



Gosforth Park First School

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Oh Christmas Tree!



I was very excited this morning as Mr Brown and I took a lovely bunch of children along to Northern Rugby to pick out a Christmas Tree for the school hall. We passed a giant Santa on the way!



The children had fun looking at all of the different trees.



(Remember your decoration on Monday)

It didn't take long for the children to pick out their favourite.



We like this one!



It was so big and heavy we had to help pull it through into the webbing.



Mr Brown had his own favourite but we didn't agree!

We brought the tree back to school on our Early Years trolley. We hope you like it!

Mrs Lamb



Christmas Productions

Tickets for KS1 and KS2 (please note Early Years, Nursery and Reception, are **NOT** ticketed).

The tickets will be in your child's reading folder on **Monday 3rd December**. You will be issued with two tickets per family on your child's class colour, with their name on the back. Please check your child's reading folder for these. If you don't need them all, we would be grateful if you could return any spare tickets to the School Office. These will then be allocated on a first come, first served basis from **Tuesday 4th December**.

For KS1 & KS2 productions you must show your ticket at the door to gain entry. A member of the FGPFS will collect them. The actual productions are for grown-ups to attend.

Please remember that pre-school children and babies are very welcome at the **Dress Rehearsals** but **NOT at the actual productions**. We don't want to turn anyone away; this is so that the children are not distracted whilst doing their shows. We thank you in advance for your support with this.



Merry Christmas

From Monday 3rd December children can send Christmas cards to their friends in school. Please make sure the cards have the person's name and class on the envelope (and if possible surname) so our little helpers can deliver them to the correct class.

Nursery children will be bringing home a special card to design and colour to then swap with their friends in class.

Christmas Productions

Dress Rehearsals:

- Friday 7th December **9:30am**= Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2 ***The Wriggly Nativity***
- Friday 7th December **2:00pm** = Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes) ***The Magical Christmas Journey***
- Monday 10th December **9:30am**=Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet) ***A Victorian Christmas***
- Monday 10th December **2:00pm** = Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2 ***The Wriggly Nativity***

Main Productions

Please note the main productions are for **adults only**. All the children in school and babies, pre-school children, including Nursery aged children, are invited to attend the dress rehearsals and watch the productions at the dress rehearsals.

The FGPFS will kindly- FOR THE MAIN PERFORMANCES ONLY - be serving COFFEE/TEA and selling raffle tickets prior to the performances. Doors will open at 1.30pm for afternoon performances and 9.05 am for the am EYRS performance. You will be asked to wait patiently outside as you will realise that we have to set the hall up prior to the performances.

The Main Performances are on:

- Tuesday 11th December **2:00 pm**= Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes) ***The Magical Christmas Journey***
- Wednesday 12th December **9:30am**= Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2 ***The Wriggly Nativity***
- Thursday 13th December **2:00pm**= Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2 ***The Wriggly Nativity***
- Friday 14th December **2:00pm** = Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet) ***A Victorian Christmas***

Christmas Parties

On the day of the Christmas Parties children can come to school in their party clothes. In the afternoon they will have some games and dancing in the hall followed by some party nibbles which are kindly being provided by the PTA. Each Key Stage will send out more detailed information nearer the time.

The dates are:

Monday 17th December PM KS2 Party

Tuesday 18th December PM KS1 Party

Thursday 20th December Reception Party

Miss Gasper will notify parents about the arrangements for Nursery Christmas parties soon.



In Book Fair week a total of £417.90 worth of books were purchased! This is a great achievement which enables us to buy some new stock for our classrooms and school library. A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along and made a purchase! Very special thanks also to the members of the FGPFs who ran the Fair, including the Coffee afternoon. We now look forward to choosing some fabulous new books for our children. Once again, thank you to everyone involved!

From all the staff and children

Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications for children to start school in Reception is midday on 15th January 2019.

To find out more and apply online visit

www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions.

Before and After School Safety

We know the yard and area around the school gates is very busy at the start and end of the school day. Please be considerate of other parents and children if you are entering or leaving late and are going against the flow of traffic as parents have reported some near misses. Please also remember to dismount scooters and bikes before the school gates so we don't have any accidents.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



Well done to Elizabeth Graham from Violet Class who has gained her Stage 5 swimming badge.

Well done to Millie Anderson in Yellow Class who has achieved her green belt in Jujitsu this weekend.

Well done to Lily Pattison for achieving her 10meter and Stage 3 awards for swimming.

Well done to Rory Watt Indigo class and Megan Watt Reception SC, who have both passed their level 8 gymnastics.

Well done to Asmina Doshi who has achieved her British Gymnastics proficiency award for Level 2

Well done to Lawan Mohamad who has gained his Stage 5 swimming award.

Well done to Oliver Fagandini who has achieved his red tag in jujitsu.

Swimming ...Year 4

As the cold days have now arrived, please could you ensure your child has a **hat and a waterproof coat** every Tuesday. It takes approximately 25-30 minutes for the children to walk to and from the pool and we don't want them to be cold and wet.

