



Gosforth Park First School

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On behalf of the staff and the Governing Body, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year. Thank you for all of the edible treats that have been sent in for staff to share. As you would expect – almost all gone!

Thank you so much for all of your support, it is much appreciated. Please follow the link below to see our Christmas Greeting to you all.

<https://twitter.com/GosforthPark1st/status/1207994562783928322>

FGPFS A Special Thank You

On behalf of the staff and the children I would like to thank the FGPFS for organising all of the fundraising events this term. The money raised is very much appreciated.

Thank you!

Spring Term Topics

EYFS - **Space**

Key Stage 1 – **Pole to Pole**

Key Stage 2 – **Hola!**

See the Topic Webs attached or check out the curriculum section on the website.

Dinner Money

Dinner money for next half term will be £58.

Reminder

School re-opens at 8.55am on Tuesday 7th January 2019 and we look forward to welcoming everyone in to the New Year.

Christmas Parties

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties. Thanks to the staff for making them so special.



Dear Parents,

Following our successful French taster last week, the Reception children will have the opportunity to join the Reception French lunch club next term (starting on Thursday the 9th of January). There are still places available.

If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Mrs Baldasera on 0191 649 06 96, or 07815 115 468, or by email: rachelbaldy@gmail.com

Many Thanks,

Kind Regards,

Rachel

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Mr Hamilton's music lessons will start again on the first Friday back after the Christmas holidays (Friday 10th January).

Are you the missing duckling?

I have had a Duckling award handed in at the office and would love to put your child's achievement on the swimming wall and in the newsletter but alas there is no name! Mrs Wilson





Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 96.6% which is the same as last week.

Hopefully the two week break will see off the last of the coughs and colds.

We had 36 lates this week (19 families). Let's make it our New Year's resolution to get here on time!

Mrs Lamb

Homework

As part of our new topics, we would love the children to complete a **research project** to present to their peers during next half term. You should have received a letter with some ideas from your class teacher.

If you would like to complete additional learning activities remember you can log on to Mathletics, Oxford Owl or Purplemash from anywhere at any time. You could also keep a diary of all of the wonderful things you get up to over the holiday, take some photos from your wonderful outings or just relax with family and friends.

PLEASE REMEMBER - Preloved uniform is available to buy anytime through Kate Watkins. Please contact her on 07947846974. Lots of stock available at the moment. This includes not only official school uniform but also grey items priced as low as 50p.



Well done to Katie Collins who had her hair cut and sent to make a wig for children with cancer. What a brave and kind thing to do!

Well done to Eleanor Gill, Year 1 Green Class, who has achieved her 5 metre swimming certificate.

Well done to Jack Lloyd, Violet class, who has achieved his Stage 6 Swimming Badge.

Mathletics

Our Mathletes of the week this week are Zoe Tinnion and Myar Elalem. Well done! Our class of the week is **Orange Class - again!** **Indigo** were very close this time! Keep it up!



We raised an amazing £138 for this year's Poppy Appeal – thank you so much for your support.

Reception Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications for children to start school in Reception is midday on 15th January 2019. To find out more and apply online visit www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions.

Diary Dates

Please see changes/new additions in red

Friday 20 th December	Last day of term
Monday 6 th January	Training Day
Tuesday 7 th January	School re-opens



The Friends of GPFS

Surprise Visitor!

Our Grotto was another huge success. The children loved going to meet Santa, receiving a gift and a sticker. It just filled the school with Christmas spirit!



Shout out to Anna for organising the Grotto Make over and to all the amazing volunteers who helped make the Grotto – THANK YOU! And thank you to the staff for organising the children. And last but not least.... special THANK YOU to Santa for taking time out of his very busy schedule to visit us at GPFS!

Thank You

Since September we have raised £2067.94 (not including the total raised from this week's grotto) through our events and received £412.81 from external donations from initiatives such as Sage's Benevity, Easyfundraising.com and stampastic.

This means in total we have raised a whopping **£2480.75**

(... with more to come from our Grotto).

So far this year we have spent **£2667.06** which has paid for/contributed to:

- Waterproof Speaker for playground activities (£199.99)
- Sign up and Membership costs for everyone with Oxford University Press (£736.95)
- Steam Whistle Theatre Company (£349.40)
- Reading Tree Books (£201.57)
- Athletics Subscription for whole school (£1134)
- Christmas Party Food (£45.15)

The Friends of GPFS would like to thank you for your continued support this term, we have had a lot going on and we appreciate the effort everyone has made to make each event successful.

A special thank you to all the volunteers and staff who have helped us at our events to ensure we are able to run smoothly and ensure everyone has an amazing time.

To the individuals from **Sage** who have supported our school through the Benevity Charity Donations – THANK YOU!! Your support has helped us secure some fantastic donations from Sage which has made a huge difference to the totals raised over the last couple of months.

The community spirit within our school is what makes it such a fantastic place to be for our children, and the money raised helps the amazing staff provide the best resources and experiences for them too!



Have a wonderful Christmas Holiday,
Merry Christmas & Happy New Year



From

The Friends of GPFS Committee Members