



Gosforth Park First School

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It is amazing how this term has flown by. School re-opens on **Tuesday 23rd 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 the staff and the Governing Body we wish you all a very happy, safe and enjoyable Easter Holiday.

Reception Easter Fun Morning



A big thank you to all of the parents and carers that joined us on Monday morning for our 'Easter Fun Morning' in Reception. The children took part in a range of activities such as card making, egg decorating, Easter crown making and biscuit decorating. Both the children, parents/carers and staff had lots of fun!

Thank you for your support and have a lovely Easter holiday,

The Reception Team

Blue Class Assembly Friday 26th April

Doors will open as soon as we can get the hall ready (no later than 9:15) so you can have a cuppa and a chat, then the children will come down at 9:30. We look forward to seeing you there!



Spring has sprung and classes are looking forward to getting out in the garden after the Easter Holidays to do some planting. However, we are feeling a little overwhelmed with the state of the planting beds and need your help. Please could you give up an hour of your time with a spade and some gardening gloves to help tidy and turn over the beds? In return you will be provided with free tea/coffee and a good work out! We are asking for volunteers during the first week back, April 23rd – April 26th each afternoon from 2:15 – 3:15 pm. If you can help, please contact the school office.

Many thanks
Mrs Lamb

**Well done to all
of the children
(and parents)
for their
'eggcellent'
Easter Egg
Competition
entries.**



They were all so creative and it was so hard to judge! There were two prizes awarded to each class, kindly donated by Asda. The photos really don't do justice to the wonderful detail (see below). We also raised £55 for PTA funds. Well done!

Nursery Seth Birdsall, Iris Williams, William Thoreson-Pritchard and Henry Hansford

Reception SW Lucy Watkins and Lonn Fahey Garvey

Reception SC Eloise Davies and Thomas Nicholson

Green Harry Flinders and Ivy Lynch

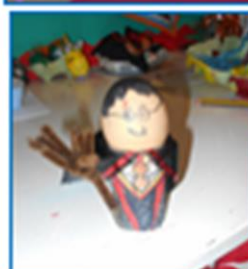
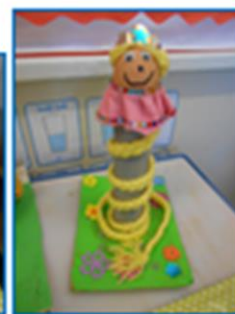
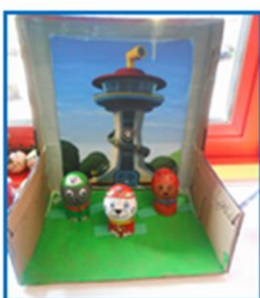
Orange Henry Craib and Elizabeth Muldoon Smith

Yellow Henry Musgrove and Abigail Henderson

Indigo Claire McClintock and Blake Fahy

Violet Zahra Hussain and Imogen Young

Blue Lauren Bell and Jamie Watkins



Co-operative working at its best!

Be the first to buy our new chocolate bars!! We have worked in groups on a new chocolate bar, designing the wrapper, thinking about the name and slogan, creating posters, organising the spiel for Dragon's Den to get backers – in short everything an entrepreneur has to do! We came up with some great products so look out for them coming to a shop near you soon!! The work was outstanding, with a real buzz in the classroom. Great ideas and brilliant designs – I'm just sorry we couldn't get them to the factory!!



Staff News

And it's 'Goodbye from me'!

Nearly 12 years! It seems like yesterday that I started teaching here - so many children have gone through my hands! It has been a privilege to get to know you and teach your lovely children as they have made me laugh, cry, shout and applaud as we have worked together (usually making a mess) in class. I have learnt so much from them as I have watched them grow, as they've become more confident and gone further to achieve their potential. Their concentration and determination never ceases to amaze me. They should be so proud of themselves!

So now, after so many children 'under the bridge', so much paper mache stuck to the bottom of shoes and so many fabulous productions produced I am hanging up my whistle, with much sadness but with bucket loads of happy memories of children, events, parents and colleagues! I wish you all a successful and happy life – and for your children to find their own place in this world where they will be happy and fulfilled.

See you all later,

Much love

Jayne Thorpe

Thank you!

We thank Mrs Thorpe for all of her hard work and dedication to all of the children in her care during her time at GPFS. She will be a huge miss and we send her our very best wishes for the future.

Mrs Lamb

Mr Hindess

From April 23rd Mr Hindess will be the Deputy Headteacher rather than the Assistant Headteacher - so in the event of my absence he will be leading the school.

There be dragons!

Green, Orange and Yellow class had a fantastic day at Alnwick castle; we stormed the Barbican, visited the State rooms and went on a scary dragon quest. Thank you so much to our parent helpers who braved the cold (and dragons!) and for the generous donations towards the trip from the PTA.



Homework

Class	
Green	Holiday Diary Entry Easter maths challenge
Orange	Holiday Diary Entry Easter maths challenge
Yellow	Holiday Diary Entry Easter maths challenge
Indigo	Easter game making activity for the holidays
Violet	Easter game making activity for the holidays
Blue	Holiday Homework- 'Rivers and Bridges' research project. Have a lovely holiday!



Huge congratulations to Evie Stewart and Hannah Farnaby who have had their work displayed on The Pride of Gosforth Park First School board! They were presented in assembly with their medal which they will return next Friday, ready to hand over to the next set of superstars!