Many thanks Mrs Wilson



Can I just remind you that there are only **2 more pay days** until the total amount has to be paid. The absolute deadline is Friday 8th February. A final meeting for parents will be held in the hall after Christmas but before Feb half term...date and time to be confirmed.

Many thanks Mrs Wilson



This year school will be taking part in Newcastle University's Christmas Shoebox Appeal, whereby we will be collecting donations to place in shoeboxes to give to the local homeless charities 'The People's Kitchen' and 'Destiny's Streetworx', as gifts to homeless individuals in time for Christmas. These will be collected up until **Tuesday 4th November**. You can either make up your own shoebox or donate items which will be put into shoeboxes for the charities.

Thank you for your support and generosity.

SHOEBOX APPEAL

NEWCASTLE UNIVERSITY HELPING OUR HOMELESS SOCIETY

SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED THIS CHRISTMAS

Fill a shoebox with some of the supplies recommended below by Friday 7th December to be collected by the society and given to local homeless charities

WE NEED:

Underwear • Socks • Roll on Deodorant • Wipes • Toothbrushes • Toothpaste • Gloves • Hats • Scarves • Thermals • Treats such as chocolate • Puzzle books • Torch • Dog Treats • Bottles of Water • Christmas Cards • Greggs cards • Chewing gum • Biscuits • Granola bars • Paper tissues • Combs • Hand sanitiser • Chap stick • Nail clippers • Mouth wash • Hand warmers

FEEL FREE TO ADD OTHER ITEMS -PLEASE NOTE THAT AEROSOLS/ RAZORS/ALCOHOL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED

FIND US ON FACEBOOK: **HELPING OUR HOMELESS SOCIETY SHOEBOX APPEAL**



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

Our top two Mathletes of the week are **Kirrat Atwal** and **Ethan Fullen**! Congratulations!

Homework

Class	
Green	Maths: 2D 3D Shape Hunt English: Phase 5a Tricky Word Sentences.
Orange	Multiplication sheet
Yellow	Maths: 2D and 3D shape Hunt
Indigo	Challenges that include drawing and solving multiplication questions using equal groups and verbal explanation practice
Violet	Mathletics: multiplication and division recap
Blue	Maths: Multiplying and Dividing by 6 including reasoning and problem solving. Optional Maths: Mathletics Optional English: Write the opening of a story using the picture prompt and vocabulary



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Blue Class** and **Indigo Class**

Our attendance this week was 98.2% up on last year's 97.4% - keep it up!

We only had 9 lates this week (7 families).

Thank you.



Thank you for your patience in receiving last week's newsletter. It was sent out on Friday afternoon and then again on Saturday afternoon once I had been notified you didn't receive it. When I spoke to the company they said their servers had been down but they didn't realise until Monday.

The newsletter is always available on the front page of the school website.

Currently, emails are sent to the first contact on your child's school form. We know that many of you would like it to be emailed to both parents and we are working on this. If for any reason you are not receiving texts or emails please let us know and we will rectify this for you.

Many thanks
Mrs Lamb



The Friends of GPFS

Committee Meeting/ Annual General Meeting

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 4th December 2018 at 7pm – as always everyone is welcome to attend.

Christmas Productions – Raffle Prize Donations

We would like to hold a raffle at each of the production performances; therefore we would be very grateful for some donations of chocolates, bottles and other gifts for prizes. From Monday 3rd – Friday 7th December there will be boxes in Reception to drop off any donations.

Christmas Productions – Cake Donations

At each of the production performances the PTFA will be selling tea, coffee and cakes. We would be very grateful for any nut free cake donations. These can be dropped off between Monday 10th – Friday 14th December.

Easy Fundraising

Just a reminder you can help us without doing any hard work. Whilst you are doing your Christmas shopping online you can support us through easy fundraising. It's very simple to use, takes a couple seconds to sign up and then you just shop! You can even add a Chrome tool to remind you to donate as you are shopping! The more people who sign up and use the website the more the school will benefit.

(Our organisation is called **Friends of Gosforth Park First School- Newcastle Upon Tyne** – please ensure you select our full name as there is a Friends of Gosforth Park which is a different charity.)

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS,
Have a lovely weekend
Jen Higgins



Dates for Your Diary

✓	Date	Event
	Tuesday 4 th December	School Nurse Visiting Reception "Keeping our Hands Clean"
	Wednesday 12 th December	Christmas Lunch
	Thursday 13 December AM	Reception and KS1 visit to see the pantomime Aladdin at Simonside Community Centre
	Thursday 13 December PM	KS2 visit to GEMS to see Rock Nativity
	Friday 14 th December	Reception Christmas Craft Morning
	Friday 14 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
	Monday 17 th December	KS2 Christmas Party
	Tuesday 18 th December	KS1 Christmas Party
	Wednesday 19 th December	Carols on the Yard from 3:15
	Thursday 20 th December AM	KS2 visit to see the pantomime Aladdin at Simonside Community Centre
	Thursday 20 th December PM	Reception Christmas Party