



Gosforth Park First School

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Chronicle Wish Tokens.

Please could we ask that you collect these and send them into School. We are collecting them on behalf of Daft as a Brush. This charity was chosen by the Gosforth School's Trust School Council members as the local charity we could all support. Our children helped design the pictures and name for one of the little ambulances which take children and their family members to the Freeman Hospital for treatment. Tokens appear daily in The Chronicle and will appear every day until Saturday January 7th 2017. Remember, the greater number of tokens we collect, the greater the share of the Wish fund Daft as a Brush will receive. Watch out for the bonus token days too as these could give a massive boost! Support Daft as a Brush, your local charity, to collect as many tokens as possible! Send them in to GPFS.

Many thanks from the GPFS School Council members

KING JESUS CHILDREN'S HOME

In assembly on Monday I spoke to the children about our International Link School and orphanage in Kumasi in Ghana.



The children saw photographs and watched videos of the children playing and working. They tried to guess one of the games and came up with some good ideas. Please talk to your child about the assembly and see what they have remembered.

The orphanage has to pay for each child to attend school (£90) per term and provide the children with a uniform, books and school shoes and this is where the problem lies. If the children don't go to school in white socks (some of which we have already sent) and school shoes they are sent home. This is a half hour walk for the child. Many of the shoes they have are too small or too large.

We are asking you to send in your child's school shoes and football boots once they have grown out of them and are still in good condition. We don't need wellies or boots. Let's help these children as much as we can by sending them something which is of no use to us.

Thank you
Mrs Wilson



FGPFS – Surprise Room / Grotto Shop

Thank you so much for sending in donations today of gifts for the Surprise Room/Grotto Shop. If you have forgotten to send something in then, the FGPFS would be very grateful if it could be sent in on Monday. Thank you

The Surprise room is opened for children to buy a present for someone special in their family (we encourage them to understand that this shouldn't be themselves). Santa's Elves will be there to wrap the gifts and help write the Christmas/Special gift tag. The children can spend **£2.50** on the gift (**max 1 per child**). The Surprise Room and Grotto Shop are beautifully decorated to reflect Santa's Workshop. Each Key Stage has a particular day to do their shopping. Please refer to the timetable:



Monday 19th December = EYRS + Green & Orange

9.15am = Morning Nursery

10.00am = R1

10.45am = R2

12.45pm = Afternoon Nursery

1.30pm = Green

2.25pm = Orange



Tuesday 20th December = KS2 + Yellow

9.10am = Yellow

9.50am = Violet

10.30am = Indigo

11.10am = Blue



Wednesday 21st December, Mrs Hall and Mrs Tudor will do an additional 'Mop Up' if needed (children who have been absent)

Christmas Productions

Tickets for KS1 and KS2 (please note Early Years, Nursery and Reception, are **NOT** ticketed), were issued on **Monday 28th November**, two tickets per family on your child's class colour, with their name on the back. You were asked to check your child's reading folder for these. If you don't need them all, we would be grateful if you could return any spare tickets to the School Office.

These will then be allocated on a first come, first served basis from **Tuesday 6th December**.

For KS1 & KS2 productions **you must show your ticket at the door to gain entry**. A member of the FGPFS will collect them. Please, please remember that the actual productions are for **adults only** to attend.

Remember that pre-school children and babies are very welcome at the **Dress Rehearsals** but **NOT at the actual productions**. We don't want to turn anyone away; staff have requested this so that the children are not distracted whilst doing their shows. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Don't Forget CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Dress Rehearsals will be on the following dates:-

- **Reception 1 & 2 and Morning Nursery Friday 9TH December 9.30 am – 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'**
- **Key Stage 1 Friday 9TH December 2.00pm – 'Babushka'**
- **Key Stage 2 Monday 12th December 9.30am – 'Victorian Christmas'**
- **Reception 1 & 2 and Afternoon Nursery Monday 12TH December 2.00pm – 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'**

MAIN PRODUCTIONS

Please note the main productions are for **Adults Only**. All the children in school and babies, pre-school children, including Nursery aged children, are invited to attend the dress rehearsals and watch the productions at the Dress Rehearsals.

For the actual performances due to hall capacity tickets have been sent out for KS1 & 2, two per family.

The FGPFS will kindly- FOR THE MAIN PERFORMANCES ONLY be serving COFFEE/TEA and raffle tickets prior to the performances. Doors will open at 1.30pm for afternoon performances and 9.05 am for the am EYRS performance. You will be asked to wait patiently outside as you will realise that we have to set up the hall prior to the performances.

