



# **Gosforth Park First School**

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## **PARENT CONSULTATIONS REPLIES**

### **RECEPTION TO YEAR 4**

The deadline for returning the reply slip to your child's teacher was Thursday 28th September. As advised if you didn't return the reply slip by the deadline date then you would be allocated a time. Thank you to those of you who have returned the replies so promptly. You will receive the time frame slip back with your appointment time on it, on Tuesday 3rd October. Please check your child's reading folder on Tuesday. I will also be sending out a letter to see parents but if any parent or carer wishes to meet with me then please contact the School Office team and I will arrange to see you. Mrs Lamb will be based in the ICT suite if any parents would like to pop in for support with Mathematics, PurpleMash or any other queries. We look forward to seeing you all on your Parent Consultation evening. Please remember this is for you and not for the children. On the evening, you will receive some information, tips to support your child with literacy, maths and IT work. There will also be a Parent/School partnership-agreement form which we request you sign, class teachers and children will have signed their agreements; this is to reflect how we all work together for the children e.g. in partnership.

### **TRAINEES IN SCHOOL**

Every term we host trainees from Northumbria University who are training to be teachers in school. They work alongside class teachers and are a great support for the children in supporting them with their learning. In EYRs we will be hosting trainees from Newcastle College who are undertaking Early Childhood Studies and this also provides our children with additional adult support.

## **Urgent reminder - Clothing & Water bottles etc.**

Despite this information being put in last week's newsletter we still have major issues with unnamed items of clothing including shoes, packed lunch boxes and water bottles.

Children can get distressed when they lose their belongings and as you would expect, it is so difficult to support children when clothing etc. is not named. I have a fantastic group of children who help match items of lost clothing and property to children. Our frustration is when things are not named. We will have to hold a second hand clothes sale soon as the lost property box is bulging. A plea to parents and carers who are not cooperating with this request - act now.

I would like to give grateful thanks to the many parents and carers who name EVERYTHING, you are marvellous.

So – Please; ensure that ALL clothing including shoes are named. We appear to have started the new term and new school year with a mountain of un-named clothing and shoes etc. in our lost property box!

Children need to bring in a named filled water bottle each day and take it home on a daily basis. The bottles are for water only and NOT juice as advised from School Health. Your support with this is needed.

## **Volunteers in School**

If you would like to volunteer to come in and help in school we would welcome this. However you must be DBS cleared (Disclosure and Barring Service). It can take a few weeks for checks to be undertaken by the City Council. Please come and get a leaflet from Mrs Douglas / Mrs Eltringham Admin staff in the School Office.

## **GOLD STAR AWARDS - RECEPTION TO YEAR 4**

At the children's request we will continue with the Gold Star Award scheme from Reception to YR4. For every ten Gold Stars the children collect they will receive a certificate and a small prize. The Gold Star collection cards are also used as a counting tool for +/x etc. maths work. We have a display in the entrance area near the School Office, a fabulous rainbow and pot of gold. When a child gets their first 10 Stars, their picture is put up on the display and moved to different sections as they collect the next sets of 10. The children hope that they will get to 100. At the moment we have a range from 10-80. The 100 mark total will be a shooting star, if we get there. Over the year the children will receive Gold Stars for exceptional things e.g. they have gone beyond the call of duty to help others, have shown real determination and effort with tricky aspects of work etc. The Gold Stars are not awarded for being polite and helpful etc. as this is what everyone should be doing. Thank you to all of our children who are working very hard to get their stars.

### ***Numicon Session for Parents***

**12...18...27...  
35...46...52!**

I have been excitedly calling out numbers in the corridors of school this week. Not just because I love maths but these have been the growing numbers of parents who have signed up for the Numicon Parents Session on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November from 1:45 – 2:45. What a fantastic response – thank you so much! It's not too late if you haven't signed up already. Please reply before Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October by returning the slip or emailing me at [Leanne.lamb@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:Leanne.lamb@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk). Due to the nature of the delivery and the numbers expected we request that babies and toddlers do not accompany parents to this session. Thanks

A very excited Mrs Lamb!

## **URGENT REMINDER**

### ***Acceptable use of technology – polite request***

There are still adults coming onto the site and leaving the site using mobile phones and who also try to use them when they come into school. Park First School recognises that advances in technology means that mobile phone use is integrated into society today. We aim to promote the safe, responsible and courteous use of technology.

Gosforth Park First School does not wish to impose a ban on use of mobile phones or technology. However, we would like to make the following recommendations to promote safe, responsible and respectful use of technology for our school community.

