



# 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. The actual productions are for grown-ups to attend.

**Please remember** that pre-school children and babies are very welcome at the Dress Rehearsals but NOT at the actual productions. 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.

## SCHOOL CHRISTMAS LUNCH

As already advised this is on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Mr Hamilton – Music Lessons

Due to dress rehearsals Mr Hamilton was not in school today. He will be in school next Thursday morning for clarinet and recorder lessons and then on Friday morning for recorders only. Lessons will resume on the first Friday after the Christmas break.

**Dress Rehearsals** will be on the following dates:-

- Key Stage 2 Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am – 'Hosanna Rock'
- Reception 1 & 2 and Afternoon Nursery Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm – 'It's a Baby'

## **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.

**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 9.05 am for the am EYRS performance. You will be asked to wait patiently outside as you will realise that we have to set the hall up prior to the performances.**

**The Main Performances are on:**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm= Reception 1&2 and Afternoon Nursery 'It's a Baby'**

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30am = Reception 1&2 and Morning Nursery 'It's a Baby'**

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm = KS1 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings'**

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2.00pm = KS2 'Hosanna Rock'**

## **FGPFS – Surprise Room**

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 18th 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 19th December = KS2 + Yellow**

9.10am = Yellow

9.50am = Violet

10.30am = Indigo

11.10am = Blue



**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December, Mrs Hall**

and Mrs Tudor will do an additional 'Mop Up' if needed (children who have been absent)

## **CHRISTMAS PARTIES – LAST WEEK**

Each key stage will send out a memo re party clothes.

The party days are :

The morning of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> **December** =

Morning Nursery

The afternoon of Monday 18<sup>th</sup> **December** =

Afternoon Nursery / Reception 1 & 2

The afternoon of Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> **December** = Key

Stage 1 (Green, Orange & Yellow classes)

The afternoon of Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> **December** =

Key Stage 2 (Violet, Indigo, Blue classes)

**The last day of term is Friday 22nd December/  
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.**

## **Friends of GPFs**

Wow, what a busy time of the year for us all!

Thank you to everyone who came to the Christmas disco. From what I've been told fun, was had by all.

I would also like to say thank you to the volunteers who helped make it possible.

We now have all the volunteers needed to provide teas and coffee at the performances. I will be confirming with you all soon.

We will also be offering the raffle at each of the performances so please remember your purses/wallets to buy a drink and a raffle ticket to continue to support the school. If you have a prize you would like to donate, please bring them in next week.

Leigh Geddes has volunteered to organise and run the surprise room for us again this year. Thank you Leigh, it's not a small challenge!

We are short of a few donations so if you still have yours at home Can you please bring it in next week.

Jane Alley

Mum of Thomas in Yellow

## Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 97.5% which is down from last year (97.6%).

We have had 27 late marks this week (16 families).



## Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception 1** and **Orange** classes.

Well done to everyone

Mrs Lamb

# Congratulations!

Well done to Rory Watt for achieving Stage 4 swimming

Well done to Patrick Quinn for achieving his Red Karate Belt!

Well done to Isabel Gent in Orange Class who has passed her Stage 4 Swimming.

Well done to Rohan Gent in Indigo Class who has passed his Stage 5 Swimming.

## Tights



We are running out of spare tights – any donations gratefully received.

Many thanks, Mrs Hall



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to Mrs Miss Cogdon's Class on Monday. A special mention goes out to **Archie Wells** and **Aurelia Fahey Garvey** who were our Mathletes of the week.

Mrs Lamb

## HEALTHY TUCK SHOP

2018...exciting times ahead!



The children absolutely love spending their 20p's at morning break on their Healthy Tuck and even Reception have Tuck Shop Friday where they can join in too.

As you know we try and sell at least 3 fresh fruits every day + cheese, Frubes, bottled water and raisins. Next term however we going to sell Fruit Smoothies on a Tuesday and Milk Shakes on a Thursday too, so the choices are even bigger.

Mrs Wilson

# THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS



We cannot get over the response for the donations of Christmas Gifts for the children at The King Jesus Charity Home in Ghana which we support. Your generosity has been totally overwhelming. You have sent in **over 500** gifts and about 98% of them were brand new.

The staff and some of our children have worked two evenings wrapping, sorting, labelling and packing and the parcels have been picked up today by the shipping company and will be delivered to the children over the Christmas period.

We have used over 32metres of wrapping paper! Mrs Matthewson's daughter managed to get a sponsor for us from Tate Walker (Accountants) and they have given us a very generous cheque of £150 to cover the cost of shipping.

We held two cake sales to raise money for drawstring bags for each child which contain their **MANY** presents. All of the children have at least 5 presents to open and we just wish we could be there to watch what will be a truly magical moment.

Once again, a massive thank you for your generosity.

Wishing you all a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Mrs Wilson and Mrs Thorpe





## Amazing Animal Antics

On Tuesday, Morning and Afternoon nursery had some very special visitors. Rob from 'Zoolab' delivered the 'Around the World with Santa' session for us. Rob explained he's helping Santa to deliver presents to some special animals. In Santa's sack there were lots of gifts for the animals, the children guessed who each gift might be for. The children loved meeting a tarantula, a tortoise, a snake, an African hedgehog, a giant hissing cockroach, two giant land snails and some fancy rats!

The children were fascinated with the animals they met - they listened so well and answered lots of questions. They were very brave, but were also very caring too. All of the children were really gentle with the animals. We were so proud of all our Nursery children!

Miss Gasper

