



Gosforth Park First School

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Staff News

Miss Storey It is with sadness that I have to inform you that Miss Storey will be leaving us at the end of term. However, it is with great pride that Miss Storey has been successful in obtaining a post at a school nearer to her home and as part of her continuing professional development. She will take her expertise in Early Years with her to her new setting. More information after half term to acknowledge and celebrate Miss Storey's time with us at GPFs.

Mrs Armstrong, Nursery Teacher, will be returning to our Early Years Team in September following a year's career break after having her second son. She will return part time as Nursery teacher working Thursday and Fridays, continuing the job share with Ms Gasper. Mrs Wells will continue to cover Mrs Armstrong's roll until the end of the summer term. Mrs Wells has been and is a valuable member of the team and has worked with Ms Gasper to ensure the seamless teaching, learning and dedicated care of our Nursery Darlings.

Violet Class – Mr Phipps

Violet Class parents have been informed that Mr Phipps is on sick leave until the end of next week. His class is being superbly taught and cared for by Mrs McClurg (Miss Pace) whom the children know. Mrs Piasceska will be covering the Thursday morning.

Training Day Friday 26th May

A reminder that School will be closed on Friday 26th May for the children as it is a staff training day. We have an external trainer coming to school to train, update, staff and governors on the use of Numicon to support our children's learning in Maths.

What is Numicon:

Numicon is a multi-sensory approach to teaching maths developed by experts in the classroom. It is designed to help children understand connections between numbers. Through the multi-sensory activities and mathematical language of Numicon, children develop the understanding and skills that underpin their understanding of number.





Daft as a Brush Day Thursday 25th May

As part of our Gosforth Trust Schools we have decided to organise a collective Daft as a Brush (DAAB) Day on Thursday 25th May to raise money for our local charity. The charity, Daft as a Brush Cancer Patient Care, provides a free transport service to and from the Freeman/RVI Hospitals for outpatients undergoing chemotherapy and/or radiotherapy treatment – some from as far afield as the Scottish Borders, North Yorkshire and West Cumbria. The school council asked the children to come up with some 'daft' ideas to raise money and we certainly had a few!

We ask for a £1 donation for children to participate in the following activities:

- Come to school dressed in pyjamas and make your hair crazy! (Please wear appropriate shoes).
- Bring a joke to tell your class.
- Make your face funny (in school activity).
- A visit from a DAAB Ambulance.

Miss Storey



Building Works



As you will have seen some containers have arrived on site in preparation for the upcoming boiler works. We have been informed by the project manager that there will be no works carried out before half term. Please keep an eye out for updates in the newsletter.

Mrs Lamb



Reminder



Toys, games and collection cards are not allowed in school. This includes the latest and very popular must have gadget, the fidget spinner!

Many thanks for your co-operation.

TOP TABLE



Well done to the following children who were chosen to sit at top table today for demonstrating outstanding manners and great behaviour at lunch time!

**Olivia Waters, Pheobe Waters,
Kacie White, Thomas Thoresen-
Pritchard, Joshua Buck, William
Blvth and Evie Bunvan.**

SWIMMING GALA 18th MAY

WOW! How proud are we of these amazing boys and girls.



Picking the Swimming Squad for this year was difficult enough without having to go through the stress of them competing in their races.

Each and every one of them was a credit to the team, to our school, to their parents and to themselves. Their encouragement to each other was immense as they showed their support to one another by patting each other on the back and saying, "well done ", handing them their towel or water bottle, and the odd high five was done quite often too. They cheered on other schools which hadn't gone unnoticed by staff around the pool.

During the boys relay final, Benjamin showed great spirit and tenacity as his goggles slipped over his mouth after he dived in but he continued with his length without stopping to adjust them.

The finale was the performance of our girls in the freestyle relay who treated us to an exciting neck and neck battle in each of their swims to finish second and bring home silver medals. Brilliant performance girls!

Here are some quotes from the Squad themselves:-

Isla said she had butterflies at the start but once she did a length she felt like she wanted to do it again. Megan felt happy and proud when she came out of the pool and was given her towel and water bottle by her team members.

Berti was very nervous when he first got in the pool but when he was swimming he just wanted to keep doing it and Harry Jones liked it when people were cheering him on in his race.

