



Gosforth Park First School

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HAPPY HALF TERM

Can I remind you that next week is the half term holiday. I've told the children that as they have worked so hard they can have next week off! School re-opens on **Monday 5th June** at 8.55am for main school and 8.50am for Nursery. On behalf of staff and the Governing Body we hope that you all have a super break and lots of fun.

Active Kids Vouchers

The Sainsbury's Active Kids Voucher scheme ended two weeks ago. If you still have any vouchers lying around please send them in as soon as possible. In the past we have managed to get some wonderful resources for the children e.g. playtime Sainsbury's equipment, cooking utensils and gardening equipment. We eagerly wait to hear from Miss Storey re the final total and what we can get for the children from the Sainsbury's catalogue. Thank you so much for your support with this.

First Week Back - FRIDAY 9TH JUNE NON-UNIFORM DAY

The FGPFs 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 is worn. In return please could they bring in donations of chocolate and or bottles for the Chocolate Tombola Stall and Bottle Stall. This is always very popular at the Fair but we do need donations. The FGPFs thank you in advance for your help and support.

We do hope that you will all be able to come to the **Summer Fair on Saturday 17th June 11.00am – 1.00pm** and have some family fun together.

Many thanks go to Mrs Jane Ally the chair of the FGPFs and all the helpers for their great work. I know that Jane has asked for help and donations of prizes for the raffle which we are all grateful for. Thanking you in advance for your tremendous support from everyone at GPFS.

Sports Week and Key Stage Sports afternoons Week of July 10th

After half term Miss Storey our PE subject lead will be informing you of the wonderful activities planned for a week of sports activities and the key stage sports afternoon. The Key Stage sports afternoon will be when parents will be invited to attend.





RESIDENTIAL 2018

YEAR 3 PARENTS AND CHILDREN...

Don't forget the meeting on **Thursday 8th June at 6.30 pm** in the school hall to find out all there is to know, and to secure your child's place for Robinwood 2018.

There will be children from this Year's Year 4 to talk chat to and a DVD to watch. The evening should not last more than an hour.

This is a fantastic way for your child to gain confidence and work together as a team in preparation for their transition to their next school in September. We have had parents in the past saying that their child has come back with great stories to tell and they are more outgoing and confident.

If you have forgotten to send in your reply about this it doesn't matter, just pop along and we would love to see you.

Many thanks

Sue Wilson

**FOR EVERY CHILD IN YEAR 4
CYCLE SMART 12th and 13th JUNE**



Your child should have brought home a letter informing you about their Cycling Award in June. Please check your child's bag as **ALL** the information you need to know is on there.

At last!



The sun has finally made an appearance and we hope it lasts throughout the half term holiday and beyond!

If we are lucky enough to have such beautiful weather after half term please remember:

- to name sun hats, caps, sunglasses
- apply sun cream before your child comes to school (staff are unable to apply sun cream to 277 children). There are products which last between 6-12 hours.
- Children **MUST** have water bottles in school each day.
- If a child has a health problem with sun creams please let Mrs Sara or Mrs Wilson know.

Thank you

Lunch Money

Lunch money for next half term is £70

Sending cash to school

When you send cash or a cheque to school with your child, for school trips or activities, can you please make sure you send it in an envelope with your child's name on the front, class and the subject or reason for the donation. This doesn't include £1 donation day's for example, Daft as a Brush or Red Nose Day.

Many thanks
Mrs Douglas



Greggs Children's Cancer Run 2017

WOW! What a fantastic turn out we had. It was great to see so many faces from Nursery to Year 4 and even some past pupils preparing to run in aid of charity. Well done to everyone who completed 1, 3 or 5 miles around a very muddy course. There was a sense of solidarity as we set off and lots of encouragement and determination as we conquered each mile. Thank you to Juliette Wyde who help me up a very steep hill at one point between mile 3 and 4! Also a special well done to Mrs Renwick for running 3 miles and Miss Walsh and her mum for being official photographers and banner holders on the day. You should all be very proud of your achievement. We have already smashed last year's fund raising total, as our current online total stands at **£1358.11** and we are sitting in 12th position on the schools leaderboard, so thank you for all of your donations so far. If anyone would like to sponsor our amazing runners please go to:

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

If you have any sponsorship please **DO NOT** send it to school. Follow the information below:

Please forward a copy of this sponsorship form and a cheque (made payable to NECCR and with your address and event name on the back) or postal order to **NECCR, Sir James Spence Institute, RVI, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE1 4LP.**

Although this will be my final NECCR at Gosforth Park First School I hope you will all continue running and I look forward to seeing you all there next year!

Miss Storey



Tennis Stars

Our Year 3 tennis players are through to the Tyne and Wear Finals!! Well done to Ellie, Evie B, Amelie, Phoebe, Max, Dhyanesh, William L and Isaac for their hard work and determination. We came a close second to Broadway East out of six other schools. Good Luck in the next round, which will be Friday 30th June at the Sunderland Tennis Centre.



Well done to Sean Peng who has passed his Grade 1 Violin exam with distinction!

Attendance News

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.1%, 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 **Orange** and **Yellow** classes! Well done to everyone! Mrs Lamb



Healthy School

Decrease screen time – and put physical activity in its place. Drag the kids away from the TV, computer and games console and instead get active as a family by walking, cycling, going to the park or playground or swimming together.

NEWCASTLE CAN

Newcastle City Council is running a campaign throughout 2017 challenging the city, to collectively lose 1000, 000 in weight.

Newcastle Can aims to get individuals, families, groups and employees in the city to be more active, eat healthier and lose weight together. It is open to anyone over the age of 14, who works, lives or socialises in the city.

To get involved or find out more, check out www.newcastlecan.com

Football Festival organised by Lee Sterry (a football coach)

On Tuesday 6th June members of KS2 will be representing our school in this football tournament, a day event, this is for the girls. One team is being entered for this event. Miss Storey and Mrs Wilson will be with the team and Miss Storey has sent letters to the parents of the children involved. The Football Festival will involve about 11 schools from the area and it will take place on our campus site.

On the 27th June there will be a similar event for KS2 boys. Miss Storey is waiting for more information for this second event.

Thanks & Bye Bye to Our Lollipop Guys



gpfs & befs Come together to say
thank you terry & jim for keeping us safe!!



As a lot of you will already know, we are losing Terry and Jim, our Lollipop Guys, at the end of this school year. We wanted to show our appreciation for them by giving them a nice send off in the form of a collection. Should any of you families out there be interested in donating, please text either Leigh Geddes on 07941-295449 if you attend Gosforth Park First School or Kerri Hayden on 07711-523771 if you attend Broadway East First School. Or if you know who they are already, simply catch them as you see them and give them your donation. We would like to collect £5 for each of them (but if you'd prefer to only donate to one that's ok too!) When you give us your donation, we will take a photo of you and your children, as we think this will be the best way to show Jim and Terry who has donated - since they see our faces every day! There is no pressure at all to participate in this collection but we cannot accept any donations after the deadline, this is to allow us time to buy their Metrocentre/Eldon Square gift cards and make up their thank you cards with all of your lovely photos inside!

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The deadline for collection [⊕] is Friday 30th June 2017



Dates for your calendar

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