



# Gosforth Park First School

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Merry Christmas and a  
Happy New Year for  
2017

On behalf of my Staff and the Governing Body, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous, New Year.

Thank you for all the edible treats that have been sent in for staff to share. As you would expect, nearly all eaten!

Thank you so much for all of your support, it is much appreciated and valued. We look forward to working with you next term and of course with your/our darlings. We are all very proud of our children and of our School.

Please note that there won't be a newsletter next week as we are only in for three days. School will re-open after the New Year on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8.55 am prompt.

## CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Wow, these have been amazing; each production different in character resulting in standards which would be seen at a Theatre Royal production. Thank you so much for your wonderful comments these are greatly appreciated and I have passed them on to the staff and children. I am immensely proud of my dedicated staff team and the children, who rose to the occasion; A VERY BIG THANK YOU to all of them. We have to remember the ages of the children, aged three to nine who weren't phased by the 'Paparazzi', marvellous. I don't think there was a dry eye in the house from the touching, moving moments to the great hilarity. A very big thank you to you all as your attendance at events supports the family ethos of the school.

## FGPFS – A SPECIAL THANK YOU

On behalf of my staff and the children I would like to thank the FGPFS for organising all the events to give you and the children some lovely social fun get togethers. The money raised is very much appreciated and goes to providing the extras for the children in school. Special thanks go to Mrs Alley - Chair, Mrs Seccombe - Treasurer and Mrs Tristram - Secretary and so many friends behind the scenes for their stalwart work in organising and co-ordinating the events.





## Reminder – FGPFs – Surprise Room/Grotto Shop

Thank you so much for sending in donations of gifts for the Surprise Room/Grotto Shop.

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 gift 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 19<sup>th</sup> December = EYRS + Green & Orange**

9.15 am = Morning Nursery  
 10.00 am = R1  
 10.45 am = R2  
 12.45 pm = Afternoon Nursery  
 1.30 pm = Green  
 2.25 pm = Orange



**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December = KS2 + Yellow**

9.10 am = Yellow  
 9.50 am = Violet  
 10.30 am = Indigo  
 11.10 am = Blue

**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> 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

Morning of Monday December 19<sup>th</sup> = KS1 & KS2  
 Northern Stage – James and the Giant Peach.

Morning of Tuesday December 20<sup>th</sup> = R1 & R2 + am  
 Nursery to Northern Stage – Luna.

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



The children will be allowed to bring in a game, a toy, (no electronic games or DSs etc please), to 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; Co-operation, 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, PSHE and thinking skills. We shall have fun!

## Reminder CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children are really looking forward to their Christmas parties especially playing the traditional games. Staff will be making the parties so special, a big thank you to them. You will have received a memo from your child's key stage about 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 19<sup>th</sup> December = Afternoon Nursery/Reception 1 and 2.

The afternoon of Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December = Key Stage 1 (Green, Orange and Yellow classes)

The afternoon of Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December = Key Stage 2 (Violet, Indigo and Blue classes)

## Optional – HOLIDAY HOMEWORK FOR MRS SARA – RECEPTION TO YEAR 4



The children and I will be having a Literacy, PSHE, Media learning experience in the hall on Wednesday. The story will be James and the Giant Peach by Roald Dahl. I will ask the children to make models or dioramas or paint pictures and do some writing about e.g. the characters in the story or write an adventure story for James using all their wonderful literacy skills. I will award certificates and prizes. The deadline for this will be **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> January**. Please remember boys and girls that I want to see high quality work and super presentation your work will be displayed. I look forward to reading your work and admiring your illustrations Thank you.

## NEXT TERM

This will be a very busy term, what's new! I will be sending out information re dates early next term in the newsletter. Class Assemblies will be taking place over the next term. The children will showcase some of their learning and this will enable parents to see what they have been doing. The Special Assemblies will take place on a Friday afternoon. Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.20 pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. Fundraising will take place with the sale of cakes, raffle etc. This will be to support the class with buying some little extras. The children will come in at 2.40 pm to showcase their talents. We would also like to stagger the 'Cone Dine with You' experience across the next two terms. This is where one member of the family can come and have their lunch with their child and enjoy a lunchtime experience.

## Still on the up!

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.5% - up from 96.9% last year! Thank you so much for your continued support.

Mrs Lamb

## Attendance – Classes of the Week!

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

Mrs Lamb



**Thirsty instead?** If your children ask for more snacks after you think they've had enough they may be thirsty instead of hungry. Try offering them water or low fat milk (skimmed, semi-skimmed or 1%, as long as they are aged over five) instead.

Miss Cogdon

## Dinner Money – Spring term



Don't forget dinner money next term if **your child is in KS2** and is having school meals. Usual weekly amount is £10, but the first week back is only 2 days – so £4 due. If you wish to pay for the half term, the amount due is £64.00.

If your child's dinner money account is in credit or debit you will receive a text on the last day of term advising of this. Please adjust your payment accordingly next term.

*Many thanks*

*Mrs Maughan*

## Friends of Gosforth Park First School



So many people to thank once more!

Thank you to all those who attended the Christmas Disco, and to all those who helped with the organisation – we raised an impressive £522 (approx).

Thanks to all those who volunteered to help with the Christmas performances and to all those who bought tea, coffee and raffle tickets.

The children are looking forward to the Surprise Room next week. So a huge thank you to all of you who so kindly sent in donations for this and also to our amazing 'Elves' who make the event such a success.

These events all raise money which can then be spent on our children in school. We are very grateful to everyone who participates.

Merry Christmas!

Jane Alley (Chair and the FGPFs)

### A Christmas Wish – Help Needed

Help needed! You may have seen on local news the story of Bradley Lowery. He has a dying wish to receive over 1,000 Christmas Cards. Would any of you be willing to make this wish for Bradley come true?

His address is:

**Bradley Lowery  
5 Attlee Avenue  
Blackhall Rocks  
Hartlepool  
TS27 4BY**

**Or pass cards on to:**

**Fiona Hall (Mum of Oliver Hall in Reception 1), as she is going to post a box of cards to Bradley.**

**Thanks for your help.**

## *Congratulations to our Swimmers!*



We have so many children to congratulate!

Elizabeth Graham and Imogen Young completed their 50m, stage 4.

Galileo Redrado completed stage 3.

Molly and Evie McBain achieved their stage 2 swimming badges.

Henry Musgrove achieved his Stage 3.

Asmina Doshi received her 15m swimming badge.

Mengke Dai and William Anderson received their Puffin badge.

Jack Sidney received his 5m badge.

Adam Gray and Janice Kuang received their 10m badge.

Zach Hussain, Lewis Brannigan and James Irving received their 25m badge.

Shari Asif and Daniel Taylor received their 50m badge.

Charlotte Stanley, Athir Mohammed and Mina Corso received their 200m badge.

Aleesha Rahman, Noah Herbertson, Aleeza Bashir, Owen Lloyd, Callum Higgins, Harry Jones, Grace Herschel, Anushka Sawant, Kirsten Alley, Chloe Tristram, Tom Beall, Emily Ivison, Harry Ivison, Jack McClintock, Tess Redrado, Olivia Ikin, Peter Laing, Billy Morgan, Bailey Ratcliffe and Bassmala Makki all received their 400m badges.

Thomas Egan, Isla Taylor, Berti Kelecsenyi, Adam Townend, Joel Mitchell, Megan Wells and Benjamin Wilkinson all received their 600m badges.

And Rory Watt passed Stage 3 swimming and ALSO completed his first term of tennis!

WOW – well done everyone – great job!!