



Gosforth Park First School

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The Children have had a lovely time enjoying activities and games and raising money for Children in Need. They all looked amazing, we have never seen so many spots!

This morning we even had a special unexpected visit from Pudsey!

We will count the money raised next week and publish in the newsletter as we still have one or two more activities which are ongoing.

Friends of Gosforth Park First School

Many thanks to all parents who have volunteered to help with our events – we are so grateful. I shall be in touch very soon asking for help with Christmas productions and the Christmas Disco.

Don't forget the Quiz Night at Three Mile Inn at 8 pm on Tuesday 22nd November – we would really like to see you there!

Jane Alley (Chair of FGPFs)


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Reminder - ABSENCES/MEDICALS

School Absence Phone line from Nursery to Year 4

You are required to contact School on the first day of your child's absence and state the reason for the absence. Please keep the School Office informed of any prolonged illness. If your child has sickness and diarrhoea they have to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last 'bout'. This is a requirement due to the spread of contagious viruses etc and to protect everyone in school – this instruction is from Public Health.

If your child has to have an urgent visit to the GP or a hospital appointment, you are required to come to the school Office to collect a pass. If it is a hospital appointment a copy of the letter would be helpful to have so that we can help with any health needs or to the GP or a hospital appointment you are required to come to the school office and get a pass. The only person in school who can authorise an absence is the Head Teacher and NOT the Class Teacher. I have given Mrs Maughan permission to issue passes for medical appointments.

Please contact school if your child has developed any allergies; now requires an inhaler due to diagnosis of Asthma or requires prescribed medication. Mrs Wilson is continuing to meet with parents who have stated that their child has asthma to discuss a Health Care Plan re inhaler use etc.

Could we appeal to all parents to make sure that we can contact them (or another appropriate adult) by phone, should their child be ill or in case of any other emergency.





Parking 'Help Please'

Thank you so much to our parents who park safely and responsibly. Can we please remind parents **not** to park down the access road to the Golf Club as there was an incident last year when an emergency vehicle was unable to get to the golf club because of this.

Also it has been reported to me that a car was parked on the pavement on the bend by the little car park blocking access for pedestrians and this is dangerous to the children and adults

If anyone gets any abuse please inform the police first, record the details, including registration number and let the school office know as well.

Water Bottle Reminder

Please ensure that your child has a **named** water bottle in school. This will come home each day to be washed and filled up with water at home for the next day. You will have seen in the media the push from Health encouraging parents to limit access to fizzy drinks and juice due to the high sugar content. Following health guidelines and our work as a Healthy School we have always stated that the bottles which the children bring into school for drinks throughout the day **must contain water only**. Please support this. Thank you.

SCHOOL LUNCHES

Information about lunches e.g. the latest menu is on the school website under the parent section. From time to time the menus on the day may change due to delivery of produce delays, this is quite rare but Mrs Clark, the School Cook, always provides a super range for the children.

Our Special Remembrance Day Assembly – Friday 11th November 2016

On Friday 11th November we held a special assembly of Remembrance with the children and staff. We also did the two minutes silence together. The children were very respectful and thoughtful. Classes shared their thoughts about this special day eg poems, paintings, historical facts, personal family experiences. Their efforts were amazing. Well done boys and girls.

Members of the British Legion have been in to collect the 'Poppy Appeal' sealed collection tin. They wished to pass on their thanks to families, staff and the children for the donations given.

School Milk

At Gosforth Park First School we ensure that milk is on offer at lunchtimes to all children having a school meal. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium but eats a packed lunch each day we are able to provide him or her, free of charge to you, with a drink of milk at lunchtime. Please let Mrs Maughan in the School Office know if you would like to take up this offer.

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.

Many thanks GPFS School Council members

CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Please make a note of the information on your calendars.

This year KS2 have decided that they won't be doing an evening performance.

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 4TH 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 will be sent out for KS1 & 2 nearer the time, two per family.

The FGPFS will kindly (FOR THE MAIN PERFORMANCES ONLY) be serving COFFEE/TEA and selling 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 the hall up 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'

On the up!

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.7% - up from 97.4% last year! Well done!!

Mrs Lamb

Attendance - Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception 2** and **Violet** classes. Well done to everyone!

Mrs Lamb



KS2 Back Packs



Please can we ask that KS2 children refrain from bringing large backpacks to school. We simply do not have enough room in the cloakrooms at the tops of the stairs.



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – SHOE BOX APPEAL

Thank you so much to all of you for your generosity in sending in the shoeboxes, we have 73 at the moment. The 'chaps' are coming on Tuesday 22nd in the morning to collect the shoeboxes. So, if you have forgotten, like me and would like to send one in, this can be on Monday 21st November at the 3.30pm at the latest.

Thanking you in advance for your support, you are all so kind.



We will be selling St Oswald's Christmas Beanies in the office from Monday for a donation of £2.

**SECURITY WE REALLY NEED THE HELP OF ALL
ADULTS. THANK YOU**

1. **Outside gates** – we need your help. Please ensure that they are closed. There are signs on them. Your support with this is much appreciated.
2. **If you need to come school even to collect a bike , you MUST report to the School Office first. Your help with this is really appreciated.**
3. **End of school day** – we request that at the end of the day parents, carers etc don't open the gates and come on site until **3.20pm** Staff could be teaching PE/Games lessons outside. This ensures that we don't have people wandering around the site when our children are outside. This does not apply to the staggered collecting of Reception children.
4. **Internal doors outside school office** – are controlled electronically. Please note that you won't just be able to go down the corridor. You must see Admin staff first.
5. **Please do not allow your children to climb or swing on the Early Years red railings. Keep children behind the white line and do not allow them to climb the ramp or steps.**



Healthy School

5 SNACK SUGGESTIONS

1. Dips and dunks with vegetables and fruit sticks are great for children's parties or anytime snacks
2. A real fruit milk shake – liquidise banana, strawberries, raspberries or mango (or a mixture!) with milk. Add a scoop of ice cream or yoghurt. Great with breakfast or after school.
3. Freeze bananas or orange segments on sticks as a refreshing snack
4. Grated cheese and grated carrot are the perfect partners for a sandwich filling
5. Include some dried or fresh fruit or vegetable sticks in children's lunch boxes

Miss Cogdon



Congratulations to Daniel Craig in Green Class who has been awarded his 5m swimming badge, and to Lauren and Samuel Scholfield who have now achieved their Stage 1 and Stage 2 Swimming Awards!



**Christmas Lunch
Tuesday 20 December 2016**



Christmas Lunch Menu

**Traditional Roast Turkey
With traditional accompaniment
Or
Quiche**

**Seasonal Vegetables
Roast or Creamed Potatoes**

**Christmas Pudding with White Sauce
Or
Festive Speciality Ice Cream
Or Selection of Seasonal Fruits**

If your child has a packed lunch, they will receive a letter in their bag tonight asking if they wish to have a Christmas lunch. If your child is in KS2 the cost is £2, if your child is in Reception or KS1 there is no charge as they qualify for Universal Free School Meals. Please return the reply slip, with your child's name and choice of meal (Vegetarian or Traditional) and payment (if applicable) by Friday 25 November at the latest.

**Many thanks.
Mrs Maughan**