



Gosforth Park First School

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We hope you all have a fantastic half term holiday together. Please remember we have a **training day on Friday 26th October** and school reopens on **Monday 5th November**.



K\$1 Cooking

There have been some delicious smells coming from the classes in Key Stage 1. Our children have been preparing fruit and vegetables and tasting the soup and fruit smoothies they have been making. Mmmmm... a lovely end to the first half-term!

Key Stage One



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 £70!! This will go towards making and baking activities this next term.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Reception Team

BAKING IN INDIGO

This week to liven up our maths we baked Victoria Sponges as a link to our history topic. The class worked in small groups and made one layer of sponge, overcoming the problems this inevitably brings!

The outcome was fantastic. We had made our own 'jam' on Monday to add and spent most of the afternoon eating!

All 3 cakes disappeared and even the jam was a pretty good success story (it had no sugar in!)



They did have to do some maths problem solving – I needed to know how much of each item I would have to buy to make 5 cakes – not an easy ask!



Mrs Thorpe





We are planning a special display for the school hall and need your help. Do you have any old picture frames that you have finished with? If so please could you remove the glass and send them in to school? We're going to spray paint them gold and use them to celebrate the very best examples of our work in school. Thank you for your support

Mrs Lamb



We know that many of you may be attending arranged Firework Displays over the holidays or maybe hosting one in your own garden.

We want the children, you, your family and friends to have a fun and safe time on Bonfire Night. Remember

- Never give sparklers to children under 5. They will not understand how to use them safely.
- Always supervise children using sparklers.
- Give them gloves to wear when holding sparklers
- Avoid dressing children in loose or flowing clothes as they may catch alight
- Show children how to hold sparklers - away from their body and at arm's length.
- Teach children not to wave sparklers near anyone else or run while holding them



Christmas Craft Morning!

On Friday 14th December (9:00 - 10:00) we would like to welcome you in to class to participate in a variety of Christmas craft activities with your child. The children really enjoy these mornings and it enables parents to see what their child is learning in school. We will be having a coffee/cake sale throughout the morning to raise funds for early years and would appreciate any nut free contributions. The money raised will be used for making and baking activities. Everyone is welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers to get into the festive spirit (Parents/Carers included). We look forward to seeing you all then.

Thank you,

The Reception Team



Gosforth Gets Going Dodgeball!

On Monday Ryan, Lucy, Archie, Reina and James represented Gosforth Park First School at a 'Gosforth Gets Going' Dodgeball event at Archibald First School. The children demonstrated excellent agility and hand-eye co-ordination skills. They had great fun and were a credit to our school.

Miss Walsh

School CLUBS

Clubs will start straight back after half term from week beginning 5th November. The children have been told in class today which clubs they have a place at. All KS2 children got their first choice club, with some even getting the opportunity to join another club. Demand was high in KS1 as we have previously only done clubs for Year 2. To make it fair, KS1 clubs will be done on a half termly rota so if your child hasn't got a place for this term, they will have a place later in the year.

Poppies and Poems Day

On Tuesday 6th November, all children in school will be producing poems and artwork in school for the 2018 Poppy Appeal.

Artwork and Poems from across the trust will be displayed at Trinity Church on Wednesday 21st – Thursday 22nd of November for children, parents/carers and members of the public to view.

Christmas Productions Dates

Dress Rehearsals:

Friday 7th December = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Friday 7th December = in the afternoon - Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

Monday 10th December = in the morning - Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)

Monday 10th December = in the afternoon – Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

The Productions

Tuesday 11th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

Wednesday 12th December Morning Performance = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Thursday 13th December Afternoon Performance = Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Friday 14th December Afternoon Performance = Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)



With Halloween upon us, we all know that a lot of our children will be enjoying a harvest of sweets and chocolates! To minimise the impact on their teeth, the strongest advice on NHS websites states that they should not be eaten just before bed, when saliva flow lessens. Also avoid large amounts at once or very often (difficult at this time I know; I'll be rationing them!). If pumpkin carving is taking place in your house, how about making a healthy soup for lunch with the leftovers? There are some delicious recipes online including roasting the pumpkin with some onion, garlic and apple and combining it with veg stock once cooked. It freezes well too. Enjoy!

