



# Gosforth Park First School

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The Children have had a lovely time enjoying activities and games and raising money for Children in Need. They all looked amazing, we have never seen so many spots!

We will count the money raised next week and publish in the newsletter as we still have some money coming in.

Evie (Blue): The children had so much fun guessing and playing the activities. Mr Phipps' joke machine – there were some very good jokes in there that the children wrote!

Theo (Blue): The children had the time of their lives trying to guess how many chocolate buttons there were in the jar!



The jar of buttons was won by Elliot in Orange class who had a guess of 140! He was so close – the actual number was 141 – well done!



These lovely Pudsey money boxes were presented to the following children for being the spottiest in Class! It was a tough job judging – you all looked amazing!

## Reception 1

Isla Howett & Finn Walker

## Reception 2

Matthew Lazenby & Ayla Seccombe

## Green

Grace Lenham & David Taylor

## Orange

Isabel Gent & Rory Watt

## Yellow

Nicola Elliott & Thomas Alley

## Indigo

Luke Millican & Lucy Jones

## Violet

Joshua Mancini & Elizabeth Graham

## Blue

Jay Doshi & Lola O'Shaughnessey

The children in school bought jokes from the Orange Class joke machine for 20p.

Sophie Tinnion purchased this one!

Knock Knock

Whos there?

Boo

Boo who!

Oh don't cry! It's only a knock knock joke!

## Interesting Instruments!

KS2 had a visit from Newcastle Music Department on Wednesday. They brought wind instruments and the children enjoyed learning lots about them. Some were even clever enough to get a note out of a bass clarinet (a very tricky thing to do)! We are now looking forward to going to the concert at the Great North Museum later in December!

Mrs Thorpe

## Reminder - ABSENCES

We have had lots of children off this week with sickness bugs, coughs and colds. Please remember to contact School on the first day of your child's absence and state the reason for the absence. Please keep the School Office informed of any prolonged illness. **If your child has sickness and diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours from the last 'bout'. This is a requirement due to the spread of contagious viruses etc and to protect everyone in school – this instruction is from Public Health.** To all of our friends who have been affected this week – get well soon!

## Friends of Gosforth Park First School

Thank you to those parents who helped out with the book fair this week - we are so grateful. I shall be in touch very soon asking for help with Christmas productions and the Christmas Disco. We are also looking for a new secretary (to take and write up minutes). If you are interested let me know!

Jane Alley (Chair of FGPFs)

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## Basket Ball at Brunton

On Thursday a group of Year 2 children had the opportunity to visit Brunton First School as part of a Gosforth Gets Going event. It was a great morning filled with fun basketball drills and competitive games. The children showed great skill and sportsmanship!

Thomas "I liked shooting to score!"

Blake "I liked playing the matches!"

Eleanor "I liked bouncing the ball!"

Well done to everyone!

Miss Walsh



**Christmas Lunch**  
**Wednesday 20th December 2017**



**Christmas Lunch Menu**

**Traditional Roast Turkey**  
**With traditional accompaniment**  
**Or**  
**Quiche**

**Seasonal Vegetables**  
**Roast or Creamed Potatoes**

**Christmas Pudding with White**  
**Sauce**

**Or**  
**Festive Speciality Ice Cream**  
**Or**  
**Selection of Seasonal Fruits**

If your child has a packed lunch, they will receive a letter in their bag tonight asking if they wish to have a Christmas lunch. If your child is in KS2 the cost is £2, if your child is in Reception or KS1 there is no charge as they qualify for Universal Free School Meals. Please return the reply slip, with your child's name and choice of meal (Vegetarian or Traditional) and payment (if applicable) by Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November at the latest.

Many thanks.  
Mrs Lamb

**Christmas Productions**

**Reminder Christmas Productions Dates**

**Please put the dates on your calendar**

As advised in several newsletters. The dates for the Dress Rehearsals and Main Productions are in the list below. Exact times will be given nearer the date but please note that the productions for Key Stage 1 & 2 **are ticketed** due to hall capacity and **two tickets per family will be issued. The EYRs productions are not ticketed.**

This part is very important: Pre-school, babies and children under First School age are **not permitted at the main Productions** but **will be very welcome at the dress rehearsals**. This is at the request of staff to minimise distractions for the children and to give them the opportunity to 'perform' as if they were a theatre production. All of our children see each key stage production dress rehearsal so no one misses out unless it is due to unforeseen circumstances e.g. illness.

**Dress Rehearsals: Pre-school, babies and children under First School age welcome**

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December = in the afternoon - Key Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December = in the morning - Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet)

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December = in the afternoon – Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

**THE PRODUCTIONS Adults only at the Productions**

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December Afternoon**

**Performance** = Afternoon Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

**Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December Morning**

**Performance** = Morning Nursery, Reception 1 & 2

**Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December Afternoon Performance** = Stage 1 (Yellow, Orange, Green classes)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December Afternoon Performance** = Key Stage 2 (Blue, Indigo, Violet classes)

## Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 97.9%, up from 97.7% this time last year. We have had 22 late marks this week (11 families).



## Classes of the Week!



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

**Well done to everyone**

**Mrs Lamb**



Well done to Rosie Dalkin who has achieved her Stage 4 swimming award and Asmina Doshi who has achieved her 50metre swimming award.

Massive congratulations to Callum Dalkin who was awarded the Bronze Chief Scout award. This is due to achieving all of his challenge awards in Beavers and is the highest honour that can be awarded to a Beaver!

Callum you should feel very proud of your achievement – WELL DONE!

## **CANCELLED**

Unfortunately the Friends of Gosforth Park First School (PTA) have had to postpone the meeting arranged for Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> at 7pm as they are awaiting paperwork from the bank to be able to complete accounts ready for the AGM. We will let you know as soon as this can be rescheduled.

Mrs Alley



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to both Receptions Classes again on Monday. A special mention goes out to **James Philips** and **Maisie Rivett** who were our Mathletes of the week. Keep playing to earn points towards a school prize for the Mathletics November Challenge!

Mrs Lamb



### Dear Parents,

Your child's school has entered in the November Numeracy Challenge. This is a UK, Europe and Middle East maths challenge focused on students mastering curriculum activities and practising their mental maths skills. Prizes are awarded for top performing schools.

