



Gosforth Park First School

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Training Day / Half term

A reminder that we break up for the half term holiday on Thursday 24th October. We have a staff training day on **Friday 25th October** and school will be closed to the children. We will reopen on Monday 4th November at **8.55am**

Parent Consultations Reception to Year 4

Letters will be coming home today for you to select an appointment time for parent consultations which will be held after the half term holiday. During the consultations, I will be based in the office area if any parents would like to pop in for a chat. We look forward to seeing you all there. Please remember this is for you and not for the children. There will be an opportunity to see your child's work as you wait for your appointment.

Thank you
Mrs Lamb

Poppy Appeal



Year 4 children will be going to each class selling 'Poppies' from **Monday 21st October**. If you would like your child to purchase one, please send in a donation. The poppies are the stick on type. Thank you.

Mrs Carrick



Parking

The children, parents, staff and governors of Gosforth Park First School are growing increasingly concerned about the very real possibility of a serious accident happening outside of our grounds due to the inconsiderate parking/waiting by grown ups at the front of school. We have contacted police for their assistance and are appealing on our children's behalf. Please park considerately and ***please, please, help to keep our children safe.***

Moving from Year 4 to Year 5

The deadline for applying for a transfer places is 31st October 2019 at 12 noon.

For more information see

<https://newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>

Remember to apply online and on time – we don't want anyone to miss out on their preferred school.

We still have 20 Year 4s who are yet to make an application.





On Thursday 17th October, Key Stage 2 went to Beamish Wild as part of their learning on 'Outdoor Adventurous Activities.' They took part in a range of activities including archery, crate stack, tree creeper, scavenger hunt, high all aboard and Jacob's ladder. The children developed their confidence, team-building and communication skills throughout the day. Well done to you all!

Miss Walsh



Thomas said, "Beamish Wild was very good. My favourite activity was 'leap of faith' because you had to climb a pole as high as a lamp post and then jump off which didn't sound hard but when it was my turn the man took away some of the metal steps to make it harder! We also got to do two other activities they were: Archery and Jacob's ladder."

Blake said, "When we went to Beamish we did lots of exciting things like archery. We had lots of fun! My favourite thing was Jacob's Ladder. It was two wooden poles with about five bars in-between that are connected with a rope. There are two activities that we needed a harness for. They were Jacob's tower and the leap of faith. We all loved it!

Asmina said, "On Thursday we went to Beamish Wild. We did loads of fun activities such as Archery, Jacob's ladder and the leap of faith. I didn't get to the top of the leap of faith. Archery is where you have a bow and arrow and try and hit the target. The leap of faith is where you climb a really tall ladder and jump off a platform and try and touch a ball. You will have a harness on though. Jacob's ladder is where you climb up really wobbly wooden steps. They are very long because you will be racing a friend to the top. You will have a harness on. We had so much fun at Beamish Wild."

School Clubs KS1 & KS2

Children in Key Stage One and Two will have brought home a club letter this week inviting them to make a 1st, 2nd, 3rd choice of a club they wish to join. The clubs are run by school staff. The deadline to return the reply slips is Monday 21st October. Your child will be notified as to which club they have been allocated after half term. Oversubscribed clubs will run on a rolling programme so that the children will get a turn.



**PEOPLE'S
KITCHEN** est. 1985
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We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Monday 21st October with the children in school. As always, we would welcome donations for the People's Kitchen which provides hot meals and support for anyone who, for many different reasons, find themselves in dire straits. This is a critical time for this excellent charity, which is based near St James' Park, because it is when the warehouse is replenished with goods to sustain it through the year to come.

The charity provides a 'Harvest Wish List' for all who are willing to give. This includes tinned meals, vegetables, fruit and soups; tea, coffee and instant drinking chocolate; household items such as dishwashing cloths, pan scrubs, freezer bags, laundry wash tablets and general toiletries are also welcome. Please note that fresh fruit and vegetables are not required because it is not necessarily possible to use them immediately. We thank you in advance for your continuing generosity and support.

Donations will be collected after Monday 21st October so there's still time to send something in. Thank you again for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletes of the week this week are James Phillips and Leo Tomlinson. Well done! Our class of the week is **Yellow Class** again!

KS1 Geography Field Trip

To round off our Gosforth is Great topic - we are planning a local walk for KS1 on Thursday 24th October. It will be a geography field trip exploring the area outside our school. Thank you to the parents who have already given permission via parent pay - please could you sign up if you'd like your child to come on the walk? Many thanks, KS1 teachers.



