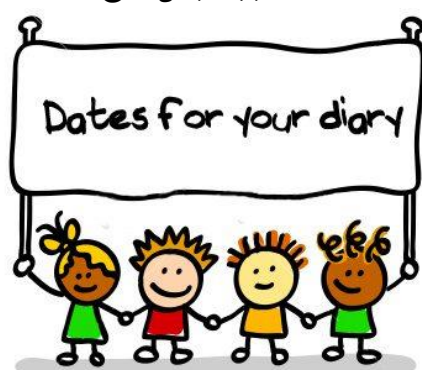
We must have your photo permission slip returned. If you need another copy please see Mrs Carrick or Mrs Eltringham in the school office.

Tempest will be returning to take Class photographs later in the School year.



Our Mathletics Trophy has been awarded to **Yellow Class** this week! Well done.

Our top two Mathletes of the week are Ellie Miladinova and Zach Miladinov!
Congratulations!



Fri 16 th Nov	Children in Need
WB 19 th Nov	Parent's Evenings
Wednesday 12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day

We will have more exciting dates for you in next week's newsletter!



We are planning a special display for the school hall and need your help. Do you have any old picture frames that you have finished with? If so please could you remove the glass and send them in to school? We're going to spray paint them gold and use them to celebrate the very best examples of our work in school. Thank you

Homework

Class	
Green	'ow' and 'ou' phonic sheet Subtraction problem
Orange	Addition of coins g/j phonics sound
Yellow	Phonics ea worksheet +/- number sentences
Indigo	Column method subtraction 2 and 3 digits
Violet	Recap column addition up to 4-digits Research Charles Dickens
Blue	Find the perimeter of rectilinear shapes



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 98.2% overtaking last year's 98.1% - keep it up!

We only had 10 lates this week (9 families) which is a huge improvement! Thank you.



Congratulations to Henry Craib who has achieved his 75metre swimming award!



The Friends of GPFS
Welcome BACK! We hope everyone
had a lovely half term!

Glow in the Dark Disco

Just a reminder that tickets are no on sale for the Friends of GPFS Disco, tickets are limited so get yours whilst they last! Tickets are £3 each and available from the school office. *all children must be supervised by an adult throughout the event.



PTFA Meeting

Our next meeting will be 7pm on Tuesday 13th November in the school hall, as always everyone is welcome to attend.

Best Wishes ,

Jen Higgins

On Behalf of The Friends of GPFS



Reception Christmas Craft Morning!

On Friday 14th December (9:00 - 10:00) we would like to welcome you in to class to participate in a variety of Christmas craft 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. Everyone is welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers to get into the festive spirit (Parents/Carers included). We look forward to seeing you all then.

Thank you,

The Reception Team

Calling all Needleworkers!!



Following an extensive 'clear out' over half term we have found ourselves the proud owners of a lot of material that is begging to be turned into dressing up clothes for our children to enjoy both in class and outside.

We are looking for skirts, aprons, waistcoats and other 'easy to pull on' clothes that will enhance our drama and role play activities.

If you have time and the knowhow to create some dressing up items please come and see us so we can use this material creatively for our children.

Thank you, you're a star!!

Mrs Thorpe