



Gosforth Park First School

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Thank you so much for your support in ensuring that, when well enough, children are here and on time! Thanks to your support our whole school attendance to date is **97.4%** which is up from **96.8%** last year.

- If you do require a leave of absence due to exceptional circumstances this can only be granted by the headteacher. Please pick up a leave of absence form from the office and pop in to see Mrs Sara to discuss.
- If your child has a medical appointment, please speak to school office staff as you will need to get a pass and if possible please show your appointment card or letter.
- If it is an urgent appointment to see your child's GP then please inform the office staff as we are legally required to record all absences and state reasons for absence.
- If your child is absent due to illness you must contact the School Office first thing in the morning and state the nature of the illness e.g. virus, sickness etc.
- If your child is absent for another reason please still ring and we will endeavour to help. We do know that emergencies and other issues can arise.
- If your child is late, please bring them to the office and complete the late form.

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

During the course of the term there will be additional dates as staff are busy organising curriculum link visits.

Class Assemblies – Special Class Assemblies will be taking place over the term. The children will showcase some of their learning and this will enable parents to see what they have been doing. The Special Assemblies will take place on a Friday afternoon. Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.20pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Fundraising will take place with the sale of cakes, raffle etc. This will be to support the class with buying some little extras and to help raise money for our school charity The Ghanaian Children's Trust. The children will come in at 2.40pm to showcase their talents. We do need some parents or family volunteers to help on the afternoons to do the teas and coffees, sell donated cakes (which need to come in on the morning of the class assembly). Donations of raffle prizes would be appreciated. Please see your child's teacher or contact the school office to say if you can help. Thank you in advance for your much valued help and support.

Friday January 27th = Orange Class

Friday February 10th = Yellow Class

Friday February 17th = Green Class

Friday March 10th = Indigo Class

Friday March 17th = Violet Class

Friday March 4th (Mother's Day) = Morning Nursery 10.40am teas etc children in for 10.55am

Friday March 24th (Mother's Day) = Afternoon Nursery, teas etc 2.15pm children in at 2.30pm

Friday May 5th = Blue Class

Friday May 12th = Reception 1 & 2



Curriculum

Topic Webs for KS1 and KS2 are attached with this week's newsletter and will also be on the School website under Curriculum information. If you have any resources which we could borrow to support your child's class with their topic work we would be grateful for the loan.



Mobile Phones

- 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.



Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in suitable clothing and shoes for the weather we are experiencing at the moment.

Friends of Gosforth Park First School



Our next meeting is on Tuesday 17th January at 7pm in school. As usual everyone is welcome. If you are unable to come along but have any fundraising ideas, please e-mail us at 2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk

or see me in the playground. We have lots of fundraising to plan and discuss for the weeks ahead!

Jane Alley PTFA Chair.

(Mum of Kirsten, blue class and Thomas, green class).

Attendance - Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Yellow** and **R1** classes. Well done to everyone!

Mrs Lamb

Packed Lunch Tips

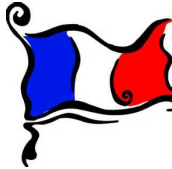
Drinks

Do not forget these. Milk and fruit juice are good ideas, but also encourage drinking plain water. Remember that fizzy drinks, both sugary and sugar free, can damage teeth due to the acid in the gas and should be avoided. This is why we do not allow fizzy drinks in school.

Practical issues

Try to put a small ice pack into the lunch box to keep everything cold. This is important in hot and cold weather because lunch boxes are stored in a warm building.

Miss Cogdon



French Club

Dear Parents,

We still have a few places left in our French lunch clubs:

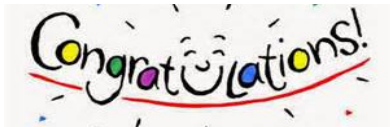
Year 2 – 4: Wednesdays from 12- 12.30

Year 1 : Wednesdays from 12.30 – 13.00

If you are interested or want to find out more, please contact Mrs Baldasera on 0191 2851376 or 07815 115468 or e-mail rachelbaldy@gmail.com

Many Thanks

Mrs Baldasera



Congratulations to Harry Beall in Green class, who achieved his stage 3 swimming award.



Also to Sharon Joseph who received her gold award for Freestyle Dancing.

Well done to both of you.