- While in the school building please turn phones off or to silent
- If in a school meeting, for example during parent consultation, please ensure your phone is turned off or to silent and do not answer your phone
- When collecting your child please refrain from using mobile technology e.g. please don't use it on the School site

Please remember, if uploading any photos to social media sites, you must gain the permission of other children's parents or guardians.

Thank you for your support and co-operation in this matter.

Gosforth Park First School Governing Body  
& Mrs Sara Headteacher

### ***Watches***

Children are allowed to wear a watch to school however wearable technology with gaming, camera and video functions (such as the VTech watches) are not allowed in school.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb





Our Key Stage 2 classes have been enjoying their Spanish sessions with Señora Bainbridge this term. In Year 3 they have been learning about families and in Year 4 they have been learning about weather and transport, speaking reading and writing in Spanish. Here's what the children have been saying!

Jay: Its really fun learning about those hard words when lots of us have not been to Spain – it feels like we have!

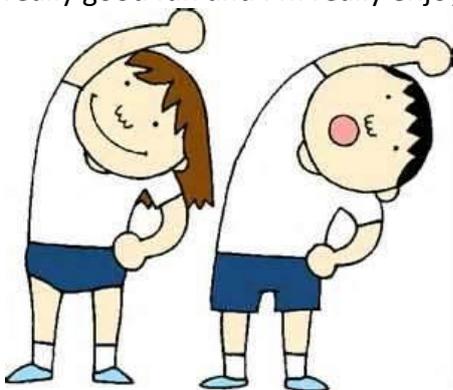
Evie: I've really been enjoying Spanish. It's been really fun, the work has been really interesting and I have learned a lot!



They have also been enjoying learning to play the Ukulele with Mrs Knighton.

Layla: Learning to play the Ukulele is very fun but it does hurt your fingers a little bit!

Tom: It's a bit noisy learning to play the Ukulele but it's really good fun and I'm really enjoying it!



Key Stage 1 and 2 have been practising their skills with Mrs Smurthwaite in PE.

In Yellow class they have been practising their ball skills.

Thomas: All of it has been really fun. I enjoyed rolling the balls and stuff.

Rosie: We were doing Multi-skills. We were also skipping, it was good.



We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and we are delighted that Revd Michelle Dalliston will be leading our assembly. As always, we will welcome donations for the People's Kitchen which provides hot meals and support for anyone who, for many different reasons, find themselves in dire straits. This is a critical time for this excellent charity, which is based near St James' Park, because it is when the warehouse is replenished with goods to sustain it through the year to come.

The charity provides a 'Harvest Wish List' for all who are willing to give. This includes tinned meals, vegetables, fruit and soups; tea, coffee and instant drinking chocolate; household items such as dishwashing cloths, pan scrubs, freezer bags, laundry wash tablets and general toiletries are also welcome. Please note that fresh fruit and vegetables are not required because it is not necessarily possible to use them immediately.

We thank you in advance for your continuing generosity and support.

Mrs Gordon

## Attendance News

Another great week for attendance! Our attendance this week is 98.6%, up from 97.5% this time last year.

We have had 35 late marks this week (19 families).



## Classes of the Week!



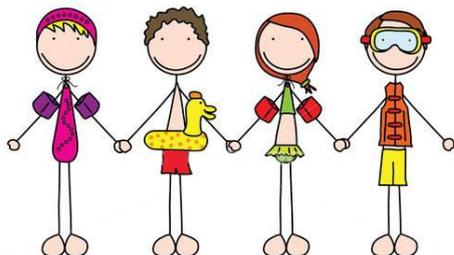
The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Indigo** and **Green** classes.

**Well done to everyone**

**Mrs Lamb**



Congratulations to Joe Thompson who has achieved his 20m swimming award, Hayden Fahy who has achieved his Stage 6 swimming award and Serena Midas-Panayi who has achieved Level 5 in Gymnastics



A huge well done goes out to our Year 4 swimmers for their superb behaviour. It was lovely when a parent came to see me earlier on in the week to say how brilliantly behaved they had been walking to and from swimming.

We are very proud of you all!

Mrs Lamb



**Healthy School**

## **HEALTHY TUCK SHOP**

The children are loving spending their 20p's at our HEALTHY TUCK SHOP each morning break.

They all line up sensibly and wait for their turn. The year 4 children are very patient with the younger children and help them to decide what they would like to buy.

We always sell **two** types of fresh fruit, water, raisins, cheese and yoghurts so there is plenty to choose from.

Mrs Wilson

## **Water!**



The children have been remembering to bring their water bottles each day and keeping hydrated really does help learning!

Well done and thank you!

