



# Gosforth Park First School

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## DIABETES UK

**KNOW DIABETES. FIGHT DIABETES.**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am very pleased to inform you that Gosforth Park First School has been nominated for the Diabetes UK Good Diabetes Care in School Award. The award celebrates and showcases schools that deliver good care and support to children and teenagers with Type 1 diabetes.

As part of the nomination, Diabetes UK is inviting parents and carers to complete a brief online parent survey at [www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/school-nomination](http://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/school-nomination).

Please follow the link to the survey if you would like to show your support or to oppose this nomination. The survey should take no more than two minutes to complete. You can answer this survey anonymously if you want to.

Please be advised that you have until Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December to respond to this parent survey. Responses to this parent survey will be used by Diabetes UK to assess our school's nomination for the award. You can find out more about the Good Diabetes Care in School Award at [www.diabetes.org.uk/school-award](http://www.diabetes.org.uk/school-award).

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

## Oh Christmas Tree...

Loot at the wonderful Christmas tree our school council children picked out for us!



On Monday 2nd December we will be inviting all of our children in school to bring in one small decoration to hang on our school Christmas tree. This can be something old, something new or something handmade. It will be lovely to have all of our families represented on the tree, it really did look beautiful last year!

## Tempest Photograph Orders

Please make sure that all orders are handed to the office on Monday. After this date, any orders will have to be made online. This is to make sure your orders arrive before the Christmas break.

Thanks

Mrs Carrick



## Christmas Productions

Tickets for KS1 and KS2 (please note Early Years, Nursery and Reception, are **NOT** ticketed).

The tickets will be in your child's reading folder on **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. You will be issued with two tickets per family on your child's class colour, with their name on the back. Please 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 3<sup>rd</sup> December**.

For KS1 & KS2 productions you must show your ticket at the door to gain entry. A member of the FGPFs will collect them. The actual productions are for grown-ups to attend.

## Main Productions

Please note the main productions are for **adults only**. 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; this so that the children are not distracted whilst doing their shows. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

## Buggies and Push Chairs

As you will appreciate, will have limited space for buggies and pushchairs. If you do need to bring one, please make sure it is placed at the back of the hall, out of the way of the fire exits.

Many thanks

## Tea, Coffee and Raffle

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. Please wait patiently outside until we prepare the hall for the children.



## Merry Christmas

Christmas cards. We usually invite children to send Christmas cards to their friends from the beginning of December. While we are all for celebrating Christmas with each other, we are also mindful of the environment and thought maybe this year, if your child would like to send a card, they could send just one to the whole class?

If you really would like to send multiple cards, 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.

You could go even completely paperless and tweet us your Christmas message @GosforthPark1st

Nursery children will be bringing home a special card to design and colour to then swap with their friends in class.

## Christmas Parties

On the day of the Christmas Parties children can bring their party clothes in a bag to change into on the afternoon. In the afternoon they will have some games and dancing in the hall followed by some party nibbles which are kindly being provided by the PTA.

The dates are:

Monday 16th December PM KS2 Party

Tuesday 17th December PM KS1 Party

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December Nursery Parties AM/PM

Thursday 19th December Reception Party



### Reception Christmas Craft Morning!

On **Thursday 19th December (9:00 - 10:30)** 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



We are very much looking forward to this year's panto, *Cinderella*, at The Exchange Theatre in North Shields.

The trip is planned for the morning of **Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December for Key Stage 2** and **Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December for Reception and Key Stage One**

We will be travelling by coach, setting off just after registration, and will return in time for lunch at school.

Your child will need to be in school uniform for this visit.

The cost for this visit will be £5. PTA are subsidising the cost of the trip by paying for transport. Contributions are voluntary and no child will be excluded from the visit if parents are unable to contribute, however if not enough funds are collected then unfortunately the visit won't be able to go ahead. Please consent and send your contribution via Parent Pay by Monday 2nd December. Contributions are non-refundable if your child is sick or absent from the trip.

We will also need lots of parent helpers – please let the office know if you can help and on which day.

Thank you  
Mrs Lamb



## Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 97% which is down on last week and last year.

We know that our pupils, as well as much of the region, have been hit with a virus causing headaches, high temperatures, coughs and sore throats.

We had 29 lates this week (10 families).  
Mrs Lamb



Congratulations to the following children who were selected, because of their super behaviour at lunchtime, to join Mr Hindess for lunch on The Golden Table!

William Gibbins, Madeleine Lewis, Emily Graham, Eloise Davies and Eden Coulter.



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Zoe Tinnon and Hania Pervez. Well done! Our class of the week is **Orange Class!**

## Reception Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications for children to start school in Reception is midday on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. To find out more and apply online visit [www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions).



Nursery will be having a special visit from Zoolab on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December which is kindly being paid for by the PTFA.

## Advent Calendar Donations

We were overwhelmed with your generosity once again! Mrs Lambert delivered 168 advent calendars to the East End foodbank this week. These were very gratefully received.

## St Oswald's



The St Oswald beanies have gone down a treat this week and we have already sold out!

We have been promised a delivery on Monday. Don't worry Mrs Lucas – we'll get you your elephant!



Congratulations to Ethan Middleton, Lucy Watkins and Ayla Secombe for taking part in the County Beaver Climbing Competition with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Cramlington Beaver Colony. Congratulations to Asmina Doshi, who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award advanced level Bronze in Vault and Rebound, and also advanced level Bronze in Apparatus.



# Diary Dates

Please see changes/new additions in red

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| Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> November 7:00pm         | E-safety evening at Gosforth East Middle  |
| Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 9:30am         | Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal     |
| Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December              | Zoolab visiting Nursery                   |
| 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                  |
| Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> December             | KS2 Cinderella Theatre Trip               |
| Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> December              | Reception and KS1 Cinderella Theatre Trip |
| 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                  |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December PM             | KS2 Christmas Party                       |
| Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December PM            | KS1 Christmas Party                       |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December AM/PM       | Nursery Christmas Party                   |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December             | Christmas Jumper Day                      |
| Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December             | Christmas Lunches                         |
| Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 9:00 – 10:30 | Reception Christmas Craft Morning         |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December                | Last day of term                          |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                  | Training Day                              |
| Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> January                 | School re-opens                           |



## The Friends of GPFS



## Disco 2019

Thank you to everyone who came along to our Disco on Sunday. We hope you all really enjoyed yourselves. A big thank you to Kate and Anna for selling the left over cakes on Monday after school, they sold really well and helped make some extra money too.

We raised another fantastic amount of money which will go towards paying for the transport for the children to go to the pantomime this Christmas and for Zoolab to visit our nursery children.



Special thanks to former GPFS student, **Jamie Watkins**, who designed and ran a stall to help entertain anyone taking a break from dancing. The children really enjoyed having a go at Jamie's mini tin can alley.



As always,  
**THANK YOU**  
to our wonderful  
volunteers!!  
Without you we could  
not hold these events.

And a big thank you to Mr & Mrs Lamb for  
both helping our volunteers too!



## Christmas 2019

The Friends of GPFS will be serving Tea and Coffee and selling raffles tickets (£1 per ticket) at the Christmas Productions (not the dress rehearsals, sorry!) on the following dates:

- KS1 Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm
- EYFS Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 9:30am
- KS2 Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec 2pm

### Christmas Production Raffles

We would like to hold a raffle at each of the three productions. In order to do this, we will need some donations for prizes such as chocolates, bottles, gift sets or anything Christmassy!

If you would like to send in a donation there will be boxes at each of the entrances to make it easy for the children to pop them in on their way into school. Boxes will be at the entrances from **Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**.