



# Gosforth Park First School

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## Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for 2018

On behalf of the staff and the Governing Body, I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Thank you for all the edible treats that have been sent in for staff to share. As you would expect, nearly all eaten!

Thank you so much for all of your support, it is much appreciated and valued. We look forward to working with you next term and of course with your wonderful children. We are all very proud of them and of our School.

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties. Thanks to the staff for making them so special.

## Wow – what a week!

Cards, calendars, maths investigations, baking, Christmas crafts, Surprise Room, parties Christmas Lunch, Christmas Assembly, Carol Assembly, theatre visit and a whole lot more! A busy and a fun filled week, what a super way to end the term. Well done everyone! Have a well-deserved break and we look forward to seeing you all in the New Year!

**School re-opens at 8.55am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2017**

**Please note that this is not a Training Day, everyone should be in school; it is a normal school day.**

**Thank you.**

## *A note from Mrs Alley*

Thank you all for supporting Friends of Gosforth Park First School. Over the past few weeks, we have raised just under £1500 from the Disco, performances and surprise room.

To make such a fantastic amount over the most recent events has made my decision to resign as Chair even harder but I wish every success to my successor, whoever they are.

I would like to say thank you to everyone who has supported me as the Chair over the past 2 years. I have worked with a team of volunteers who worked tirelessly to aid in the success of the PTFA to raise funds for our children at school and it would not have been possible on my own.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

Jane

Mum of Thomas in Yellow

## **FGPFS A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

On behalf of the staff and the children I would like to thank the FGPFS for organising all the fundraising events. The money raised is very much appreciated and goes to providing the extras for the children in school.

The last event was the Surprise Room. Santa's Helpers, the Elves, did a super job and gave the children a magical shopping experience. The rooms were beautifully decorated.

Huge thanks to Mrs Alley for all of her hard work and support as the Chair of the PTFA. She has done a super job and I know she will still be involved in supporting the school, the PTFA and her successor. Thank you!





# CINDERELLA

The children from Reception to Year 4 were treated to a magical performance of Cinderella in the school hall this afternoon. David Breeds and Kelsie McDonald from Westend Productions put on an amazing show with lots of songs, actions and call outs for the children to join in with.

Some of the children were even stars of the show joining in as Prince Charming, the carriage (wheels, windows and horses) and woof-a-magicians!

We all joined in with singing and dancing and had a brilliant afternoon. Thanks to the Friends of Gosforth Park First School who funded this event.

What a magical way to end the term!

## Optional - HOLIDAY HOMEWORK FOR MRS LAMB – RECEPTION TO YR 4

Following the wonderful performance of 'Cinderella' the children could make models or, make dioramas or, paint pictures or do some writing e.g. about the characters in the story or write an alternative ending or version of the story using all their wonderful literacy skills. I will award certificates and prizes. The deadline for this will be *Friday 12th January*. Please remember that I want to see high quality work and super presentation, your work will be displayed. I look forward to seeing where your imagination takes you! Mrs Lamb

## Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 97.2% which is down on this time last year. (97.4%)

We have had 38 late marks this week (20 families).



## Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception 2** and **Orange** classes again!

**Well done to everyone**

**Mrs Lamb**



Look at our list of super swimmers who have achieved the following awards!



- Harry Brown (Indigo) Stage Swimming
- Melody Makvandi (Green) 50m
- Lily Lynch (Rec 2) 15m
- Ivy Lynch (Rec 2) 15m
- Sam Tristram (Indigo) Stage 6
- Claire McClintock (Orange) Stage 5
- Ewan Hearn (Orange) Stage 4 swimming and 25m
- Thomas Hearn (Blue) 1000m!
- Theo Midas-Panayi (Blue) Stage 7 and 1000m

Well done to each and every one of you!

Our congratulations also go to Asmina Doshi (Yellow) who has achieved British Gymnastics proficiency award Level 4, Sharon Joseph (Violet) who has achieved Red belt in Ju-jitsu and to Rory Watt (Orange) for achieving Level 3 Tennis.



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to Mr Phipps' Class on Monday. A special mention goes out to **Jay Doshi** and **Nina Gumbrill** who were our Mathletes of the week.

If anyone has any Mathletics wrist bands still lurking at home, please send them back into school.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

## **School Dinners**

Notice for parents of year 3 and 4 children.  
**Lunch Money** for the half term from **Monday 8th January to Friday 9th February 2018** is **£50.00**.

Please make cheques payable to Newcastle City Council.

Thanks

Mrs Douglas



Our healthy school tuck shop will start again from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> January.

Thanks

Mrs Wilson

