



Gosforth Park First School

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Ofsted Report

Thank you so much for the super comments you have given about our recent Ofsted. We are delighted and couldn't have done it without our gorgeous darlings; you as parents and extended families; the Governing Body and of course my wonderful, dedicated staff. As you would expect we are looking at ways to enhance the areas which the HMI Mrs B Scott asked us to develop. The report is now 'live' on the Ofsted website and is also on our School website.

Junior North Run - Go GPFs

Wow fabulous news. So many of our children entered the Junior North Run. Well done to all of you for your fantastic efforts and achievement. The children shared the information about the distances they ran and we were all amazed. We are very proud of you all and you have justly earned the spectacular medals. The photo says it all.



Parent Consultations for Reception to Year 4

As advised in last week's newsletter, you will receive your child's consultation letter today. Please check your child's folder. Please follow the instructions and return the reply slip to your child's teacher by Thursday 22nd September. On Tuesday 27th September you will receive your consultation time on the reply slip which you returned. A nil response by the deadline will mean that you will be allocated a time. You will appreciate that we have to arrange 225 appointments; unless it is an emergency please don't ask to change it. I will be sending out an invite to some parents to come and meet with me, please don't panic it will be a friendly catch up. Miss Cogdon who supports some children with 'pastoral' work will meet with parents and would be happy to discuss any matters if parents want to see her; please contact the office. I am also available to meet with parents if you would like to come and chat with me; please contact the office.

BIKES & SCOOTERS



Can I please remind parents that these are left on our site at your own risk. Please ensure that your child's bike or scooter is named as some children have the same models. **REMEMBER** – do not ride your bikes, scooters etc on the school site. You need to dismount as soon as you come through the site gates eg the gates near the road. We don't want anyone to get knocked over. Thank you for your cooperation.

SCHOOL LUNCHES



Information about lunches e.g. the latest menu is on the school website under the parent section. From time to time the menus on the day may change due to delivery of produce delays, this is quite rare but Mrs Clark, the School Cook, always provides a super range for the children.

SCHOOL MILK

At Gosforth Park First School we ensure that milk is on offer at lunchtimes to all children having a school meal. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium but eats a packed lunch each day we are able to provide him or her, free of charge to you, with a drink of milk at lunchtime. Please let Mrs Maughan in the School Office know if you would like to take up this offer.

ABSENCE/MEDICINES ETC + SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE NURSERY TO YEAR 4

You are required to contact School on the first day of your child's absence and state the reason for the absence. Please keep the School Office informed of any prolonged illness. If your child has sickness and/or diarrhoea they have to be kept off school for 48 hours from the last 'bout'. This is a requirement due to the spread of contagious viruses etc and to protect everyone in school – this instruction is from Public Health.

If your child has to have an urgent visit to the GP or a hospital appointment you are required to come to the school office and get a pass. The only person in school who can authorise an absence is the Head Teacher and NOT the Class Teacher. I have given permission to Mrs Rae/Mrs Maughan to issue passes for medical appointments. If it is a hospital appointment a copy of the letter would be helpful to have so that we can help with any health needs or requirements.

Please contact school if your child has developed any allergies; now requires an inhaler due to diagnosis of Asthma or requires prescribed medication. Mrs Wilson and I are continuing to meet with parents who have stated that their child has asthma to discuss a Health Care Plan re inhaler use etc.

Could we appeal to all parents to make sure that we can contact them (or another appropriate adult) by phone, should their child be ill or in case of any other emergency.

Thank you



Due to severe allergies, the school is a NUT FREE ZONE. Please don't send your child in with any nut products e.g. in Packed Lunches. We don't want to have to ring 999!

From time to time parents ask if they can bring in treats to celebrate their child's birthday. This is fine if you ensure that they are NUT FREE eg. NO TRACES, and made on a nut free line. I would like help on this please so that we can give a list of products to parents. A volunteer to do this would be fabulous. Please would you let the school office know that you can do this. ASAP would be greatly appreciated. In the past we know that Cadbury's Chocolate buttons and Rolos were OK but a check would need to be done.

CLOTHING & WATER BOTTLES etc

Please, please, ensure that ALL clothing including shoes are named. We appear to have started the new term and new school year with a Mount Everest sized lost property box of un-named clothing and shoes etc ! A tip from one who doesn't sew: permanent marker pens are great if you don't use labels.

