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Welcome back!
We hope you all had a great half term break.



Letters should be in book bags tonight regarding parent consultations.

These will take place on **Tuesday 24th March** and **Thursday 26th March**.

Please return your slip to your child's class teacher or the office by **Friday 6th March**. Appointment times will then be returned on or before **Wednesday 11th March**.

There will be a classroom set up in each Key Stage where you will be able to view your child's work books before your appointment.

- Reception SC (view work in Rec SW)
- KS1 Orange Class (view work in Yellow)
- KS2 Blue Class (view work in Indigo Class)

Mrs Lamb

Our topics this half term are:

EYFS: Superheroes

KS1: Wonder Women

KS2: Romans

Topic webs will be sent out with this week's newsletter and can be found on the school website.



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Our school theme this year is "share a bedtime story" and, if they'd like to, children can come to school in their pyjamas or onesies and bring their favourite bedtime story book. There's no need to buy anything special, the most important part is that we all read together and share our favourite stories with our friends.



The scholastic book fair is arriving in school on Friday 6th March for one week. There are loads of great books for sale with titles starting from £2.99. Remember every books sold at the fair can help us to get free books for our school library. Be sure to pay it a visit. Happy Reading!

Mrs Lambert



Medical Detection Dogs

Patron : HRH the Duchess of Cornwall

Registered Charity England & Wales: No.1124533 and Scotland: No. SC044434

We had a super assembly on Monday. We were joined in assembly by Hilary from the Medical Detection Dogs charity. We were also joined by Cooper who is Rosie's medical detection dog and Rosie's mum. The children learned all about medical detection dogs and asked Hilary and Rosie some very thoughtful questions. Cooper was so well behaved! We were delighted to receive an email after assembly confirming that we had been successful in our application, following being nominated by Rosie's mum, for a Diabetes Care Award. We should be receiving this before the end of the term and will share more information with you then. The children have been excited to tell me about the chores they have been doing for change this week! 20% of change donated will go to the Medical Detection Dog charity and the rest will go into PTFA funds.



Year 4 are visiting the Gosforth Civic Theatre next Wednesday morning to see the production Melva. More information has been sent out via parent pay. We do not need permission for this visit as we already have your permission for local walks and the PTFA have very kindly agreed to fund the cost of the tickets.



I will be holding two drop in sessions for parents to answer any questions or address any concerns you may have regarding the upcoming residential to Robinwood. You can bring along your child if you would like to but they do not need to be there.

I will be available on Tuesday 10th March between 3:45pm and 5:00pm or Wednesday 11th March between 3:45pm and 6:00pm.

If you cannot make either of these dates and need to speak to me urgently please contact the school office to make an appointment.

Thanks

Mrs Wilson

Updated Public Health England (PHE) Guidance about Coronavirus

Information was sent via ParentPay on Tuesday containing advice from Public Health England who have updated and changed the advice for people travelling from the areas listed. If you have returned from these areas since 19th February, please follow the advice and keep your children away from school. Please also telephone us as soon as possible if you are following this action or have any questions about the advice.

You can find the latest information and advice from Public Health England at

www.gov.uk/coronavirus

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.

Fabulous Phonics

We are holding two Year 1 phonics meetings on Tuesday 3rd March at 3.45pm and 5.30pm. This is to give Year 1 parents and carers information about the national phonics screening check and how you can support your child. This year's screen will take place in the week beginning 8th June 2020. If you need to attend the 3.45 meeting with children, they can be looked after in another classroom. The meeting should only last about 15-20 minutes. If you are unable to attend and would like further information please contact Mrs Lambert who will be happy to help. We look forward to seeing you then.

Gosforth Cultural Project

We are very excited to be one of the schools participating in the first Gosforth Cluster cultural project for KS2. This new speaking and listening project is designed to raise aspirations and increase opportunities for our children by working with creative partners to enhance the ability of our children to speak and present their ideas with confidence.

We will be working with a variety of interesting groups and individuals over the coming year starting with the Unfolding Theatre Company. They will be running acting and improvisation workshops on Friday 6th March with our KS2 classes.
Mrs Lambert



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Myar Elalem and Matthew Lazenby. Well done! Our class of the week is **Orange Class**.



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 96.7% which is the same as before half term.

We had a lot of lates due to the snow on Monday – but since Monday only 12 lates from 7 families. Thank you!

Mrs Lamb



Megan Watt, yr 1, received a special letter, daffodil pin and pencil from the Marie Curie hospice in Newcastle for writing about Marie Curie as part of her inspirational woman's holiday homework.

Well done!



Healthy School

On Thursday this week we had a visit from our Asda friend Michelle who talked about healthy eating with the children. In Reception and Key Stage One, they talked about fruit and vegetables and were provided with a piece of fruit or veg and an activity pack to have fun with at home. Key Stage 2 children have been invited to enter a competition to create a healthy recipe containing fruit and/or vegetables. Our school has been selected to represent our area and the winning child nationally will be featured, with their recipe in the national magazine. The children should have brought home a card with the competition details on which needs to be attached to the recipe. Photos of the finished dish and your child can also be attached. Please hand your entries in to the customer services desk at the main Gosforth Asda by 27th March. It would be lovely if one of our children won!



Diary Dates

Tuesday 3 rd March 3:40 or 5:30	Year 1 Phonics Briefing for Parents
Wednesday 4 th March am	Year 4 visiting Gosforth Civic Theatre to see <i>Melva</i> PTFA have kindly agreed to pay for this visit
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10th March any time between 3:45pm and 5:00pm or	Robinwood drop in to see Mrs Wilson
Wednesday 11th March any time between 3:45pm and 6:00pm.	Robinwood drop in to see Mrs Wilson
Friday 13 th March	Key Stage 1 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
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
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



Chores for Change

Our latest fundraising challenge is now **LIVE!**

We are really looking forward to seeing which class will be victorious and win our special prize for the most amount of money raised. We will be counting up each class' collection weekly and adding it to our fundraising chart so the children can see where their class is positioned in the challenge.

The aim is for the children to collect change in exchange for doing a little chore or job for family and friends. But if you want to donate your loose change too, we'll happily take it as every penny counts!

20% of the overall total will be donated to Medical Detection Dogs, who kindly came in to do an assembly with the children on Monday. Cooper the dog and Jen, his owner, also came along too.

Book Fair: VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED

If you would be able to cover the Book Fair from 3:20-4pm one evening between Monday 9th March – Thursday 12th March please let your class rep or the school office know.

Have a lovely weekend,

The Friends of GPFS committee