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception Miss Walsh** and **Violet** class this week.

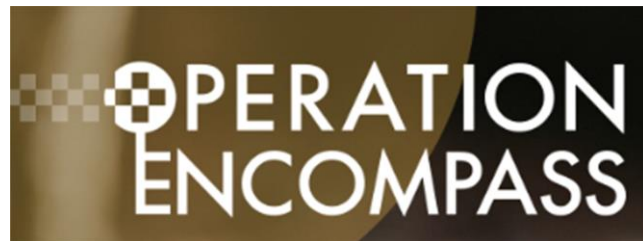
Our attendance this week was 97.5% which is down on last week and last year. We're hoping you're all feeling better and this will be back up next week.

We had 18 lates this week (11 families).

This is an improvement on last week but I know we can do better!

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



On Monday, Dale Brown came to talk to Blue Class about friendship. Here's what the children had to say...

Daniel Irving...

We learned about the types of relationships you have like friendships and families. It was very good.

Daniel Craig...

When Dale came, we got an envelope which had a happy heart and a sad heart. We had to put things that were kind and not kind about friends on each side. I really like it.

Blake Fahy...

When the police officer came in he taught us about having a good relationship with our friends.

Thomas Alley...

It was good. I liked the happy and sad heart activity.

Diary Dates

Please see changes/new additions in red

Thursday 24 th October	Last day of term
Friday 25 th October	Training Day
Monday 4 th November	School re-opens
Monday 11 th November 4:30pm	DAAB Christmas Tree Light Switch On
Wednesday 13 th November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 14 th November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 19 th November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20 th November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 21 st November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 19 th November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 3 rd December 9:30am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 th December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 th December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Monday 9 th December 9:30 am	KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 th December 2:00 pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 13 th December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Production
Friday 13 th December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunches



Congratulations to Asmina Doshi who has demonstrated the required skills for Rookie Lifeguard Gold Stage 3.

Congratulations to Finn Walker who has passed his stage one swimming. Finn also did a sponsored swim on Sunday for the Taylor Atherton Foundation and managed to swim 300m, raising £178! Well done!

Congratulations to Thomas Walker who was invested at Beaver's this week.



On **Thursday 24th October (9:00 - 10:30)** we would like to welcome Reception parents in to class to participate in a variety of maths Halloween based activities with your child. The children really enjoy these mornings and it enables parents to see what their child is learning in school. We will be having a coffee/cake sale throughout the morning to raise funds for Early Years and would appreciate any contributions. The money raised will be used for making and baking activities. **Dressing up is optional (parents included!)** We look forward to seeing you all then!

Miss Walsh and Miss Coughlan



The 'C' Word...

Not to scare you but its approaching fast... you may have already started doing some shopping as early preparation... that's right folks **CHRISTMAS!!!** So, for those who are shopping online this year we thought it would be worthwhile reminding you about [easyfundraising.com](https://www.easyfundraising.com). You can support our school, raise money and all without doing anything more than you were already planning. It is so simple to use - you can even add a tool to your browser which will remind you to add your donation whilst shopping on each website. If everyone signs up and started using this free fundraising tool, we could really see an increase in the donations to school.

Never miss out on a donation

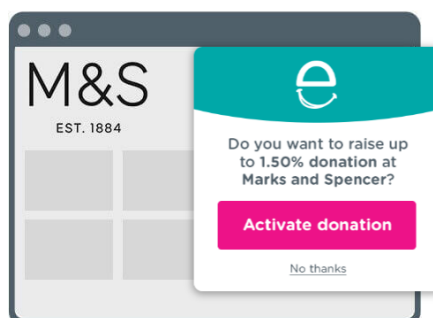
The Donation Reminder helps you remember to use easyfundraising - so the cause you support never misses out when you shop online.

- ✓ Highlights +4,000 online shops & sites where donations are available
- ✓ Activates your donation in just a couple of clicks
- ✓ Simple to install, easy to use

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Preloved Uniform

Don't forget you can buy Preloved Uniform all year round from our dedicated uniform specialist, Kate! She is happy to take requests via text on 07947846974 and will do her very best to sort you out with what you need. Our uniform stands the test of time so why not save your money by buying Preloved, getting more use out of the uniform and helping the environment... you also help the school as every penny raised selling Preloved Uniform goes straight back into school to buy various things to entertain the children such as playground toys and equipment.



Upcoming Events

We are in the process of planning our next event, which will be our Disco. We hope to have further information to share with you next week... so watch this space!

On behalf of the Friends of GPFS,

Have a lovely weekend