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Christmas Shows

I know you will join me in extending our gratitude to all of the Gosforth Park staff who have worked incredibly hard to make our Christmas Shows a great success. Well done again to our fabulous children for all of their brilliant performances.

Huge thanks to parents and visitors for all of your support at our Christmas events.

Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Mrs Lamb



Support for Families over the Holiday

Please see below for links to support for families in Newcastle during the winter holiday period:

Christmas opening times for support services 2022 to 2023 - Information Now -

This is a list of services available over Christmas.

Directory - Public Health

(newcastle.gov.uk) - The directory of Winter wellbeing hubs across the city.

Cost of living support | Newcastle City Council - All sorts of support and how to access it.



Merry Christmas

From everyone at Gosforth Park First School



Santa's Grotto and Christmas Parties



What a wonderful week we have had! On Wednesday, Father Christmas paid us a surprise visit on his way to the North Pole. All of our children were on his good list (phew!) and were delighted to receive their presents.

We would like to thank our PTFA for all of their help and fundraising efforts for our school. Emergency Christmas Eve bags have raised an incredible **£575**, Christmas Movie Nights raised **£616**, Santa's Grotto raised **£398** and Teas/Coffees/Raffle at Christmas shows raised **over £760**

Most of all, thank you to our Gosforth Park community for your generosity. You really have helped to make this a Christmas to remember for our children.

Mrs Lamb



A Message from the PTFA

Merry Christmas Everyone! We would like to say a huge thank you for the amazing support this month. It is very much appreciated. We hope you all have a wonderful Christmas and see you in the New Year.

Next mtg: Tues 17th Jan 6:15 - 7:15pm
school hall all welcome

Expansion update

Things have started to develop here at GPFS. Newcastle City Council has engaged a design team to work with us to develop a scope and some initial designs. More detailed design work will be carried out during the Spring Term.

We are keen to share our plans and vision with you and will organise an opportunity for you to view and comment on our proposals once layouts are affirmed.

Mrs Lamb

Virtual Christmas Performances



Our Virtual Christmas Performances are now live for you to enjoy on Music Partnership North's YouTube Channel.

KS2 – Shine your light this Christmas

KS1 – Our Christmas Party

<https://www.youtube.com/c/MusicPartnershipNorth>

Well done to everyone in KS1 and KS2 who took part.

Mr Patterson

Reminders

Reception Applications for September 2023

Applications close: 15 January 2023

School reopens on Monday 9th January

Santa Dash Daily Mile



On Wednesday we held a festive version of our much-loved daily mile. We invited all of our children to wear Santa hats, reindeer antlers or any other funky headgear to complete their mile run.

What a fantastic way to work up an appetite for our yummy Christmas dinner!

Miss Walsh



Christmas Crafts Market

Thank you again to everyone who attended our Christmas Crafts Market at school last week and helped to raise money for our PTFA.

Well done to **BLUE** Class who raised the most money with a total of **£200.56!**

Overall we raised and incredible **£1103.86!**
The Gosforth Park Team

Space – Donations Request



In Reception next term, the children will be learning all about **Space**. If you are having a clear out before Christmas and have any of the following which you could donate, we would be very grateful.

- Space themed dressing up outfits or toys
- Spare gloves
- Spare underpants (linked to our book Aliens Love Underpants)
- Small cereal boxes
- Kitchen roll tubes (not toilet roll)
- Milk bottle tops
- Clear coloured sweet wrappers

Many thanks

The Reception Team

Congratulations!



Megan W and Lucy W from Blue Class proudly collected for Marie Curie on Saturday at Tesco. Well done girls – Gosforth Park is very proud of you!

Applying for Places

Please apply on time to avoid disappointment. We are currently full with waiting lists in all year groups.

Nursery Application forms for places in September 2023 will be available on the school website and from the office from Friday 13th January 2023

The closing date for applications is 17th March 2023.

Offer letters will be emailed out on 24th March 2023.

The deadline for accepting a place is Friday 28th April.

Reception Applications for September 2023

Applications open: 1 September 2022

Applications close: 15 January 2023

National offer day: 17 April 2023

Further information can be found at

<https://www.newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-reception-places>

Congratulations!



A huge well done to Paighton who achieved her Green tag in Taekwondo!



Congratulations to Luke who gained his Level 5 swimming badge- well done!



Healthy School



Eating your Greens!

So, it's nearly time for that once a year, often feared and reviled by many, little green ball of goodness - the humble SPROUT!

