



Gosforth Park First School

www.gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

13th December 2019 Issue 6 Autumn Term 2



Wow! What an amazing bunch of talented children we have at Gosforth Park First School! The children's Christmas productions were all magical and have really got us in the festive spirit. Thank you so much for supporting us by helping with costumes, attending the events, buying raffle tickets, teas and coffees and for your lovely comments! A huge thanks and well done to all of the staff who made this all happen and to the PTA volunteers who manned the doors and tea/coffee stall.

nemco

north east music

Mr Hamilton will not be in school for the rest of this term due to the Christmas Productions. We look forward to his return in the New Year.

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.



Super Cinderella!

Reception, Key Stage One and Key Stage Two classes had a fantastic time at the panto this week! There was lots of singing and dancing, booing and hissing, clapping and cheering from the children and staff!

"Oh no there wasn't!"

"Oh yes there was!"

Thank you so much to all of the parent helpers who came along and thank you to the PTA for paying for the cost of transport to the theatre.

We have provisionally booked for next year, the morning of Thursday 10th December, from Reception to Year 4 (all downstairs). Mrs Lamb





We hope you agree that our School Christmas Tree, decorated by the children looked absolutely fantastic! If you would like to keep your decorations you can take them home on Friday of next week. If not they will be boxed up and will go on our tree next year.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

Tennis Coaching Programme

Free Tennis

Saturday 14th 11-12 KS2
 Sunday 15th 10-11 Nursery
 Sunday 15th 10-11 KS1

@ Blue Flames

Caldeira Tennis For more information or to book onto a session visit:
caldeiratenis.co.uk
 Contact: 07966 370 527 coaching@caldeiratenis.co.uk

Ofsted **LTA TENNIS FOR BRITAIN** **BLUE FLAMES SPORTING CLUB**

All sessions are run by LTA qualified coaches. Caldeira Tennis is registered on the Ofsted Childrens Register with registration number 5103846.

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 18th 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



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 96.6% 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, sore throats and sickness.

We had 37 lates this week (21 families). I know we can do better!

Mrs Lamb

School Christmas Lunch



Remember: if your child usually has school lunches, or if you've ordered a lunch via Parent Pay, this is on Wednesday 18th December. It is also Christmas jumper day and the children can wear a festive hair band or hat on the day.



Immie Gumbrill has just passed her stage 3 swimming badge and ten meter badge.

Elsie Gumbrill passed her stage 1 swimming badge.



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Zoe Tinnion and Hunain Hashim. Well done!

Our class of the week is **Orange Class - again!** Come on GPFS – let's see if another class can get the trophy!

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

Monday 16 th December PM	KS2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17 th December PM	KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December AM/PM	Nursery Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunches
Thursday 19 th December 9:00 – 10:30	Reception Christmas Craft Morning
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

Christmas Grotto

Wednesday 18th December

£2 per Child (suggested donation)

Please pay on Parent Pay or alternatively bring cash in on the day.

Last year, the Christmas Grotto was a huge success with the children. They loved coming out to the Grotto, meeting the main man himself and receiving a wrapped gift and a sticker. It was such a lovely event we are doing it again this year.



Every child will receive a gift.

Santa's elves have been hard at work wrapping a book for every child. EYFS and KS1 will receive a Christmas themed book, KS2 will receive a novel by Michael Morpurgo. The selection of books was carefully picked by Mrs Lamb, to ensure the children receive something they will enjoy. All we ask is for a £2 donation, which can be paid online or by cash on the day.

Thank You

The Friends of GPFS would like to thank everyone who brought in a donation for our Christmas Production Raffles. The selection of prizes at each performance was amazing. Thank you to everyone who came, bought coffee/tea and raffle tickets before the shows. The money raised is being counted and will be used towards paying the cost of the children's transport to their Pantomime.



www.shutterstock.com • 90043306

Christmas Parties!!!

The Children will be attending their class parties next week, and our trusty Asda Guru, Anna, has already been for their Christmas Party supplies. The children will be treated to yummy snacks which have been paid for using funds raised over the last few weeks.

Have a good weekend!