



Gosforth Park First School

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Easter Holidays 2017



It is amazing how this term has flown by. We break up for the Easter Holidays on **Friday 7th April** and school re-opens on **Monday 24th April** at 8.55am. Thank you very much for your continued support. After the holidays there will be more dates for your calendars and information about further curriculum enhancements and visits.

On behalf of my staff and the Governing Body we wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday.



Parent Consultations

A great turn out, thank you. We have had lots of positive feedback; the most important, how we all work together to support and get the best from our 'stars'. Any matters arising from the meetings which need to be addressed will be actioned by staff and me.

Several parents will be seeing staff and me after the Easter holidays; result of illness, unexpected crisis etc. I hope that taking this into account we will have had 100% uptake which would be tremendous. One of my colleagues at another school in the City told me that they only had three to four parents per class attending Parental Consultation meetings. GPFS parents you are stars, a 'Hallmark' of your commitment and support of our wonderful school. At the Consultation meetings you will have received some helpful information relating to maths and literacy for your child's year group. After Easter we will be sending out some information about handwriting e.g. formation, joins and cursive script. In school we use the 'Pen Pals' handwriting programme, you can google this for this further information.

Thank you for buying your child's wonderful 'Ghanaian' themed art work. The children and staff have worked very hard to support and take pride in these most wonderful masterpieces. The frames certainly give the professional look and value. Thank you to the FGPFS for their support in getting 277 frames for the children. Nursery children will be doing their masterpieces after Easter.

Thank you so much for your continued support, we do appreciate and value this.





EASTER FUN MORNING



Many thanks to our Fabulous FGPFs members who did a stalwart job in running the morning. They made it a fantastic success for our children; the children thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Special thanks go to Mrs Alley for her tremendous organisation and to you as parents for your support.

Easter Egg Card Decoration Competition won by:

Nursery	1 st = Emily PM	2 nd = Leo K AM
Reception	1 st = Elizabeth Rec 1	2 nd = Malak Rec 2
Year 1	1 st = Daniel I Green	2 nd = Nicola E Orange
Year 2	1 st = Ryan M Yellow	2 nd = Elizabeth Orange
Year 3	1 st = Emilia Indigo	2 nd = Mabel Violet
Year 4	1 st = James I Indigo	2 nd = Eqlima Blue

Guess the name of the Giant Easter Bunny: Furr – won by Claire McClintock in Green Cass

Guess the number of eggs in the jar: the closest guess was 277 by Mina Corso in Blue Cass

Treasure Hunt: Square number 89 won by Blake Fahey in Green Class

COME DINE WITH ME SUMMER TERM GOURMET EXPERIENCE

We are hoping to organise a dining experience for you and your child to have their lunch together in the school hall. Mrs. Hall, Mrs Clark the Cook in Charge and I will be investigating how we can organise this. I will keep you informed.

Attendance News

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.2%, up from 96.5% last year! Well done!!

Attendance



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Blue** and **Reception 2** classes!
Well done to everyone! Mrs Lamb

SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Friday May 5th = Blue Class

Friday May 12th = Reception 1 & 2

Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.20pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. The children will come in at 2.50pm to showcase their talents. 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 and to help raise money for our school charity The Ghanaian Children's Trust. We will let you know via the newsletter how the children have decided to spend their class money.

**Blue Class
Friday 5th May**

If you can help, please speak to
Mrs Lamb.

Please send any donations of nut free cakes in on the morning of the assembly and remember to bring some change for raffle tickets.



Healthy School

**Happy Easter!
Everything in
moderation (don't
eat too much
chocolate!)
Miss Cogdon**

URGENT REMINDER about SCOOTERS / BIKES / BUGGIES

Please remember once you get to the main school gates of the site the **children and adults must NOT** ride bikes or scooters in, in case they knock into someone and cause an injury. Please remember there are **277** children coming onto the site plus parents, childminders etc. Please park scooters and bikes at the bike racks. If there is no space you can secure them to the boundary fence with your bike chain. We cannot be responsible for these items and they are left on the site at your own risk. You will appreciate that we do not want any bikes etc. to go missing. We cannot accommodate buggies so these must not be left on the premises.

Thank you for your attention and support with this.



Well done to Claire McClintock (Green) who has achieved her Stage 4 Swimming Award and Evie Clarke (Orange) who has achieved her Stage 6 Swimming Award.