Sprouts can be rejected before they've even made it home from the supermarket and the fact that they can be very bitter is usually why. So how do we get our little ones to even try vegetables such as sprouts? Firstly, the bitterness can be subdued by adding some butter and a small amount of bacon. The bacon can be cooked in advance and added to butter once cooled. It can then be used to melt on top of the bitter veg on the day. Sprouts or other greens such as cabbage or kale can also be shredded and fried or roasted with garlic and parmesan. It really is worth a try. How about renaming them Shrek's snacks or Ogre buttons or get the children to help decorate them once cooked, using cocktail sticks to add sticky festive cranberries. As a sprout hider as a child (think – under Dad's mash or into a nearby plant pot!) bacon and chestnut butter was my turning point and I'll now eat them without a fuss.

So there is still hope!

Happy Christmas!

Mrs Wells

Pre-Loved Uniform

PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN SELL		PRE-LOVED ITEMS WE CAN NOT SELL
OFFICIAL SCHOOL JUMPERS	£2.50	NON – OFFICIAL JUMPERS
OFFICIAL SCHOOL CARIGANS	£2.50	NON – OFFICIAL CARIGANS
OFFICIAL SCHOOL POLOS	£1.50	NON – OFFICIAL POLOS
GIRLS CHECKED DRESSES	£1.50	GREY BOYS TROUSERS
GREY PINAFORES	£1.50	GREY TAYLORED GIRLS TROUSERS
GREY SKIRTS	£0.50	GREY BOYS SHORTS
GREY GIRLS SOFT TROUSERS	£0.50	DAMAGED OR MARKED ITEMS
SCHOOL BAG (NEW STYLE)	£2.50	
SCHOOL BAG (OLD STYLE)	£1.50	
OFFICIAL PE T-SHIRT/SHORTS	£0.50	

Items are currently sold from 6 Burnside Road NE3 2DU, with a drop off box at the front door. Please **REMEMBER** items, particularly red, must not be marked as they are unable to be sold on. You can text me Kate Watkins (Parent) on 07947846974

Staff Training Days

Staff Training Days for GST schools for the rest of this academic year will be:

- Friday 23rd December 2022
- Friday 26th May 2023

Please see the dates for your diary below and the school calendar for 2022/2023.

In light of the announcement of His Majesty's coronation on Saturday 6 May 2023, an additional bank holiday has been announced on Monday 8 May and school will be closed on this day.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance to date this academic year is **96.7%** which is above this time last year (94.9%)

Our classes of the week this week are **Violet Class** with **96.7%** attendance and **Reception Miss Coughlan's Class** with **96.2%** attendance.

Well done!

Mrs Lamb



Gosforth Park have made a huge improvement on TTRS during 2022 – our average school speed is now an incredible **4.49 seconds!**

We currently have 4 children who are able to recall all of their times tables up to 12x12 in under 1 second per question! We can't believe our eyes when we watch them in the TTRS Studio.

Hania P – 0.63s, **Zoe T** – 0.78s, **Leo S** – 0.79s, **William C** – 0.96s

Well done to everyone!



Congratulations to **Orange class** who are the last class of 2022 to win 'Mathletes of the Week'

GPFS is so proud of you for all of your hard work. We have some brilliant mathematicians!

Ms Gasper

Advanced Notice of Dates 2022-2023

Updates will be added in red

Friday 23 rd December	Training Day
Christmas Holiday	
Monday 9 th January	School reopens
Sunday 15 th January	School Applications Deadline (Reception September 2023)
Tuesday 17 th January	6:15pm – 7:15pm PTFA mtg School Hall
Wednesday 25 th January	Reception School Trip to Great North Museum
Wednesday 25 th January	KS1 and KS2 Kielder Observatory Workshops (in school)
Friday 17 th February	Last Day of Term
February Half Term	
Monday 27 th February	School reopens
Friday 17 th March	Nursery Applications Deadline (Nursery September 2023)
Wednesday 22 nd – Friday 24 th March	Year 4 Robinwood
Friday 31 st March	Last Day of Term
Easter Holiday	
Monday 17 th April	School reopens
Monday 17 th April – Friday 28 th April	Year 4 Swimming – to be confirmed
Monday 1 st May	May Bank Holiday
Monday 8 th May	Bank Holiday
Thursday 25 th May	Last Day of Term
Friday 26 th May	Training Day
May Half Term	
Monday 5 th June	School reopens
Tuesday 27 th June	KS1 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Wednesday 28 th June	Reception Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Thursday 29 th June	KS2 Sports Day – parents arrive from 2pm
Thursday 13 th – Friday 14 th July	Year 3 On-site Residential
Friday 21 st July	Last Day of Term