Dates for your Diary

Friday 5 th April	Break up for Easter Holiday
Tuesday 23 rd April	School reopens
Monday 6 th May	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 24 th May	Daft as a Brush Day
Friday 24 th May	Break up for May half term
Monday 3 rd June	Training Day
Tuesday 4 th June	School reopens
Friday 21 st June	Open Day from 12:30
Friday 12 th July	End of Year reports out to parents
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer Holiday

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin this half term when you will have the opportunity to come into school and watch your child and their class present what they have been learning about. Due to our very exciting and popular celebration assemblies which are held at the end of the school day, class assemblies will be on Friday mornings. Doors will open as soon as we can get the hall ready (no later than 9:15) so you can have a cuppa and a chat, then the children will come down at 9:30. Dates for each class assembly are:

Class	Date
Reception SC and SW	Friday 10 th May
Orange	Friday 17 th May
Indigo	Friday 3 rd May
Blue	Friday 26 th April



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Yellow** and **Violet** class

Our attendance this week was 97.5%. An improvement on last week (97.4%) and still a huge improvement on last year (96.5%)

We only had 9 lates this week (7 families)

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Green Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are

Magnus Goulty, and Layla Chard!

Well done!

Mr Hamilton

Mrs Hamilton's music lessons will restart on Friday 26th April after the Easter break.



Well done to Katie Collins who has achieved her Stage 7 swimming award including her 100m distance badge. Katie has also achieved her British Gymnastics Club stage 6 award.

Well done to Joe Grantham who has achieved his Stage 5 swimming award.

Well done to both Imogen Young and Claire McClintock who have achieved their Stage 8 swimming award.

Well done to Bethan Toal who has passed her Stage 1 swimming.

Well done to Rory Watt who has achieved his Stage 6 swimming award.

Well done to Megan Watt who has achieved her Stage 3 swimming award.

Well done to Harry Flinders who has achieved his Stage 4 swimming award.

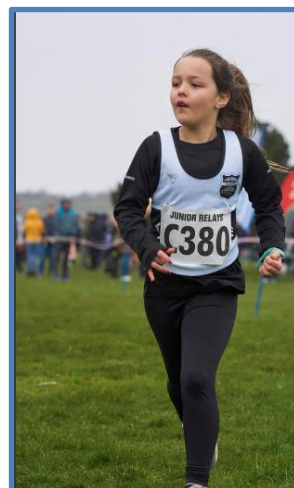
Well done to Maisie Rivett who achieved her stage 6 swimming award.

Well done to Oliver Higgins who achieved his 5m swimming badge.

Well done to Madeleine Lewis who has been awarded the grade of yellow stripe in freestyle Karate.

Congratulations to Jemima Stephenson (Indigo Class) who represented Tyne Bridge Harriers for the first time recently.

Jemima, 8, ran and completed her leg in the Under 11s section of the Birtley XC Relays in wet and slippery conditions. Her team ran a competitive race to finish in 26th place against girls up to three years older. Well done on taking part in your first competitive race, Jemima!



Robinwood

The children from Year 4, along with Mr Hindess, Mrs Straker, Miss Coughlan and Mrs Wilson will be returning from their trip to Robinwood this afternoon. This was their view in Alston on arrival on Wednesday!



We expect they will all be a bit mucky and very tired on their return after having a fantastic time away. Reports so far from staff have been that behaviour has been excellent. I can't wait to hear all about their adventures and whether they survived the piranha pool unscathed!

Dance Festival

The Dance Club performed on the stage at the Newcastle City Hall on Wednesday morning. The children had worked hard over the past few weeks to practise and perfect their routine during our Wednesday lunch time club. The children performed a dance to 'Better when I'm dancing' by Meghan Trainor. The children were fantastic and should be very proud of themselves!

Miss Walsh



Cross Country Championships 2019

On Tuesday afternoon a group of Year 3 children took part in cross country running at Blakelaw Playing Fields. There were a total of 920 runners on the day with approximately 230 runners in each race. The children enjoyed running and demonstrated excellent sportsmanship, determination and self-belief! Well done to you all!

Miss Walsh



There are still some spaces left for the Key Stage 2 Handball Lunch club starting up on Monday 29th April from 12:00 – 12:30. Please contact Marlen directly if you would like to book a place.

marlenhandball@gmail.com



The Friends of GPFS

Asda Green Coins

WE WON!!!! This really has been a community effort and shows what a fantastic community we have as we smashed the competition!! Thank you to everyone who posted the green coins for our school. We will be receiving a cheque from Asda for **£500** in May which Mrs Lamb has big plans for!

Easter Egg Competition

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry to the Easter Egg competition, there were some *egg-cellent* entries and we raised a fab amount! A massive thank you to Asda for the kind donation of the Easter Eggs for the winners.

Parklands Crossing Committee – Raffle Fundraiser

Thank you so much for supporting the Parklands raffle. We really appreciate everyone's support.

Spring Disco

Our Spring Disco is on Sunday 28th April 3-4:30pm in the School Hall. Tickets are priced at £3 per child which includes entry to the disco and entry to our prize draw (accompanying adults and under 3yrs are free). Please can we remind you that this event requires all children to be accompanied and supervised throughout by an adult.

We will have lots of stalls at the Disco including refreshments and snacks, we will have face painting and a tombola. If you would like to donate some cakes for our cake stall, we would be grateful if you could bring them into school on Friday 26th April or bring along to the disco.

Tickets are available now at the school office, after the Easter holidays we will also be selling tickets in the school yard at home time.

HELP US: We still need more volunteers to help out at the Disco - If you are able to help at the disco we would be very grateful, so please let your class rep know via your whatsapp or facebook groups, or alternatively please email us at 2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk. We are hoping to have enough helpers to allow everyone to spend some time with their children at the event and limit everyone to a maximum of 45mins covering a stall – however this will only be possible IF enough people help us, thank you.

Committee Meeting

Our next meeting will be on **Tuesday 23rd April at 7pm** in the school Hall. As always everyone is welcome to attend, and it would be lovely to see some new faces!

Have a fantastic Easter Holiday
On behalf of the Friends of GPFS,
Jen Higgins