



Gosforth Park First School

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BBC Children in Need is back! Children are invited to dress in spots on **Friday 15th November** for a day of fun and fundraising! You can make a £1 donation and come to school in non-school uniform - don't forget to wear something spotty! This year we've teamed up with Joe Wicks to get our school active and feeling good, children will take part in the Big Morning Move. We're also hoping for a visit from our furry friend himself, Mr Pudsey Bear.

Please make any donations via Parent Pay.

Thanks

Mrs McClurg

Parent Consultations

Thank you for returning your parent consultation slips. Parent consultations will be held on **Tuesday 19th November** and **Thursday 21st November**. You should have all been returned your slip indicating your appointment day and time. If you haven't received this please see your child's class teacher.

Mrs Lamb

Advent Calendar Donations

When December arrives, children across the country will be opening the first doors in their Advent Calendars in the traditional countdown to Christmas. However some children are not as lucky and we would like to help.

Would you be able to donate Advent Calendars for a local food bank? We will collect from now until the end of November and then will take them to a local foodbank so that fully more children will be able to join in with the Christmas Countdown.

Thank you

Mrs McClurg and Mrs Lambert



The Daft as a Brush Annual Christmas Tree Light Switch on, is due to take place on Monday 11th November @ 4.30pm, at DAAB House. All children are invited to attend and they can arrive from 4pm for a 4.30pm switch on. Please let DAAB know if you can attend so they can provide enough juice & biscuits for the children.



THE PEOPLE'S KITCHEN est. 1985 NEWCASTLE

The children received a lovely letter from The People's Kitchen this week thanking them for their kind donations. Please see below...

Dear Children

I am writing to thank you for sending all the food that you collected at our harvest Festival service to the Peoples's Kitchen.

This year we are finding that more people than ever are in need of a hot meal and so the gifts that you sent are very important to us. Our store rooms were running low over the summer period, but thanks to generous people like you, they are filling up again. The poor and disadvantaged people who come to us for help will be able to look forward to hot meals during the winter.

When you go home, please will you thank your family and everyone who helped you to collect this food. You should be proud that you have been able to help so many needy people.

*Yours sincerely
The People's Kitchen*



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Hania Pervez and Pearl Povey. Well done! Our class of the week is **Yellow Class** again!

Author Visit

KS2 were delighted with their visit from author Vivian French who came to talk about her new book, The Steam Whistle Theatre Company. Here's what the children had to say...

"Vivian French was very interesting when she was talking about trains and Victorian times!" Evie Clarke

"I bought a copy of the book and I am really enjoying reading it. I love it when authors come to our school." Daniel Craig



Anti-Bullying Week 2019: Change Starts With Us

Anti-Bullying Week happens in schools across England each November. This year's Anti-Bullying Week has the theme **Change Starts With Us** and is happening from Monday 11th November - Friday 15th November 2019.

The theme: Change Starts With Us

Small change. Big difference.

Change starts with a conversation. It starts with checking in. It starts with work together.

Change starts here.

Change starts now.

Change starts with us.

Calling all Rock Stars!



School Clubs

School clubs have started this week. Due to popular demand, KS1 Art and Lego Club are over subscribed so Year 2 will take part this half term and Year 1 will take part next half term.

Clubs on offer are:

- Times Table Rock Stars
- Dance Club
- Digital Leaders
- Lego
- Debating
- Mindfulness Colouring
- Choir
- Art
- Library



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Violet Class** and **Reception Miss Walsh's Class** this week. Our attendance this week was 97.4% which is down on last week and last year. We had 13 lates this week (8 families). Almost the same as week – thank you - your support with this is very much appreciated



Congratulations to the following children who now have their wonderful work displayed on our Pride of Gosforth Park display. They have also taken home a special rainbow pin badge which they can wear to school and keep forever!

Well done to:

Lily Lynch
 Pearl Povey
 Ayla Seccombe
 Connor Wheatley
 Ethan Weaver
 Oscar Shiels
 Ella Sinclair
 Robyb Bain
 Jacob Mancini
 Aiza Sharif
 Eva Law
 Zoe Mokhtari



Reception Christmas Craft Morning!

On **Thursday 19th December (9:00 - 10:30)**

we would like to welcome you in to class to participate in a variety of Christmas craft 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. Everyone is welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers to get into the festive spirit (Parents/Carers included). We look forward to seeing you all then.

Thank you,
 The Reception Team



Please see changes/new additions in red

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
Thursday 19th December 9:00 – 10:30	Reception Christmas Craft Morning



WELCOME BACK!! We hope you had a lovely half term break!



Cupcake Sale for St Oswald's

Thank you to everyone who donated and purchased cakes as part of our fundraiser for St Oswald's Hospice. All the money raised will be sent to St Oswald's as part of our Elmer Fundraising.

D.I.S.C.O!!

Only a few weeks to go!!

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 11th November. For the first time ever, you will be able to buy your tickets online via Parent Pay. If you chose to pay online you will not receive a physical ticket, just let the volunteer on the door know your child's name and they will check them off the list. Your child will still be entered in the prize draw as part of their entry fee.

Tickets are also available, as normal, at the school office.

Tickets will be £2.50 per child (3yrs +) and will include entry for each child into our prize draw. Accompanying adults are free. Reminder, all children who attend this event must be supervised by an adult.

If you are able to volunteer at the Disco please contact your class rep and let them know your availability.

Have a lovely weekend!

From the Friends of GPFS Committee.

