



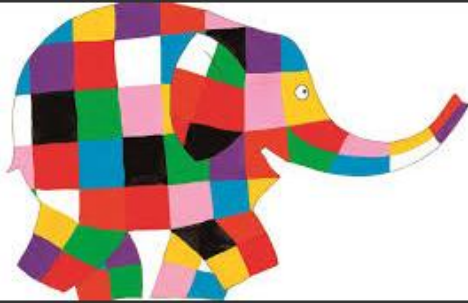
# Gosforth Park First School

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## Elmer Update



St Oswald's hospice visited our school this week to launch our Elmer the elephant. We are so proud to be raising money for this wonderful cause. We named him **Rainbow** and look forward to painting him in the next few weeks. We have an exciting week of Elmer / Rainbow art activities planned next week across the school. Mrs Lambert

## Visiting Author

We had a fantastic visit from Jason Beresford - the author of the Fantastic Fish Finger series. His assembly was high energy, full of jokes and fun and the children loved it. He delivered action packed workshops and signed books in the yard after school. Many thanks to the generosity of our wonderful PTA for making this possible.

Look out for another exciting author visit coming soon!



## Half Term

We break up at the end of the day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. School will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for the children as it is a staff training day. School will reopen on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

## Daft Day!

On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May we will be ending the term with the Gosforth Schools' Trust Daft Day! Children are invited to come to school dressed in 'daft' things. The children have suggested PJs, onesies, clown outfits, daft hair styles and accessories and daft face paint. You can be as daft or as sensible as you like. We will be collecting donations on the day to support our local charity Daft as a Brush!



**Daft as a Brush**  
CANCER PATIENT CARE

## Coming soon ...

To make things easier for you and for us!



Please see the attached letter and FAQ sheet regarding Parent Pay.

Mrs Carrick



## Reception Trip to Whitehouse Farm

What a fantastic day we had at the farm and the sun was shining! We went on a tractor ride, fed the baby lambs and held lots of the small animals; all of the children were so brave holding rats, lizards and skinny pigs, even the grownups were not that brave!



### Children's Cancer Run Essential Information

Thank you so much for joining our school team for the 37<sup>th</sup> Children's Cancer Run on **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2019**. I am very much looking forward to taking part and thrilled so many of you can attend.

Please arrive at Newcastle Racecourse, Gosforth Park by **11:20am** ready for our **11:40am start**. Our designated **car park is A**. Meet by our school banner at the school meeting point.

I am very much looking forward to seeing you there on the day! Thank you for helping our school to make a difference.

Miss Walsh

### Walk to School Week!

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May to Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May is walk to school week. This is a countrywide celebration of walking. We hope to have lots of children and their families walking to school in that week!

Miss Walsh



### Class Assemblies

Our classes have now all performed their class assemblies. Well done to all of the children and staff for showcasing the wonderful learning and fun we have in school! Thank you so much to the PTA for providing refreshments and to all of the parents, grandparent and siblings who have turned out to support our amazing children.

Mrs Lamb



There are still spaces left for the Key Stage 2 Handball Lunch club on Monday from 12-12.30pm

Please contact Marlen directly if you would like to book a place.

[marlenhandball@gmail.com](mailto:marlenhandball@gmail.com)



### Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 97.5%, the same as the last week, and still a huge improvement on last year (96.7%)

We had 18 lates this week (14 families) – let's see if we can improve this next week.  
Thank you so much for your support.  
Mrs Lamb



Huge congratulations to Leo Stewart, Lara Taylor, Nina Gumbrill and Esme Coles who have had their work displayed on The Pride of Gosforth Park First School board! They were presented in assembly with their medal which they will return next Friday, ready to hand over to the next set of superstars!

## Homework

Class	
Green	Phonics – Split digraph sentences Maths – revision mat
Orange	Phonics – Split digraph Maths – Time problems
Yellow	English – Compound words Maths – Revision mats
Indigo	Maths: Telling the time to the nearest five minutes Spellings
Violet	Maths: Fractions – problem solving Spellings
Blue	Research Elephant Facts for 'Elmer Week' Times tables (up to 12x12)



Well done to Asmina Doshi who has demonstrated the required skills for Rookie Lifeguard, Bronze Stage 3  
Well done to Theo Birdsall for achieving his Stage 4 swimming award.



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Orange Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Junhong Kwa**, and **Hunain Hashim!**  
Well done!



# Advanced Notice of Dates

Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Laing Art Gallery Artist working with Reception SC and Green Class
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	Laing Art Gallery Artist working with Orange and Yellow Class
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Laing Art Gallery Artist working with Reception SW, and KS2
Thursday 25 <sup>h</sup> May	Year 2 Skipping Festival (in school in the afternoon)
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> May	PTA Meeting 7pm in the school hall – all welcome!
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Daft as a Brush Day
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for May half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Training Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Transition morning at GEMS 9:15 – 12:00
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Evening from 6:30pm in the school hall
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Initial Robinwood meeting 6:30pm school hall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Nursery Parents Evening from 6:30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 at The Big Gig all day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Open Day from 12:30
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Trip to Safety Works (afternoon)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Trip to Safety Works (afternoon)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Author Visit, Guy Bass, for Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 4 Transition day at GEMS
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Transition day at GEMS
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	In school transition – children meet class teachers for September
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year reports out to parents
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly (am approx. 9:15 – 11:20 details TBC)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Training Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School reopens



# **The Friends of GPFS**

## **Open Day 2019**

As you know, our school Open Day 2019 is on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June. We are planning some stalls for refreshments as well as a raffle (with amazing prizes donated) and we are also looking into other activities too. For us to offer all of this, we will need volunteers to cover the stalls. If you can spare some time, we would be very grateful for your help. Please see your class rep or let us know via our email if you would like to help. If you can't help, that's ok too... just bring lots of money and support us by spending it! 😊

## **Preloved Uniform Donations**

We will be selling Preloved Uniform at the Welcome Meetings for the new Nursery and Reception parents next month. We therefore are looking for donations of uniform in sizes 3-4 and 5-6 only. Please could all donations be handed into school by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

## **Committee Meeting**

Our next meeting is next Tuesday (21<sup>st</sup> May) at 7pm in the school hall. As always, everyone is welcome to attend and we would love to see some new faces there

On behalf of the Friends of GPFS Committee,

Have a lovely weekend,

Jen Higgins