



Gosforth Park First School

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Parent Governor Vacancy

We currently have one vacancy for a Parent Governor on the Governing Body of the School. If anyone is interested in taking on this role and being involved in the continued success of the school, please collect an information pack from the school office or download from the governor section of the school website.

We have always been very fortunate in having excellent support from parents. There are three full Governing Body meetings per year and each of the two sub-committees, Standards and Curriculum and Staffing and Finance meet three times per year.

The deadline for registering an interest is Monday 4th February.

If you wish to talk to our Vice Chair of Governors, Gill Milne, or myself about the role you are most welcome to do so. Please contact the School Office to arrange an appointment.

School Dinners

Notice for parents of year 3 and 4 children.

Lunch Money for the half term from **Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February 2019** is **£60.00**.

Please make cheques payable to Newcastle City Council.

Thanks

Mrs Carrick and Mrs Eltringham



On behalf of staff and governors I would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year! Let's hope 2019 is a great year for everyone.

We hope you all had a good holiday. The children have all come back thrilled to see each other and ready to learn. They all seem to have had such a growth spurt over the holidays too!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Mrs Lambert who has joined us as our second Assistant Head and Literacy Lead. Mrs Lambert is teaching Green Class. We are delighted to have her on the team!

Curriculum

Topic Webs for KS1 and KS2 will be attached to 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.



Protect our Penguins!



This week Blue class have been writing for the WWF in an attempt to persuade people to adopt an Emperor Penguin and donate to the charity. Mr Hindess' mum writes WWF adoption reports that are sent to people around the world. She has even offered to try to get some of our amazing writing published in the next magazine! We have been learning to use a range of persuasive writing techniques such as emotive language and rhetorical questions – so don't be surprised if your children suddenly start persuading you to give them more pocket money!



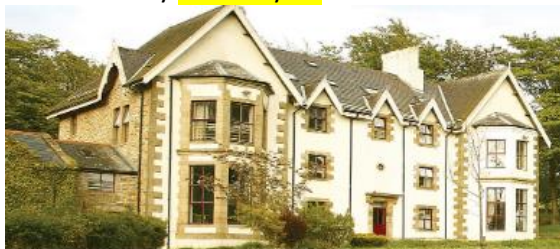
Healthy School

Happy New Year! Has anybody set any New Year's Resolutions? I'm not the best at keeping them but do like an online challenge. Last year I found a Walk 1000 miles in a year challenge which was really beneficial to health and fitness. My children have benefitted from tagging along and are more conscious of their own levels of activity; and it has also got us out of the car and walking to school more. There are plenty of online groups doing their own challenges or perhaps set a family one that suits you! Feel free to ask me about Walk 1000 miles 2019! Mrs Wells.

ROBINWOOD 3rd – 5th APRIL 2019

Our final meeting for the above residential visit will be held in the school hall on Wednesday 13th February at 6:30pm, where letters and forms will also be handed out.

A gentle reminder to those of you who haven't paid for the above trip in full, that the **deadline** for payment is Friday **February 8th**.



Homework

Class	
Green	Addition within 20
Orange	X3 tables activities
Yellow	Multiplication Arrays
Indigo	Multiplication and division word problems
Violet	Multiplying by 10 and 100
Blue	Multiplication and Division including 11xtable, 12xtable and multiplying 3 numbers together.



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 98%. A little lower than before the holidays (98.1%) but still much better than last year (96.8%)

We had 12 lates this week (8 families) – a great improvement! Thank you



Congratulations to Joe Grantham who has achieved his Stage 4 swimming award!



Madame Baldasera still has some places for French Club. Please contact her directly if you would like to book a place.

rachelbaldy@gmail.com 07815115468

Reception Thursday 12:30 – 1:00
Year 1 Wednesday 12:30 – 1:00
Year 2 Thursday 12:00 – 12:30
Year 3 and 4 Wednesday 12:00 – 12:30



The Friends of GPFS

HAPPY NEW YEAR!! We hope you all had a lovely Christmas Holiday. We would like to sincerely thank you for your support over the Christmas period, we made a fantastic amount of money all of which helped pay for all the lovely activities the children enjoyed over the festive season.

ASDA – Green Coin Scheme

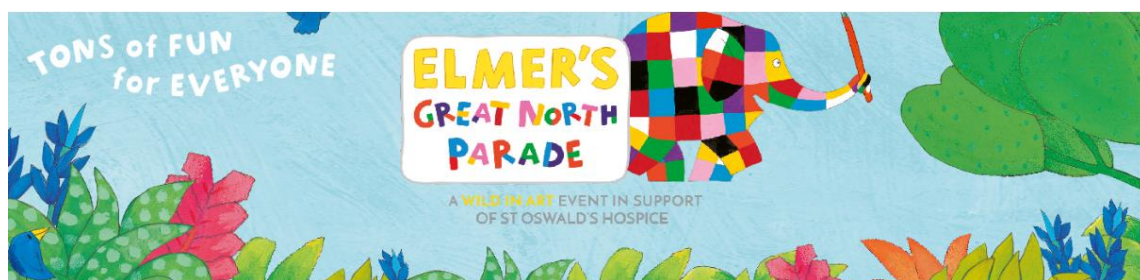
We are one of three charities currently collecting the green coins at the Asda charity point. If we collect the most coins we will be given **£500** by Asda which is to be used on the outdoor learning area. We need all the support we can get to ensure we are successful so please spread the word far and wide!

Put all your **Green**
Tokens in the **YELLOW** and support our school!!



St Oswald's Elmer event

Gosforth Park First School have successfully secured a place as one of the schools participating in this year's St Oswald's event. So many of the children enjoyed completing the Snow Dog Trail a couple of years ago so we thought it would be even more fun if we had an entry as well. Once our Elmer has finished the tour it will come to take up his permanent home at the school. We will have more information about this in the coming weeks.



On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS,

Have a lovely weekend

Jen Higgins