Mrs Wells

School Uniform

Another successful pre-loved uniform sale raising £59! Funds will go towards buying playtime equipment for the school yard. Following a number of offers of uniform we will be holding another sale before February half term. We will be letting you know two weeks before the sale of a drop of box and its location. This will give us time check donations prior to the sale. We are grateful for any uniform that is no longer needed to raise funds for the children but we do not have space in school to receive bags prior to this time.

Thanks

Mrs Watkins

On behalf of the PTFA.

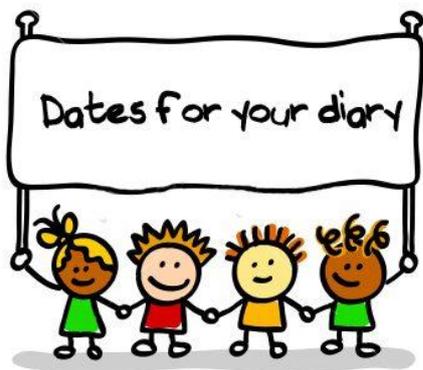
Parent Consultations

Thank you for returning your parent consultation slips. Parent consultations will be held on **Monday 19th November** and **Thursday 22nd November**. We will let you know in the first week back what your allocated day and time is. Thanks



Our Mathletics Trophy has been awarded to **Yellow Class** this week! Well done.

Our top two Mathletes of the week are Magnus Goulty and James Phillips! Congratulations!



Thursday 25 th Oct	Break up for Half Term
Friday 26 th Oct	Training Day
Monday 5 th Nov	Back to School
Monday 5 th Nov	Clubs Start
WB 19 th Nov	Parent's Evenings
Wednesday 12 th Dec	Christmas Lunch
Friday 14 th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day



When will the clocks go back? 28 October 2018. It always takes place on the last Sunday in October. The clocks will go back one hour at 2am, so sweet dreams!

Homework

Class	
Green	Phonics – tricky word sentences Maths – comparing number bonds
Orange	Split digraph a-e Subtraction calculations
Yellow	Alternate pronunciation for g and c worksheet Fact Families
Indigo	Firework Challenge Times tables
Violet	Mathletics Place Value Revision and research how Victorian industry changed our cities (industrial revolution)
Blue	Research Florence Nightingale and complete Mathletics Challenges



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Orange Class** and **Reception Miss Coughlan**

Our attendance this week was 98.2% compared to last year's 98.4% - keep it up!
We had 18 lates this week (35 pupils)



Congratulations to Ayla Seccombe who has been invested as a beaver scout in the 2nd Cramlington Beaver Colony. Well done to Oliver Higgins (Green Class) who has passed his Stage 1 Swimming Award. Well done to Asmina Doshi who has achieved her British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 3.

The Friends of GPFS



Glow in the Dark Disco

Our next event is a Glow in the Dark Disco, on Sunday 18th November 3-4:30pm, come dressed in your brightest colours and show us your best moves on the dance floor. There will be neon face paints available for 50p per person for those who really want to stand out! We'll also have cakes, drinks and a fab pocket money stall! Entry is £3 per child, (accompanying adults* and under 3yrs free) and includes entry to a prize draw, a bag of crisps and a small drink. Tickets will go on sale from Monday 5th November at school office and numbers are limited so make sure to get yours fast!

*all children must be supervised by an adult throughout the event.



PTFA Meeting

Our next meeting will be 7pm on Tuesday 13th November in the school hall, as always everyone is welcome to attend.

Have a great half term break,

Best Wishes,

Jen Higgins

On Behalf of The Friends of GPFS