



Gosforth Park First School

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ADVANCE NOTICE OF DATES

Parent Consultations as already advised will be held after school for **Reception to Year 4** on **Monday 9th October and Wednesday 11th October**. All letters will go out on Monday 25th with more information and the deadline date for return slips.

Harvest Assembly will be on Tuesday 17th October from 9:10am in the school hall. There will be more information in next week's newsletter from Mrs Gordon.

Christmas Production dates will be in next week's newsletter.

Welcome Nursery

It's super to see all of our Nursery children in Nursery accessing their morning or afternoon place. Please note we still have a few places in afternoon Nursery. To access this, a little one must be 3 years old by 31st August 2017.

Reception Children

Reception children are settling fabulously into their new settings. I will be arranging appointment times for prospective parents to view the school later in October for the Reception 2018 intake. The deadline for parents to apply to the local authority for Reception places in 2018 is 15th January 2018 noon.

PE – Earrings

Earrings should either be removed the night/morning before PE day. Small studs are permitted but must be covered with tape, to be brought in from home. Too many children are turning up to the school office asking for tape to cover their earrings.

Health and Well-being

We request

- That parents don't give their children sweets when they collect them after school on the school premises as we have Healthy School Status.
- That your child, to the best of your ability, has a good night's sleep.
- That packed lunches must be healthy and not contain sweets. A break biscuit is permitted. Please remember water or juice only, no fizzy drinks.

Please remember that we are a nut free zone so no nut products in packed lunches.

Safeguarding and Well-being

It has come to my attention that some children are becoming concerned and frightened after watching the trailer for the new movie 'IT' which has been advertised on TV and YouTube. Some children who have older siblings have been accessing at home inappropriate information linked to this film. Please can parents be extra vigilant on their child's use of electronic devices – our children have fantastic computing skills! If you need any support on safe filtering in the home please see Mrs Lamb.

Staff News

I am writing to let you know that Mrs Howitt will be relocating to Cumbria due to a family move. Her last day will be Friday 20th October. Mrs Howitt will be greatly missed from our school family. She is an excellent and dedicated teacher and we wish her every success and happiness for the future. Her class will continue to be taught by Ms Young, who many of you will know, who is a super, caring teacher. Yellow Class parents will receive a separate letter today about Mrs Howitt and Ms Young.



PurpleMash and Mathletics login details and information were sent home on Thursday this week. If any of you have not received or have lost your details please see your child's class teacher.

If you have any issues logging on, please let me know as soon as possible so we can get this resolved for you.

We hope you enjoy using these two fantastic resources at home.

Mrs Lamb



Numicon Session for Parents

We are delighted to be able to offer you the chance to come and find out all about Numicon on Friday 3rd November from 1:45 – 2:45.

Numicon is a fantastic resource and hands on approach to teaching about number, which we use in school from Nursery to Year 4.

There is an invitation in your child's book bag and a copy will be emailed to all parents. We hope you can come along!

Please reply before Monday 16th October by returning the slip or emailing me at Leanne.lamb@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Attendance –thank you!

With your help we have made great strides in improving our whole school attendance from 95.5% in Summer 2015 to 96.8% in Summer 2016 and 97.2% in Summer 2017.

We know with your help we can continue to improve.

We are also hoping you can help us with punctuality. School doors open at 8:55 and close at 9:00. Children who are not in class at this time and have to enter via the main office will be marked as late.

If your child receives more than 10 late marks in a half term we will be in touch to discuss how we can support you in improving punctuality.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb



Thank you so much to the parents who spoke to me on the door and called in at the office today to let us know that the pedestrian steps and ramp to the North-east entrance to the Asda carpark will be closed from Monday 25th September to Friday 13th October. We know that some of our families park in Asda or cut through this way on their way to school and may need to re-route.



We are running low on spare sets of trousers and underwear for children who may have 'accidents' in our Reception classes. If you have any old, clean spares please send them our way.

Thank you

Attendance News

Another great week for attendance! Our attendance this week is 98.4%, up from 97.5% this time last year.

We have had 21 late marks this week (12 families).



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Indigo** and **Reception 2** classes.

Well done to everyone
Mrs Lamb



Well done to Oliver Thompson in Reception who has been awarded his 5m Swimming Certificate and Badge

Well done to Callum Dalkin who has achieved his Stage 6 Swimming Award



YOU ARE ALL AMAZING...



Many, many thanks to all who passed on their children's shoes at the end of term. They will be shipped off to the Orphanage in Ghana either at the end of this year or beginning of next. The container is starting to fill!

We baked (and ate) many cakes, created crafts, painted some amazing Ghanaian paintings and Zumba'd 'till we dropped and now I have great pleasure in telling you that we have raised the fantastic amount of **£2023.18** which will make a massive difference to the children at the King Jesus Children's Home in Kumasi.

If you are in school, you must have a look at the Ghana display, which is still work in progress, as we have been presented with a fantastic certificate from Pastor Kofi.

Mrs Wilson



Look at our lovely new **m4th5 of the day** logo below! Look out for more information coming soon...

