



# Gosforth Park First School

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## Half Term

We break up at the end of the day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. School will be closed on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June for the children as it is a staff training day. School will reopen on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June.

Have a fantastic half term break!

Mrs Lamb

## Children's Cancer Run



A big thank you to all of you who came along to Gosforth Park Racecourse on Sunday for the Cancer Run! I hope you all enjoyed it as much as I did!

Miss Walsh

What a fantastic turn out we had on Sunday! Thank you so much for supporting this wonderful event. Miss Coughlan and I enjoyed watching you all cross the finish line and we are very proud of each and every one of you (parents too!). Thank you so much to Miss Walsh for organising and running 5miles!

Mrs Lamb

## Heating Works

We are pleased to let you know that we are having some works done in school to replace the existing boilers and renew the pipe work and heaters throughout school. The works will commence during half term and should be complete by September.

We have already had several meetings with the contractors and City Council representatives to ensure the programme of works complies with Health and Safety regulations in preparation for these works.

Much of the work will be completed outside of the school building, during holidays and at weekends. Our main priority is to ensure that children, staff and visitors on site are safe and that during the works disruption is kept to a minimum.

We will keep you informed through the school newsletter about how the works are progressing.

## Staff News

Mr Straker will be leaving us on Friday after two and a half terms in Violet Class. We thank Mr Straker for all of his work and dedication this year. You will see Mr Straker making a few appearances next term as he continues to help us with cover courses and trips etc.



## Gosforth Gets Going Football

A group of girls from Violet Class took part in a Gosforth Gets Going Girls Football event at South Gosforth First School on the morning of Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May. The girls showed such enthusiasm and sportsmanship throughout their matches.

Anahita and Megan said, "We had so much fun!"

Lexi said, "We had a really good experience!"

Mandana said, "We tried our best and had fun!"

Well done to you all!

Miss Walsh



## Healthy Active Lifestyle Event

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May Blue class attended a Healthy Active Lifestyle event at Walker Activity Dome. The event focused on team games and involved participating in dodgeball, handball, bench ball and kabaddi. Every child gave 100% and our children showed fantastic sportsmanship and honesty.

Miss Walsh



There are still spaces left for the Key Stage 2 Handball Lunch club on Monday from 12-12.30pm

Please contact Marlen directly if you would like to book a place.

[marlenhandball@gmail.com](mailto:marlenhandball@gmail.com)

## School Games Mini Tennis

On Wednesday afternoon a group of Key stage 2 children took part in a mini tennis event. The children played single games against players from other Newcastle schools. The children demonstrated good technique and had an enjoyable afternoon! Well done to you all!

Miss Walsh



## Daft as a Brush Planting Day

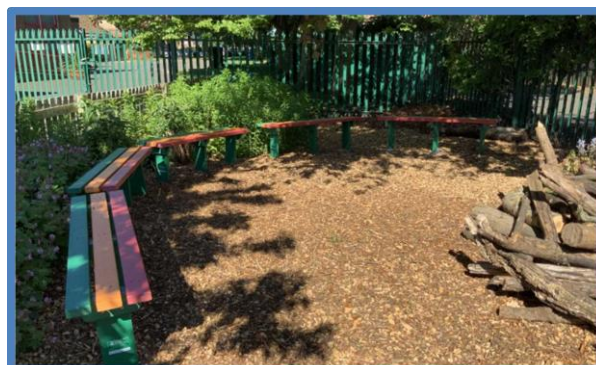
What a super morning we had making the planting boxes at the Daft as a Brush look wonderful. A big thank you to Leon's mum who accompanied us.

The boys and girls had a fab time and the daft as a Brush volunteers were very welcoming! Well done to Henry Craib, Anahita Baigi, Connor Wheatley, Daniel Irvine, Leon Day and Emily Graham.

Mr Phipps

## Beautiful Benches!

Our beautiful benches have arrived! They were purchased using our £500 Asda Green token winnings and the remaining balance was kindly donated by the PTA. We can't wait to get out and start using them!





## Perfect Plants!

Huge thanks to Abi and Ella Henderson (and mum!) who have been asking local garden centres for donations to our school garden. Dobbies have kindly donated two trolley loads of compost, pots and plants!



## Art Attack!

The children have all had a fantastic time working with artist from The Laing Art Gallery this week. No sneaky peeks though – we're saving their fabulous work for open day!

Mrs Armstrong



## Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Green** and **Violet** class. Our attendance this week was 97.3%, which is down on last week (97.5%) but still better than last year (96.7%)

We had 19 lates this week (11 families) – let's see if we can improve this after half term.

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb

## Homework

Class	
Green	Phonics Screen Practice Maths – sharing equally
Orange	Phonics Screen Practice – Year 1 Y2 – suffixes Maths – time problems
Yellow	Maths – Time Book review
Indigo	Maths: Mathletics -Time Spellings
Violet	Mathletics Fractions and Decimals
Blue	Maths- Times tables (up to 12x12) for test on the first week back



Well done to James Burke who has been awarded his 25m swimming badge.

Well done to Hadi Kayani who has been awarded Kumon Advanced Student Honour Roll Status in English and Maths.



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Orange Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are *Magnus Goulty*, and *Hania Pervez!*

Well done!

## School Photographer Class Photos

Tempest Photography will be coming into school on the morning of Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> June to take class photographs. Say cheese!

# Advanced Notice of Dates

Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for May half term
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Training Day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	School reopens
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Transition morning at GEMS 9:15 – 12:00
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	New Reception Parents Evening from 6:30pm in the school hall
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 Initial Robinwood meeting 6:30pm school hall
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	School Photographer Class Photos
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> June	New Nursery Parents Evening from 6:30pm in the school hall
Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	KS2 at The Big Gig all day
Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	Open Day from 12:30
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Trip to Safety Works (afternoon)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Trip to Safety Works (afternoon)
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Author Visit, Guy Bass, for Year 3 and 4
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Year 4 Transition day at GEMS
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> July – Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Sports Week
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Transition day at GEMS
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	In school transition – children meet class teachers for September
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> July	End of Year reports out to parents
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly (am approx. 9:15 – 11:20 details TBC)
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up for Summer Holiday
Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Training Day
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	School reopens



# The Friends of GPFS

## Elmer

Our lovely Elmer 'Rainbow' is settling into GPFS and I couldn't help but go get a "before" picture of him before the children give him a fantastic make over!



## **GPFS OPEN DAY - FRIDAY 21<sup>st</sup> JUNE 2019**

**Volunteer/Helpers** – We would really appreciate as many helping hands as possible this year. We made a fantastic amount of money in an hour last year and intend to exceed that this year, so the more people we have helping the more likely we will achieve our goal!

**Cake Donations** – We would be very grateful for Nut Free Cake donations to sell at the Open Day, we will let you know nearer the time when to bring them in.

## **HELP!**

Mrs Lambert has been very busy restocking our library with lots of new and exciting books for the children, but the library needs a good sort out. If you have some spare time to help, please let Mrs Lambert know. Thank you.

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS Committee,

Have a wonderful Half Term Holiday!!