



Gosforth Park First School

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Dear Parents.

This week the children have been finding out about looking after our planet. We are continuing our Eco-schools UK work and we will be taking part in the Green Flag Award.

We have launched a competition for pupils who would like to be our Eco-Warriors. There is a job application form to complete (copies available from class teachers and spares at the office) and I will select a team of 6-10 pupils to represent our children from Year 1 to Year 4.

I will keep you informed about our progress and if you would like to know more please come and see me or check out the link below.

<https://www.eco-schools.org.uk>

Thank You. Mr Phipps



Class Assemblies

Following feedback and suggestions from parents, we will be slightly changing the format of our class assemblies this year.

We will be holding Key Stage Assemblies on a Friday afternoon.

You will be invited into school from refreshments from 2:15, with each class giving a short presentation of what they have been learning about, starting at 2:45.

Reception: Friday 27th March

KS1: Friday 13th March

KS2: Friday 20th March

Our Nursery Assemblies will remain the same due to the beginning and end of the week children

Tuesday 17th March 10:30

Thursday 19th March 2:15

STEM WEEK

Our annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) week will be held in March. If you have a job or hobby which involves any of these areas and you would be willing to lead an activity in school with children or staff please let Mr Phipps know.

Please send emails to admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk.

Thank you!

Thank you!

A huge thank you for supporting St Oswald's. School raised a staggering £452 through the sale of the small soft toys for this wonderful cause.





Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 96.5% which is the same as last week.

We had 11 lates this week (10 families). This is a huge improvement – thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Reminder: Only one more pay day until the final balance is due for Robinwood on 3rd February.

Thanks

Mrs Wilson

Dinner Money

Dinner money for this half term will be £58.

Nursery Applications

Nursery applications are available from the school website. If you'd like to arrange a visit please see the calendar on the website for dates and times.

Miss Gasper

PLEASE REMEMBER - Preloved uniform is available to buy anytime through Kate Watkins. Please contact her on 07947846974. Lots of stock available at the moment. This includes not only official school uniform but also grey items priced as low as 50p.

KS2 Outdoor PE

This half term, KS2 will be completing one of their PE lessons outside every week. If you would like to send in some warm PE kit and suitable outdoor trainers for your children to wear, please send this to school in a labelled bag. We are happy to keep kit in school for the duration of the half term or send it home weekly to be washed.

KS2 Team



Congratulations to the following children who have made it on to our Pride Wall this week.

Alex Tucker (Reception), Nell Lynch (Reception), William Barnes (reception), Matthew Lazenby (Yellow), Aiza Sharif (green), Muhammad Ali Hussain (Green), Scarlett Wolf (Indigo), Isabel Gent (indigo), Aroosh Mirza (Blue).



Congratulations to the following children who were selected, because of their super behaviour at lunchtime, to join Mr Hindess for lunch on The Golden Table!

Henry Craib, Maisei Rivett, Bruce Reid, Evie Taylor, Zoe Tinnion and Lena Hussain.



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Zoe Tinnion and Sahib Singh Dhaliwal. Well done! Our class of the week is **Yellow Class**.



Nursery News



Themes

Chinese New Year - this half term we will be learning lots about Chinese New Year. We will learn about the story of 'The Great Race' and how the animals raced to earn their place in the Chinese Zodiac. We will be making and tasting our own stir-fry, and having our own Chinese New Year Parade! The real parade in Newcastle City Centre will take place on Sunday 26th January, and we'd love to hear about it if you and your child can visit.

We Love Books! - We'll also be looking at a different book each week, with children choosing some of their favourite stories to act out and retell in our tuff spot.

Mother's Day Assemblies – 17th and 19th March

The children will be learning some songs and rhymes and will have some lovely things to show you! Tuesday 17th March in the **morning** (10.30) and Thursday 19th March in the **afternoon** (2.15). Please attend the assembly held during the session your child attends. Full timers will obviously be there for both, but please could parents let us know which assembly you'd prefer to attend.

Wacky Wednesdays

Thank you so much for your support in our 'dress-up' days. This half term we are going to wear clothes linked to numbers.

Here are the upcoming dates:

Wednesday 8th January – Numbers 1 and 2

Wednesday 15th January – Number 3 and 4

Wednesday 22nd January – Numbers 5 and 6

Wednesday 29th January – Numbers 7 and 8

Wednesday 5th February – Number 9

Wednesday 12th February – Number 10



Tapestry learning journals

We have now received permission from all parents to publish their child's images in their online journal. You should have received an e-mail inviting you to begin access. Using iPads, nursery staff can instantly upload photos, videos and observations of your children throughout the school day. Once observations have been approved by school, you will be emailed to alert you to a new entry to your child's Learning Journal. Please talk to your child about these observations and photos while the experiences are still fresh in their memories. We'd also love to see some of your child's learning experiences outside of school. Thank you so much for your patience, and we hope you love your child's journal so far!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 21 st January	PTFA Meeting 7pm in the school hall
Tuesday 11 th February	Safer Internet Day Activities in school
Thursday 13 th February	6:30 Robinwood – final information meeting for parents
Friday 14 th February	February Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Back to School
Tuesday 3 rd March 3:40 or 5:30	Year 1 Phonics Briefing for Parents
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 13 th March	Key Stage 1 Class Assemblies Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45 Assembly 2:45 – 3:15
Friday 20 th March	Scholastic Book Bus in School
Friday 20 th March	Key Stage 2 Class Assemblies Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45 Assembly 2:45 – 3:15
Tuesday 24 th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 27 th March	Reception Class Assemblies Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45 Assembly 2:45 – 3:15
Tuesday 17 th March 10:30	Nursery Mother's Day Assembly
Thursday 19 th March 2:15	Nursery Mother's Day Assembly
Wednesday 1 st April – Friday 3 rd April	Year 4 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th April	Back to School
Friday 8 th May check	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	Daft Day
Friday 22 nd May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd June	Back to School
Friday 19 th June	Open Day
Friday 10 th July	Reports out
Thursday 16 th July	Parent Consultations
Friday 17 th July	Summer Holiday



Christmas Excess

Do you have any left-over chocolates, wine, or maybe some gifts you would like to repurpose/regift? We are currently collecting any of the above items which can be used in future events to raise funds for school. If you would like to donate, there are boxes at each of the entrances, or alternatively you can drop off at the school office.

Easyfundraising.com

Don't forget you can help raise money for our school by simply shopping online! It's free to sign up and for every purchase you make online we get money. So if you are looking to book a holiday, buying some new clothes or simply doing your weekly food shop don't forget to login to [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com) first. It's so easy to use and makes a huge difference to our fundraising.

PTFA AGM

Our next meeting will be our AGM which will be on **Tuesday 21st January at 7pm** in the school hall. As always everyone is welcome to come along.



Have a fabulous weekend,

The Friends of GPFS Committee