



# Gosforth Park First School

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## Christmas Productions

The first dress rehearsals have taken place today and we will soon be in the full swing of things. Please remember the following:

For KS1 & KS2 productions **you must show your ticket at the door to gain entry**. A member of the FGPFs will collect them. Please, please remember that the actual productions are for adults only to attend. We don't want to turn anyone away; staff have requested this so that the children are not distracted whilst doing their shows. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

Remember that pre-school children and babies are very welcome at the Dress Rehearsals but NOT at the actual productions. The children in school will be watching each other's Dress Rehearsals and are excited about this.

### Don't Forget CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Dress Rehearsals will be on the following dates:-

- Reception 1 & 2 and Morning Nursery Friday 9<sup>TH</sup> December 9.30 am – 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'
- Key Stage 1 Friday 9<sup>TH</sup> December 2.00pm – 'Babushka'
- Key Stage 2 Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am – 'Victorian Christmas'
- Reception 1 & 2 and Afternoon Nursery Monday 12<sup>TH</sup> December 2.00pm – 'Whoops-a-Daisy'

## 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.

**For the actual performances due to hall capacity tickets have been sent out for KS1 & 2 , two per family.**

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

**The Main Performances are on:**

Tuesday 13th December 2.00pm = Reception 1&2 and Afternoon Nursery 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'  
Wednesday 14th December 9.30am = Reception 1&2 and Morning Nursery 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'  
Thursday 15th December 2.00pm = KS1 'Babushka'  
Friday 16th December 2.00pm = KS2 'Victorian Christmas'





### **Reminder - FGPFs – Surprise Room / Grotto Shop**

Thank you so much for sending in donations of gifts for the Surprise Room/Grotto Shop. If you have forgotten to send something in then, the FGPFs would be very grateful if it could be sent in asap. Thank you

The Surprise room is opened for children to buy a present for someone special in their family (we encourage them to understand that this shouldn't be themselves). Santa's Elves will be there to wrap the gifts and help write the Christmas/Special gift tag. The children can spend **£2.50** on the gift (**max 1 per child**). The Surprise Room and Grotto Shop are beautifully decorated to reflect Santa's Workshop. Each Key Stage has a particular day to do their shopping. Please refer to the timetable -



#### **Monday 19th December = EYRS + Green & Orange**

9.15am = Morning Nursery

10.00am = R1

10.45am = R2

12.45pm = Afternoon Nursery

1.30pm = Green

2.25pm = Orange



#### **Tuesday 20th December = KS2 + Yellow**

9.10am = Yellow

9.50am = Violet

10.30am = Indigo

11.10am = Blue



**Wednesday 21st December**, Mrs Hall and Mrs Tudor will do an additional 'Mop Up' if needed (children who have been absent)

### **Christmas Theatre Visits**



#### **Reminder of dates**

Afternoon of Thursday December 15th = R1 & R2 + pm Nursery to Northern Stage - 'Luna'

Morning of Monday December 19th = KS1 & KS2 Northern Stage - 'James & the Giant Peach'

Morning of Tuesday December 20th = R1 & R2 + am Nursery to Northern Stage - 'Luna'



#### **LAST DAY - FESTIVE HATS AND HAIR BANDS CAN BE WORN AS WELL**

**HO! HO! HO!**

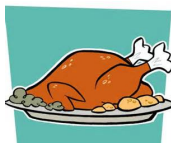
The children will be allowed to bring in a game, a toy, (no electronic games or DSs etc please), to play, share with friends. This must be in a named bag etc. Please note we take no responsibility for lost or broken items. The idea is to encourage the following skills; cooperation, sharing, thinking and problem solving, communication-speaking and listening and being responsible. This game sharing will take place in the afternoon. The children will be in the hall with me in the morning undertaking work related to Literacy, PSHCE and thinking skills. We shall have fun!



## Christmas Cards

From Monday 5th 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. The Red Post Box for Y1 to Y4 is outside the office and Early Years' Post Box will be in the Early Years Entrance area.

Nursery children will be bringing home a special card to design and make - their own card to share with all of their friends in Nursery.



### SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

As already advised this is on Tuesday 20th **December**. The children may wear a festive hair band or hat.

Staff also have their lunch with the children and it is traditionally a wonderful dining experience.

### Reminder CHRISTMAS PARTIES – LAST WEEK



Each key stage will send out a memo re party clothes and bringing in nibbles. The FGPFS have kindly said that they will provide drinks.

The party days are :

The morning of Monday 19<sup>th</sup> **December** = Morning Nursery

The afternoon of Monday 19th **December** = Afternoon Nursery / Reception 1 & 2

The afternoon of Tuesday 20th **December** = Key Stage 1 (green, orange & yellow classes)

The afternoon of Wednesday 21st **December** = Key Stage 2 (violet, indigo, blue classes)

The last day of term is Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> **December**/ School reopens at 8.55am on

**Thursday 5<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.**

## On the up!

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.5 % - up from 96.9% last year! Well done!!

Mrs Lamb

### Attendance - Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Blue** and **Indigo** classes. Well done to everyone!

Mrs Lamb



### Breakfast is a very important meal

Just like cars, buses and trains, we cannot run without fuel, our bodies need energy to work. Especially after a night's sleep, energy levels are low. So, whether you are off to school, or out and about at the weekend, start the day with breakfast. Plenty of carbohydrates is just the ticket: try toast or bread, or cereal with milk, fruit or yoghurt. Miss Cogdon

### TOP TABLE



The following children were selected to sit at the **TOP TABLE** last Friday (2 Dec)

Elizabeth Graham, Sophia Cutmore,  
Anahita Baigi, Nusaybah Amatul-Karim,  
Lexi Eastham, Evie Clarke and Mandana Baigi



Congratulations to Sophie Tinnion  
(Violet Class), Emily Ivison and Harry  
Ivison (Indigo Class)

who won medals in the Xmas Dolphin  
Gala!

Sophie was first in the Butterfly and  
Breaststroke, Emily was 4<sup>th</sup> in the Back  
Stroke and Harry was 5<sup>th</sup> in the Back  
Stroke event.

**AND** Oliver Thompson in Nursery was  
awarded The Stanley 1 Award  
Certificate (Learning to Swim)



## Friends of Gosforth Park First School



### School Disco.

Don't forget the school disco tomorrow,  
3-4.30 pm. Thank you for buying tickets!

**A huge thank you** to all those who have  
volunteered to help with this event  
tomorrow.

FGPFS also wish to thank you all for sending  
in wonderful gifts for the Surprise Room – the  
children enjoy this activity so much. And of  
course a special thank you to all the elves  
who have decorated the surprise room and  
who will be in charge of wrapping!

We would also like to thank the volunteers  
who are going to help with the Christmas  
Productions.

We really can't emphasise enough how  
grateful we are for everyone's help and  
support.

Jane Alley and FGPFS