



# Gosforth Park First School

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**Wow! What a fantastic start to the new term.** The children have settled beautifully into their new routines and have been demonstrating impeccable behaviour in and around school this week!

We would like to extend a special warm welcome to all of our new families and staff who have joined us this term as we look forward to getting to know you all.

This week you are receiving a paper copy of the newsletter. Newsletters will be put on the school website on the Friday of every week and will be sent electronically to you via Parent Pay. If you don't have access to a computer and wish to have a hard copy, you may collect a copy from the rack outside the school office.

Any other correspondence will come via Parent Pay so please make sure you have registered to receive school texts and emails as well as permission slips for trips and activities and payment of dinner money and trips. You will also find on the website a calendar of term dates.

Mrs Lamb

## MEET THE TEACHER

We're sure you've already heard lots about your child's new teacher but we'd like to give you the opportunity to meet them for yourselves. Staff will be holding half hour meet the teacher sessions in class on the dates below. The meetings are for parents only, but to make it easier for you to attend I will look after any little ones in one of the classes in school during these times. We hope you can make it. Please don't worry if you can't. We will send out any information in a flyer after the event. Our formal parents evening, where you will be given a 10 minute 1:1 appointment, will take place after the half term holiday.

### Early Years (Reception Classes)

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September from 3:45pm

### Key Stage 1 Classes (Green, Orange and Yellow)

Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September from 3:45pm

### Key Stage 2 Classes (Indigo, Violet and Blue)

Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September from 3:45pm

### Lunch Money

Lunch Money for Year 3 & 4 children for this half term is £76

The usual weekly amount is £10.00.

Please pay via Parent Pay.

Thank you

Mrs Carrick and Mrs Eltringham



## QUERIES AND QUESTIONS

If you have any queries about your child or need to inform school about things please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or me. If we all communicate and work with each other your child will continue to be happy and thrive.

## ACHIEVEMENTS

If your child receives any awards outside of school linked to sports, clubs, Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows and Brownies etc. please let me know. We can celebrate the success in school and put their name in the newsletter. Mrs Wilson coordinates the swimming achievers and has a chart near the entrance to the classrooms, near Yellow/Orange Class.

## School Lunches

Information about lunches e.g. the latest menu is on the school website under the parent section. From time to time the menus on the day may change due to delivery of produce delays, this is quite rare but Mrs Clark always provides a super range for the children.

If you want your child to change to lunches or packed lunches you must contact the School Office. A week's notice is required please; our cook, Mrs Clark has to change the orders of produce etc.



### Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Orange** and **Green** class with 100%.

Our attendance this week was 97.5%, down on last year's (98.2%)

We had only 4 lates this week (3 families) which is a huge improvement!

Thank you so much for your support.  
Mrs Lamb



## Healthy School

### HEALTHY TUCK SHOP

This extremely popular shop will begin again next week. The Tuck shop will be available every morning break where we sell fruits which are in season such as strawberries and blackberries, plus apples, cucumber, melon, yogurts, raisins, cheese sticks and much, much more.

Mrs Wilson

### YEAR 4 SWIMMING

Don't forget we will all be going swimming next Tuesday, leaving school at 12:30 and back for 2:30. Don't forget to bring your NEW swimming bag, and in it you need to pack a towel, one piece bathing costume/ trunks (not below the knee), brush or comb. No deodorants or shampoo are permitted. Long hair MUST be tied back and no jewellery is to be worn including watches/fitbits. We will be walking to the pool and back again so please bring a coat.

Mrs Wilson



Mathletics, PurpleMash, Times Tables Rock Stars and Oxford Owl passwords will be making their way home in the next week or two. If you have any technical problems accessing any of these sites with your passwords, please let Miss Coughlan our Computing Lead know and she will sort out any issues

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



## Welcome Back!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer break and welcome to our new families!

## Welcome Coffee Morning

On Tuesday the PTFA hosted a coffee morning for new and existing families to call in for a cupper and catch up/chat after dropping the children off for their first day at school. We had a great turn out, thank you to everyone who popped in for a cupper.

## Survey Results

Thank you to everyone who completed our survey which was sent via text and social media groups, and on last newsletter of the year. The feedback you have provided has been very useful and we have collated some of this information with our response on a separate document which will be emailed out (once everyone is set up on Parent Pay). We appreciate everyone's support. Our committee were all brand new to post last year and we have made many changes, some have worked some have not, but we are committed to ensuring we make this PTFA as successful as we can as it is for the benefit of the school. We are very inclusive to all, parents, carers, friends and family, who want to volunteer are always welcome. Please spare the time to have a look at the results, if you would like to give us any feedback, we would be happy to hear from you. You can email us or speak to your class rep. Thank you.

## Preloved Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has donated their preloved uniform to our sale and thank you to everyone who has purchased uniform from our wonderful volunteer, Kate. She has been very busy over the summer taking orders from you all and delivering to you. She has raised a **fantastic £125.50!!!** If you would like to purchase some preloved uniform you can contact Kate on 07947846974.

## Sizzle and Bake Family Food Fair

**SAVE THE DATE!** On **Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> October** we are planning a fun afternoon with a selection of foods, refreshments and lots of fun activities. We are still in the planning stage and will have more information for you soon. If you would like to help in any way we would love to hear from you, you can let your class rep know, message via social media group or email us at [2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk](mailto:2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk).

## PTFA Meeting

We will be having our first meeting of the school year **on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 6:30pm** in the school hall. We would love to see as many people there as possible, as always all are welcome. We will be focusing on getting the final arrangements made for our Food Fair.

On behalf of The Friends of GPFS – Have a great weekend!