



Gosforth Park First School

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Training Day / Half term

A reminder that we break up for the half term holiday on Thursday 24th October. We have a staff training day on **Friday 25th October** and school will be closed to the children. We will reopen on Monday 4th November at **8.55am**



Please take extra care during the holidays. We know many of you will be out trick or treating and celebrating Bonfire Night early with fireworks and sparklers. Wishing you a safe and restful half term.

The GPFS Team

THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN est. 1985 NEWCASTLE

Thank you so much for your generosity! The table was beginning to groan under the weight of the donations. These were collected by The People's Kitchen on Tuesday.

Moving from Year 4 to Year 5

The deadline for applying for a transfer places is 31st October 2019 at 12 noon.

For more information see

<https://newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>

Remember to apply online and on time – we don't want anyone to miss out on their preferred school.

School Games Handball

On Tuesday afternoon a group of children went to Ravenswood Primary School to play handball. They played in 4 matches against other schools and developed their skills and knowledge of the game throughout the afternoon. Well done!

Miss Walsh



Healthy School

Following some questions on the yard I just wanted to clarify that there have been no changes in our packed lunch policy. Chocolate biscuits are allowed (e.g. Twix, Penguin, Kit-Kat), however chocolate bars are not (Mars Bar, Twirl etc). This has been reiterated to all lunchtime staff.

Thank you for remembering to cut grapes and cherry tomatoes in half lengthways and for keeping our school a nut free zone.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



Halloween Maths Fun Morning!

Thank you to all of the parents and carers that attended our Halloween Maths Fun Morning! The children enjoyed lots of Halloween activities both inside and outside! We had great fun and raised over £50!! This will go towards making and baking activities this next term. Thank you for your continued support.

The Reception Team



Gosforth is Great!

KS1 have had an exciting morning exploring the local area. We looked at the physical and human features in our surrounding environment.

Mrs Lambert



Gosforth Gets Going Dodgeball

On Wednesday afternoon a group of children went to Archibald First School to play dodgeball. They had an enjoyable afternoon taking part and playing against other schools. The children developed their skills and made great progress! Well done!

Miss Walsh



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Blue Class** and **Green Class** this week.

Our attendance this week was 97.5% which is down on last week and last year. We're hoping you're all feeling better and this will be back up next week.

We had 13 lates this week (9 families).

This is an improvement on last week – thank you - your support with this is very much appreciated. Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Congratulations to Ethan Middleton on gaining his Photography, International, Global and Outdoor Challenge badges at Beavers.

Congratulations to Ayla Seccombe on gaining her Photography, International, and Year badges at Beavers.



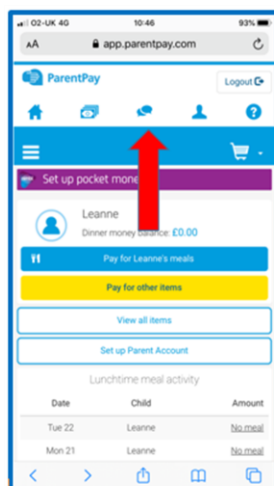
Our Mathletes of the week this week are William Phillips and Pearl Povey. Well done! Our class of the week is **Yellow Class** again!



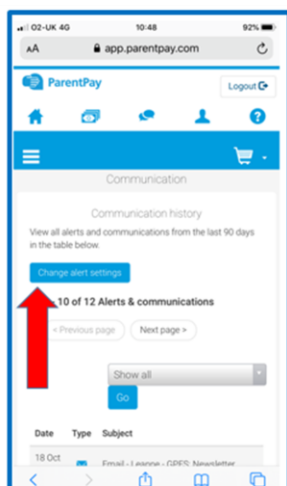


We still have a number of parents who have not registered for Parent Pay. Please sign up using your activation code at www.parentpay.com. If you need another copy of the activation letter, please let the office know. Make sure you have enabled notifications so that you are alerted to trip permissions and payment items. If you need any help, please drop in to the office and Mrs Carrick, Mrs Eltringham or I will help you to get sorted.

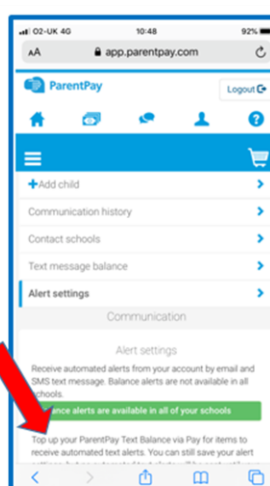
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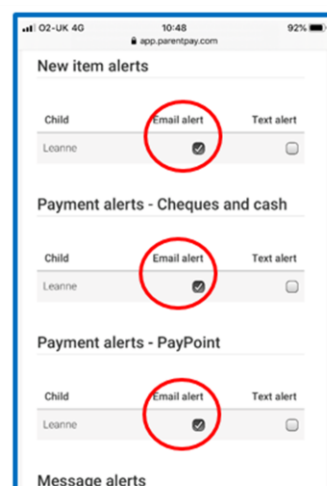
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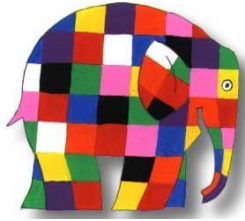


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Please see changes/new additions in red

Monday 4 th November	School re-opens
Monday 11 th November 4:30pm	DAAB Christmas Tree Light Switch On
Wednesday 13 th November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 14 th November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 19 th November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20 th November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 21 st November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 19 th November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 3 rd December 9:30am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 th December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 th December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Monday 9 th December 9:30 am	KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 th December 2:00 pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 13 th December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Production
Friday 13 th December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunches



CUPCAKE FRIDAY!!

On **Friday 8th November** we will be holding a bake sale after school to raise money for **St Oswald's** as part of the Elmer event. If you would like to donate some cakes to help us raise money, please ensure they are nut-free, and drop them off at school on the morning of 8th Nov.

D.I.S.C.O!!

We are so excited about our next event, this event is always a popular one so please, to avoid disappointment, purchase your tickets sooner rather than later. Tickets will be available to buy from Monday 11th November.

Tickets will be £2.50 per child (3yrs +) and will include entry for each child into our prize draw. Accompanying adults are free. Reminder, all children who attend this event must be supervised by an adult.

PTFA Meeting

Our rescheduled meeting is on **Thursday 7th November at 7pm** in the school hall, as always everyone is invited, and we would love to see some new faces there.

Disco
Sunday 24th November,
3-4:30pm

Tickets £2.50 per child (3yrs+),
Ticket includes entry to prize draw
Accompanying Adults Free
Tickets will be available to purchase from
Monday 11th November

Have a lovely half term!

From the Friends of GPFS Committee.