Grace thought that the girls relay team worked really well together and it was fun, and Joel said he felt famous when he was having his photograph taken!

Benjamin stepped in at the last minute to replace the poorly Harry Ivison and he didn't let the relay team down. He said he was a bit jealous of the other people in his team as they got to swim before he did but when he dived in the water he felt alive! (PHEW!)

Poor Emily had butterflies in her tummy too but she was so excited because she was part of the team who won a medal and she felt proud just by taking part. Thomas thought the whole thing was nerve-wracking but also felt proud after he had finished his race.

Well done all of you.

A very proud Mrs Wilson, Miss Cogdon and Mrs Wells.



Congratulations to Ethan Fullen and Archie Wells who have been awarded **Outstanding Player's Award** in the **Pinpoint Football League**.

Well done to Evie McBain who has achieved her Gymnastics Proficiency Award 8.

Attendance News

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.2%, up from 96.7% last year! Well done!!

Attendance



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Red 1** and **Yellow** classes!

Well done to everyone! Mrs Lamb



Healthy School

Make sure the whole family eats breakfast every day. Children who eat breakfast are less likely to overeat later in the day. If time is an issue, choose speedy yet healthy items such as peanut butter on wholemeal toast, or porridge and fruit. Miss Cogdon



Sunday 21st May – Children's Cancer Run

There is still time to join in! Come along to Gosforth Park Racecourse and you can sign up on the day or we would love to have your support to cheer our fabulous runners over the finish line. Thank you to everyone who has signed up already. This year we have over 120 runners taking part. Our school start time is 11:40 and you should arrive by 11:20. Look out for our school banner. Miss Storey, Mrs Renwick and Miss Walsh have their trainers at the ready and are looking forward to running alongside you all.

Last year we managed to raise £1172.50 which is a fantastic amount! Please help top our total by sponsoring our runners and donating to the Children's Cancer Charity via this link:

<https://cancerrun2017.everydayhero.com/uk/gosforth-park-first-school>

Thank you, Good Luck and see you on Sunday!

Miss Storey

Dates for your calendar

May 23rd	Tennis Team semi-finals of the Tony Blair Tennis Tournament – Miss Storey and the team
May 25th	Daft as a Brush Day in School
May 26th	Staff Training Day – school closed to children
May 29th – June 2nd Half Term Holiday School Reopens for all children on Monday June 5th	
June 6th	Gosforth Schools - 'Lee Sterry KS 2 Girls Footfall Tournament' – Miss Storey / Mrs Wilson
June 8th	Year 3 Parents Meeting for Robinwood Residential 6:30pm
June 9th	Non Uniform Day – Summer Fair help please - have asked for a non-uniform day to support the running of the Chocolate Tombola Stall and the Bottle Stall. The children can come to school not wearing their uniform but please ensure sensible footwear and in return kindly bring in donations of chocolate and or bottles for the Chocolate Tombola Stall and Bottle Stall. This is always very popular at the Fayre but we do need donations. The FGPFs thank you in advance for your help and support
June 12th	Blue Class YR 4s 'Cycle Smart' training (more information to come from Mrs Wilson)
June 13th	Indigo Class YR 4s 'Cycle Smart' training (more information to come from Mrs Wilson)
June 17th	FGPFs Summer Fair – 11.00am – 1.00pm everyone welcome. FGPFs info soon
June 23rd	Annual Open Day Theme - 'Ghana' – African Theme', = 12.00pm – NOON starting with family picnic lunch; activities in school with your child / children. This will include am / pm Nursery. More information nearer the time
June 26th	6.30pm in the School hall, Nursery New Parents evening for September 2017 start
June 27th	6.30pm in the School hall, Reception New Parents evening for September 2017 start
June 30th	Choir Sage Concert – Mrs Thorpe / Mrs Wilson
July 5th & 6th	YR4 Transition Days to GEMS or GCM
Week of 10th July	Sports Week, more information to follow
July 14th	End of Year Reports to Parents and Guardians Reception – Year 4 / Report reply slips to be returned by Wednesday 19th July
July 20th	Year 4 Leavers' Special Assembly for their parents / guardians 9.10am (more info soon)
July 20th	YR4 Leaver's Party, Children only 1.30pm
July 21st	Last Day of Term