The Main Performances are on:

Tuesday 13th December 2.00pm= Reception 1&2 and Afternoon Nursery 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'

Wednesday 14th December 9.30am = Reception 1&2 and Morning Nursery 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'

Thursday 15th December 2.00pm = KS1 'Babushka'

Friday 16th December 2.00pm = KS2 'Victorian Christmas'

Christmas Cards

From Monday 5th December children can send Christmas cards to their friends in school. Please make sure the cards have the person's name and class on the envelope (and if possible surname) so our little helpers can deliver them to the correct class. The Red Post Box for Y1 to Y4 is outside the office and Early Years' Post Box will be in the Early Years Entrance area.

Nursery children will be bringing home a special card to design and make - their own card to share with all of their friends in Nursery.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES – LAST WEEK

Each key stage will send out a memo re party clothes and bringing in nibbles. The FGPFs have kindly said that they will provide drinks.

The party days are :

The morning of Monday 19th **December** = Morning Nursery

The afternoon of Monday 19th **December** = Afternoon Nursery / Reception 1 & 2

The afternoon of Tuesday 20th **December** = Key Stage 1 (green, orange & yellow classes)

The afternoon of Wednesday 21st **December** = Key Stage 2 (violet, indigo, blue classes)

The last day of term is Wednesday 21st December/ School reopens at 8.55am on Thursday 5th January 2017

Please note that this is not a Training Day, everyone should be in school; it is a normal school day. Thank you.

On the up!

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.5 % - up from 96.9% last year! Well done!!

Mrs Lamb

Attendance - Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception 1** and **Violet** classes. Well done to everyone!

Mrs Lamb



- Start the day with a healthy breakfast. It refuels your body and gives you energy for the day.
- Eat slowly. It takes 20 minutes for your brain to register that you are full.
- Eat more vegetables and fresh fruits.
- Eat more whole grains (e.g., oats, brown rice, rye, crackers, whole-wheat pasta).
- Drink plenty of fluids – water is always a good choice.

Miss Cogdon

LOST AND FOUND

Whilst tidying the school library Mrs Wilson found 2 books which may have been bought or reserved from the recent Book Fair. The titles are :

'Best Friends' and 'My Adorable Pony Journal'. If these are your child's books please collect from the school office.

ALSO found in playground – Swarovski crystal heart. If this is yours please call at office to collect.

LAST DAY - FESTIVE HATS AND HAIR BANDS CAN BE WORN AS WELL

HO! HO! HO!

The children will be allowed to bring in a game, a toy, (no electronic games or DSs etc please), to play, share with friends. This must be in a named bag etc. Please note we take no responsibility for lost or broken items. The idea is to encourage the following skills; cooperation, sharing, thinking and problem solving, communication-speaking and listening and being responsible. This game sharing will take place in the afternoon. The children will be in the hall with me in the morning undertaking work related to Literacy, PSHCE and thinking skills. We shall have fun!

SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

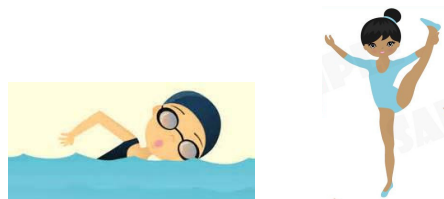
As already advised this is on Tuesday 20th **December**. The children may wear a festive hair band or hat.

Staff also have their lunch with the children and it is traditionally a wonderful dining experience.



Congratulations to Serena Midas-Panayi, Green Class, who achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award level 7

And also to Isabel Gent in Reception 1 who has passed her stage 3 swimming. Well done – great achievements!



Christmas Theatre Visits

Reminder of dates

Afternoon of Thursday December 15th = R1& R2 + pm Nursery to Northern Stage - 'Luna'

Morning of Monday December 19th = KS1 & KS2 Northern Stage –'James & the Giant Peach'

Morning of Tuesday December 20th = R1 & R2 + am Nursery to Northern Stage - 'Luna'

The Out of School Club, OSC, privately run organisation

On the afternoon of Friday 9th December, the OSC have been informed that they are being inspected by Ofsted. We will support the OSC as much as we can. To help them, we ask that parents who are attending the Christmas Production on the afternoon of the 9th ensure that if they are taking their child home after the Production and are not sending them to the club as they would normally, please inform the OSC team beforehand. This will support them with their registers. Thank you

TOP TABLE



The following children were selected to sit at the **TOP TABLE** last Friday (25th Nov)

William Anderson, Ellie Cook, Lamar Ghardag, Harry Ivison, Tom Beall, Lydia Day and Olivia Ikin.