



# Gosforth Park First School

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Thank you to all of you who were able to make it to the Glow Disco on Sunday. It was great to see so many smiling faces on the dancefloor! We had lots of parents who were great sports and joined in with the fun. My favourite was the Baby Shark dance! See the PTA newsletter below to find out how much you raised...



## Parent Consultations

Thank you so much for taking the time to come and join us for parent consultations this week in the cold and wet weather. We had a fantastic turn out (96% attendance)!

We really appreciate the feedback you have left us on your parent surveys. We will be collating all of the information and we'll report back on our findings soon. If you would like to fill in a parent survey but have not had the chance yet, copies can be obtained at the school office. Please can these be returned no later than Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.

Thanks  
Mrs Lamb



The school nurses were very impressed with the children's behaviour when they had their Flu Sniff Vaccinations yesterday. They commented on what a fab school we are with friendly staff and wonderful children!

If your child was vaccinated they should have come home with a sticker on their jumper and a note from the nurses in their book bag.

Well done everyone!



Thank you so much for your generosity last week. We managed to raise an impressive £246.83 to send to Children in Need.



## Christmas Productions

As advised in several newsletters. The dates for the Dress Rehearsals and Main Productions are in the list below. Exact times will be given nearer the date but please note that the productions for Key Stage 1 & 2 **are ticketed** due to hall capacity and **two tickets per family will be issued**.

Pre-school, babies and children under First School age are **not permitted at the main Productions** but **will be very welcome at the dress rehearsals**. This is to minimise distractions for the children and to give them the opportunity to 'perform'. All of our children see each key stage production dress rehearsal so no one misses out! **The EYRs productions are not ticketed**.

### Dress Rehearsals:

- Friday 7th December = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2
- Friday 7th December = in the afternoon - Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)
- Monday 10th December = in the morning - Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)
- Monday 10th December = in the afternoon – Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2
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### The Productions

- Tuesday 11th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)
- Wednesday 12th December Morning Performance = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2
- Thursday 13th December Afternoon Performance = Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2
- Friday 14th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)

## Oh Christmas Tree...



On Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December we will be inviting all of our children in school to bring in *one small* decoration to hang on our school Christmas tree. This can be something old, something new or something handmade. It will be lovely to have all of our families represented on the tree.

## Christmas Parties

On the day of the Christmas Parties children can come to school in their party clothes. 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. Each Key Stage will send out more detailed information nearer the time.

The dates are:

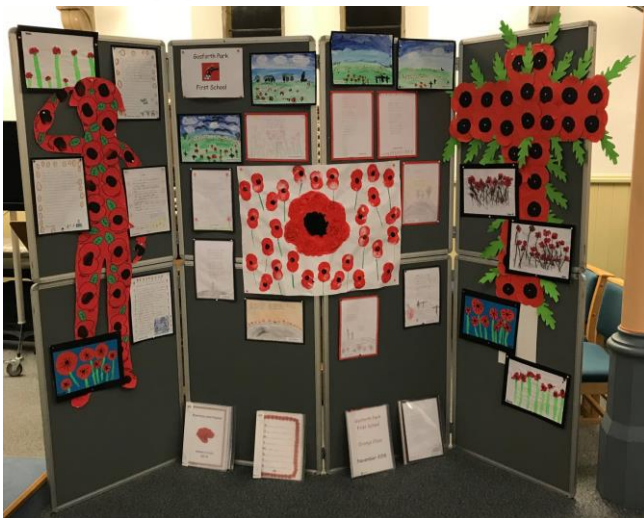
Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December PM KS2 Party

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December PM KS1 Party

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> December Reception Party

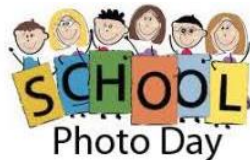
Miss Gasper will notify parents about the arrangements for Nursery Christmas parties soon.

## Poppies and Poems



Here is a taster of some of our work which was on display at Trinity Church this week. We hope you agree - it looks fantastic!

Mr Hindess has been busy displaying the work in school so if you couldn't make it to the church you can still come and see it just outside of Orange and Yellow Class.



Individual school photos and photos with siblings were taken today. Proofs should be in book bags tonight. Class photos will be taken later on in the year.



**Healthy School**

Many of us have a sweet tooth and so how much sugar should we be having? The NHS live well website recommends the following as a daily maximum:

- Children aged 4-6 should have no more than 19g of free sugars a day (5 sugar cubes).
- Children aged 7-10 should have not more than 24g of free sugars a day (6 sugar cubes).
- Adults should have not more than 30g of free sugars a day (roughly 7 sugar cubes).
- There's no guideline limit for under 4s but it's recommended they avoid sugar-sweetened drinks and food with sugar added to it.

Free sugars are those added to food or drinks, and sugars found naturally in honey and syrups. They are also sugars found in unsweetened fruit and veg juices, smoothies and purees.

Mrs Wells

## KS2 Music Trip to Newcastle University



This week the whole of KS2 went on a trip to Newcastle University, to take part in Music and You with other schools from our trust.

The children were excellent throughout the trip with tip top behaviour!

