



Gosforth Park First School

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SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Friday March 17th = Violet Class

Friday March 24th (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

Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.20pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. The children will come in at 2.50pm to showcase their talents. Fundraising will take place with the sale of cakes (nut free please), 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. We will let you know via the newsletter how the children have decided to spend their class money.

Violet Class Special Assembly

Friday 17th March

If you can help, please speak to
Mr Phipps.

Please send any donations of nut free cakes in on the morning of the assembly and remember to bring some change for raffle tickets.

Parent Consultations

As advised in last week's newsletter you were sent a Parent Consultation invite letter and it stated the deadline date being Friday 10th March. The teachers will then be able to organise the appointment times and you will receive your appointment slip back on Wednesday 15th March. Please check your child's reading folder. If in doubt, please check with your child's teacher. I will also be asking to see parents and will slot in times near the consultation time. If a parent would like to see me then please contact the office for an appointment time but please do this after Wednesday 15th so that spaces can be determined. If this is not possible then a separate arrangement can be made.

Reminder - Monday 3rd April parents, carers will have an opportunity to look at their child's work with them and talk about their learning. It also gives you the opportunity to raise any questions with your child's teacher. The times for this have to adhered to:

This will be in the School hall, library area and KS2 parents may use the ICT suite as well.

Morning session = 9.05am - 10.20am (after registration)

Afternoon session = 2.30pm - 3.15pm. The OSC will need access to the hall hence 3.15pm end time. (Parents will be permitted to take their child home afterwards)





Dance Festival Thursday 16th March

We are so excited that Miss Walsh's Dance Club will be taking part in the City wide Dance Festival at Newcastle City Hall. This is a first for GPFS. We wish them all good luck and can't wait to see the video and their 'showcasing' of their dance to Ollie Muir's track, *Dance With Me Tonight*, in our school assembly! I know that the children and Miss Walsh have been working so hard to perfect their dance moves and choreography.

Good Luck to you all!

Keeping Children Safe

Please can we remind you that all parents/carers/childminders must collect children by coming through our main school gates no sooner than 3:25

Visitors who have collected children at other schools on site **MUST NOT** come onto the playground by coming round the back of the school.

Thank you for your co-operation

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GPFS

Previous notice of dates, trips etc. have been put on the calendar on the school website. During the course of the term and year there will be additional dates as staff are busy organising curriculum link visits; we will also have visitors in to talk to the children-topics linked etc. Mrs Hall has kindly put the dates on the school website calendar and she will update the website calendar on a weekly basis

- Red Nose Day charity event Friday 24th March (more information nearer the time)
- Year 4 residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre on Wednesday 29th March to Friday 31st March
- FGPFs Easter Fun Morning = Thursday 6th April
- KS1 topic themed visit to Alnwick Castle on Friday 7th April

Table Top Sale

A group of our KS2 girls would like to do a table top sale on Tuesday 14th March at morning play. They have made book marks and colouring sheets and some paper hand games. They would like to sell these at 10p / 20p to raise money for the Ghanaian Orphanage, King Jesus Charity Home, which we are supporting. This is their own idea and it is super that they want to help, all their own idea. We hope that you will support this by allowing your child, if they wish to, to buy something from this sale.

Attendance News

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.1% - up from 96.6% last year! Well done!!

Attendance



Classes of the Week!



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

Mrs Lamb



Sleep is a vital need, essential to a child's health and growth. Sleep promotes alertness, memory and performance. Children who get enough sleep are more likely to function better, behave better and be happier. That is why it is important for parents to start early and help their children develop good sleep habits.

How much sleep should my child get? Each child is different and has different sleep needs. This chart presents recommended hours of sleep that includes naps for children up to five years of age.

Age	Hours Of Sleep
0 - 2 months	10.5 - 18
2 - 12 months	14 - 15
1 - 3 years	12 - 14
3 - 5 years	11 - 13
5 - 12 years	10 - 11

Miss Cogdon

IN THE NEWS

Did you see the ITV news last night? These are signs which have gone up at a school in Middlesbrough.



For the full story follow this link

<http://www.itv.com/news/2017-03-09/primary-school-urges-parents-to-greet-your-child-with-a-smile-not-a-mobile/>

Mrs Lamb

Congratulations!

Well done to Peter Laing (Indigo) who has achieved his Level 5 Gymnastic Award!

Well done to Olivia Rivett (Indigo) who has achieved her 200m Rainbow Swimming Award and Grace Richardson (Red 2) who has achieved her Stage One Swimming Award!