



Gosforth Park First School

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CLOSED DUE TO WEATHER

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we had to close school yesterday. The safety of our pupils, parents and staff is always our main concern.

As conditions on the roads had improved and most of our staff and pupils are local, we took in the decision, in consultation with governors, to reopen today. We understand that for some of our families the conditions meant they were unable to get to school today. We would never want you to make a journey that you felt was unsafe and we respect your decision to remain at home.

Thank you so much to our parents for offering support this morning - some even volunteering to stay and help if we were short staffed!

I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff at GPFSS who were able to make it in to work safely this morning.

Mrs Lamb

Staff News

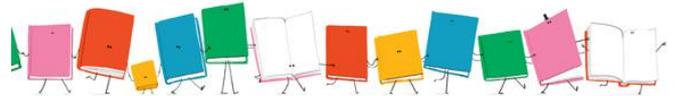
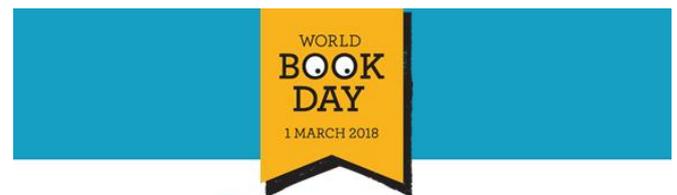
Huge Congratulations to Mrs McClurg who is expecting a lovely new arrival next term and will begin maternity leave in April.

Blue Class will be covered by Miss Coughlan who has been working in school since November. A letter has gone out to parents in Blue Class.

We are sad to announce that Mrs Douglas will be leaving us next week due to family commitments. Her last working day will be Wednesday 7th March. We would like to thank Mrs Douglas for all of her hard work and dedication – she will be missed.

We will be welcoming Mrs Sarah Carrick to the office team on Tuesday 6th March.

Mr Phipps is now working 4.5 days a week in school and his class will continue to be covered by supply on Wednesdays.



WORLD BOOK DAY 2018

Thursday 8th March

Children can come dressed as a character from a book to celebrate this special day. They must be able to say which character they are and the name of the book!

They will receive a £1 voucher. They can spend this at our School Book Fair- 5th-9th March.

Thank you
Mrs Renwick

Homework

Class	Homework
Green Mrs Gordon	Counting up in 5s to 100 – identifying a trail through other numbers.
Orange Mr Phipps	Fractions of numbers and shapes
Yellow Miss Young	Fraction of amounts worksheet
Indigo Mrs Thorpe	Maths – bar charts Spellings
Violet Miss Cogdon	Maths – practise 4 and 7 times tables Spellings
Blue Mrs McClurg	Literacy – Looking at poems and spellings – words with a 'soft c' spelt with 'ce' Maths - CLIC

Advance Notice of Dates

World Book Day – Thursday 8th March

Book Fair – 5th – 9th March

Science Week – 12th – 16th March

Viewing of children's work – the morning of Friday 23rd March

Parent Consultations – after school on Monday 26th and Wednesday 28th March

Note: Indigo Parent consultations will take place on Monday 26th and Tuesday 27th

Open Day – the afternoon of Friday 22nd June

Nursery

The deadline for Nursery applications is Friday 16th March. If you would like an application form, or to arrange a visit, please contact the school office.

DINNER MONEY

Dinner Money payable for Year 3 and 4 children from Monday 19th February to Thursday 29th March 2018 is as follows:
Usual weekly amount £10.00 (£8.00 in last week)

Amount for half term: £58.00



We raised a total of a total of £184.67.
Well done and thank you!

Young Journalists

It has been a very exciting week for our Young Journalists this week who have visited Daft as a Brush House and the BBC studios.

The children came back from their visit to see the Bluebell bus absolutely bursting with excitement! I spoke to Brian Bernie after the visit and he said how marvellous and very well behaved the children were.

As if that wasn't enough excitement for one week they came back from their tour of the BBC studios full of facts and enthusiasm. Again – wonderful comments received about how engaged and well behaved the children were.

Mrs Renwick, Mrs Wilson and I are very proud of you all! I'm sure our readers can't wait to read the inside scoop. I know this was promised in this week's edition, however due to the school closure you will have to wait a little longer – I promise it will be worth the wait!

Mrs Lamb

Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 96.5% which is down on this time last year (97.2%).



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Blue** and **Reception 2** classes!



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to Mrs McClurg's class this week. A special mention goes out to **Jay Doshi** and **Layla Higgins** who were our Mathletes of the week.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Golden Book Celebration Assembly

Children who were supposed to be receiving their certificates in our celebration assembly this morning will now be awarded them in next Friday morning's assembly.

We hope you can make it!

Class Assemblies

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 2.30pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. 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. The children will come in at 2.50pm 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 (nut free please 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.

Please save the date!

Friday 9th March Nursery am and pm

Nursery Mother's Day Assembly

Friday 16th March – Blue Class

Friday 23rd March – Green Class

Friday 4th May – Orange Class

Friday 11th May – Reception 1 and 2

Friday 18th May – Yellow