During Music and You, we were given a fantastic performance of the Lion King theme tune by the orchestra including their own lion and cub which excited the children!

As the afternoon went on the children were engaged in identifying different genres and instruments as well as the orchestra family they belonged to.

Many of the children were able to take part in using the instruments and conducting the orchestra as well!

Mr Straker





This year school will be taking part in Newcastle University's Christmas Shoebox Appeal, whereby we will be collecting donations to place in shoeboxes to give to the local homeless charities 'The People's Kitchen' and 'Destiny's Streetworx', as gifts to homeless individuals in time for Christmas. These will be collected up until **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November**. You can either make up your own shoebox or donate items which will be put into shoeboxes for the charities.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

## SHOEBOX APPEAL

**NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY HELPING OUR HOMELESS SOCIETY**

### SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

Fill a shoebox with some of the supplies recommended below by Friday 7th December to be collected by the society and given to local homeless charities

#### WE NEED:

Underwear • Socks • Roll on Deodorant • Wipes • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Gloves • Hats • Scarves • Thermals • Treats such as chocolate • Puzzle books • Torch • Dog Treats • Bottles of Water • Christmas Cards • Greggs cards • Chewing gum • Biscuits • Granola bars • Paper tissues • Combs • Hand sanitiser • Chap stick • Nail clippers • Mouth wash • Hand warmers

FEEL FREE TO ADD OTHER ITEMS -PLEASE NOTE THAT AEROSOLS/ RAZORS/ALCOHOL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: **HELPING OUR HOMELESS SOCIETY SHOEBOX APPEAL**



Our Mathletics Trophy has been awarded to **Indigo Class** this week! Well done.

Our top two Mathletes of the week are **Magnus Goulty** and **Rory Watt**! Congratulations!

## Homework

Class	
Green	<b>Maths:</b> Compare and describe quantities using words and symbols. <b>English:</b> The 'ur' phoneme- word building and sentences
Orange	<b>Phonics</b> - dge words <b>Maths</b> - using arrays to multiply
Yellow	<b>Phonics</b> - Adding 'ing' worksheet. <b>Maths</b> - 2 and 5 times table.
Indigo	Jungle challenge sheet – problem solving using the larder and weights! Estimated answers will be accepted
Violet	Addition and subtraction problems.
Blue	Multiplication and Division problems Practice 6 times table



### Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Orange Class** and **Indigo Class**



Our attendance this week was 98.3% overtaking last year's 97.6% - keep it up!

We had 20 lates this week (13 families). We know traffic and bad weather have contributed to this but let's see if can improve next week.

Thank you.

## SPECIAL MENTION

Our Year 4 swimmers get a special mention this week. Mrs Wilson informed me that their behaviour to and from the swimming baths on Tuesday afternoon was impeccable!

They were all awarded a Gold Star.

Well done!



# The Friends of GPFS

## Glow in the Dark Disco

Thank you to everyone who came along to the disco, we had a fantastic time and we hope you did too. Such an amazing turn out, especially for it being a Sunday afternoon. We are restricted as to when we can hold events at school as the Out of School Club have use of the hall during the week so to have such a fantastic turn out made all the hard work that has gone into the event all the more worthwhile. Thanks to your support we raised a fantastic **£656!!!** Thank you to all our wonderful helpers, and a special thank you to Laura, Anna, Keri and Kate for organising such an amazing event! We appreciate any feedback anyone may have about the disco, things that were good and not so good, so we can make further improvements next time.

## Committee Meeting/ Annual General Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December 2018 at 7pm – as always everyone is welcome to attend.

## Christmas Season

With the festive season almost here we have put together a few events to raise money to help cover the cost of the activities and trips the children have planned in the last few weeks of term, including the food and drink for the class Christmas parties.

We have decided to replace the surprise room with a special visit from the main man himself, Santa! We won't be disclosing when this visit will be as we would like to keep it a surprise for the children. Santa will be giving each child a gift, so we will be asking for £2 per child to cover the costs involved. We will let you know when to send this into school nearer the time.

Our Christmas gift to you is – we won't be asking for any volunteers at any of the events over December, that's right you get to just come in and enjoy your child's nativity. The wonderful volunteers on the committee will be making sure all necessary jobs are covered. We will be asking for nut free cake and raffle prize donations for the performances but we will send a text out nearer the time with more details.

The school choir will be doing a special performance in the school yard from 3:15pm on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> December, we will have some collection buckets so please donate what you can as the money raised will be used to buy new t-shirts for the choir members.



On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS,  
Jen Higgins

# Dates for Your Diary

✓	Date	Event
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> December	School Nurse Visiting Reception "Keeping our Hands Clean"
	Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunch
	Thursday 13 December AM	Reception and KS1 visit to see the pantomime Aladdin at Simonside Community Centre
	Thursday 13 December PM	KS2 visit to GEMS to see Rock Nativity
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Reception Christmas Craft Morning
	Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	KS2 Christmas Party
	Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	KS1 Christmas Party
	Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Carols on the Yard from 3:15
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December AM	KS2 visit to see the pantomime Aladdin at Simonside Community Centre
	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> December PM	Reception Christmas Party