



Gosforth Park First School

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Welcome Everyone

On behalf of all Staff and Governors of the school I would like to welcome everyone back to the start of the new academic year. A very special welcome to all our new families to the GPFS family. We look forward to working with you and your child. Nursery children start next week. Ms Gasper, Mrs Wells and Mrs Dunn are busy undertaking home visits. We do hope that you have all had a super summer and enjoyed the sunshine.

This will be a very busy term which will fly by. There will be lots of events and curriculum enhancements for the children. This week you are receiving a hard 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 if we have your email address; please ensure that the school office is informed of any email changes. They are always written by me and any staff contributions have their names attached to their sections. Mrs Maughan will be very kindly producing the newsletter for me on a weekly basis. Any other correspondence will come as hard copies and we ask that you check your child's reading folder on a daily basis. You will also find on the website a calendar of term dates and new updates etc.

If you don't have access to a computer and wish to have a hard copy, you may pick one up from outside the school office. You are welcome to come in and do this.

With best wishes,

Mrs Sara

End of School Day Pick up – Urgent Help with this please

Next week KS1 children will be collected from the outside entrance door near their classrooms. KS1 will be brought to the doors by their class teachers and handed over to you. This will be at 3.25pm. KS2 will be brought to the entrance doors at 3.30pm by their class teachers. If you are late or can't collect your child and arrange for someone else known to your child to do this eg an adult; you **must** inform the school office. Children cannot come and pick up siblings from school, as a guide they should be eg 15 years or older (NSPCC advice).

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.

ADVANCE NOTICE OF DATES

In next week's newsletter I will be sending out a lot of dates and events which will be happening this term. However to give you some notice we are holding pastoral and target sharing Parent Consultations after school for Reception to Year 4 on **Monday 3rd October and Wednesday 5th October**. You will receive a letter about this next week re times etc.



SECURITY – Your Help is Needed

1. **Outside gates** – we need your help. Please ensure that they are closed. There are signs on them. Your support with this is much appreciated.
2. **End of school day** – we request that at the end of the day parents, carers etc don't open the gates and come on site until **3.20pm** Staff could be teaching PE/Games lessons outside. This ensures that we don't have people wandering around the site when our children are outside. This does not apply to the staggered collecting of Reception children.
3. If you need to come to the school during the day to inform Mrs Rae or Mrs Maughan or myself of a matter, you **MUST** come via the entrance near the School Office.
4. **Internal door outside school office** – are controlled electronically. Please note that you won't just be able to go down the corridor unless you have been given permission by me or my Office staff. You must see Admin staff first.
5. **Please do not allow your children to climb or swing on the Early Years red railings. Keep children behind the white line and do not allow them to climb the ramp or steps. This also applies to the railing near the main entrance.**

Thank you in anticipation for your support

ACHIEVEMENTS

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

Great North Run September 11th 2016

Good luck to any of you who are taking part in this super 'challenge of endurance'.

TOPIC WEBS FOR KS1/KS2

Topic Webs for your child's Key Stage will be put on the School website next Friday. This will give you an insight into what the children will be learning about this term to support them with developing their skills, knowledge and learning. If you have any resources or artefacts to support the Topic work and are willing to loan them, your child's teacher would gratefully welcome them.

YR4 SWIMMING



The children all had a great time at Gosforth pool last week and have been put into their swimming groups. Please ensure that long hair is tied back and **NO** earrings are worn. This is a pool rule.



Good Luck to everyone who is running in the **Junior or Mini Great North Run** on Saturday 10th September. We have **82** children from Gosforth Park running in aid of St Oswald's. Please remember all 'mini runners' must have an accompanying adult running with them.

If you would like to sponsor our amazing runners please see Miss Storey in Reception 2. It is for a great local charity and every penny will help towards the care St Oswald's provide.

I will be looking out for you all on the day to cheer you over the finish line. Good luck and have fun! Remember to bring your medals to school on Monday to share your achievement.

Miss Storey



Congratulations to Sean Peng in Violet Class for attaining his 50m Swimming Award – well done Sean!