Children need to bring in a named filled water bottle each day and take it home on a daily basis to be washed. The bottles are for water and NOT juice. This is part of the health guidelines from School Health.

Your support with this is needed.

HOLIDAYS ETC



I am obliged to notify new parents and remind current parents that from September 2013 the Government Regulations came into effect with regards to holidays in term time. No holidays are permitted during the school term. Head Teachers can only grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised absence (not illness) can result in Local Authority fines and prosecution as directed by Central Government. The Government does not view holidays as exceptional circumstances. Please come to see me if you have any major difficulties and wish to discuss matters with me or put it in writing. Attendance at schools is monitored by the Local Authority and entry is via the School's IT system which is picked up by the LA. Thank you.

TOPIC WEBS FOR KS1/KS2

Topic Webs for your child's Key Stage can now be found on the School website under curriculum. This will give you an insight into what the children will be learning about this term to support them with developing their skills, knowledge and learning. If you have any resources or artefacts to support the Topic work and are willing to loan them, your child's teacher would gratefully welcome them.

What's Going on at GPFS ?

* KS1 & KS2 are accessing specialist PE lessons for gymnastics and apparatus work. This is being led by Mrs K Smurthwaite an external P.E.lead. Staff work very closely with Mrs Smurthwaite to support the children with the development of their skills. This will be run to the half term holiday.

* KS2 Blue & Indigo are undertaking Rugby skills work with Newcastle Falcons up to half term

* KS2 Violet class will be having some squash sessions with Richard Vitty

* KS2 this year will be accessing recorder tuition by Mrs J Knighton from Newcastle Music Service. Mr Hamilton will liaise with Mrs Knighton to ensure his musicians have a variation to develop their talents

* KS1 are having percussion sessions with Mrs Knighton on a weekly basis.

EYRs will access curriculum enhancements once they have settled into school.

Dates

I am finalising dates for the Christmas Productions and will let you know next week. A rough guide is that they will be during the week 12th December.

More information will be given nearer the time:

23rd September = the first Celebration Assembly – invites will have been sent out to children who have been put in the 'Golden Book'.

6th October = KS2 visit to Beamish Museum

12th October = FGPFs Welcome meeting with drinks and nibbles

17th October = Harvest Assembly time tbc

19th October = YR4 Tag Rugby Festival at Gosforth RFC

20th October = YR1 to YR3 'Flu Sniff' vaccination (no injections) letters coming out soon from School Health

Friday 21st = Training Day – School closed to children

In December each Key Stage will visit the theatre to see a wonderful show. Unfortunately we don't have sufficient funds in the budget to pay for the tickets and will have to ask you for contributions. The Friends of Gosforth Park First School, FGPFs have agreed to pay for the coaches to take the children to the theatre so this reduces the costs. This includes Nursery to Year 4. More information will be coming out soon via a letter.

Mini and Junior GNR 2016

Congratulations to all our amazing runners who took part in the mini GNR on Saturday. It was a beautiful day and the atmosphere on the Quayside was vibrant. I was able to cheer some of you on as you crossed the finish line and with help from Mrs Wells capture the moment. It is a huge achievement and you should be very proud (parents too!).

Thank you to all of you who have been raising money in aid of St Oswald's. I will be collecting it over the next few weeks. So please send it in as soon as possible in a sealed envelope.

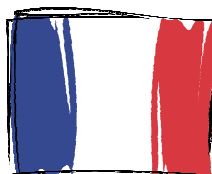
Log on to our website to find some great photographs from the day!

Well Done! Same again next year I hope.

Miss Storey



French Lunch Club



is :

We have still few places left in

Year 3 & 4 : Wednesdays from 12:00 till 12:30

Year 1 : Wednesdays from 12:30 till 13:00

Year 2 : Thursdays from 12:30 till 13:00

If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Mrs Baldasera on 0191 285 13 76, or 07815 115 468, or by email : rachelbaldy@gmail.com

Acceptable use of technology – polite request

Gosforth 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

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

Attendance

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.2% - well done, let's try to keep it up!

Mrs Lamb

Attendance - **Classes of the Week!**



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by Reception 1 and Yellow Class. Well done to everyone!

Mrs Lamb