



Gosforth Park First School

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The Children have had a lovely time enjoying activities and games including taking part in the Big Morning Move with Joe Wicks, whilst raising money for Children in Need. They all looked fantastic; we have never seen so many spots!

Staff also joined in and took part in the annual Duck Race and a Disney quiz to raise extra money for such a good cause.

Yesterday, we had a special visitor in school. Pudsey came to visit all of the children to thank them for all of their donations.

We have donated our tuck shop takings this week, £57.81 to Children in Need along with £120 collected via Parent Pay and £80 collected in cash today from pupils and staff, bringing our grand total to £257.81.

Thank you to everyone who made a donation!

Mrs McClurg

Parent Consultations

Reminder: Parent consultations will be held on **Tuesday 19th November** and **Thursday 21st November**.

Some parents from Mr Phipps Class have their appointment on Monday as he is away on a course at the end of the week. 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.

You can view your child's work either before or after your appointment.

Reception meetings will take place in Miss Walsh's Class

Green, **Orange** and **Yellow** meetings will take place in Orange Class, with children's books on display in Yellow Class.

Indigo, **Violet** and **Blue** meetings will take place in Blue Class, with children's books on display in Indigo Class.

We will be handing out a short survey to parents so we can find out what you think we're doing well and what we need to improve on. Your feedback is greatly appreciated.

I will be available

in the office if anyone would like to pop in for a chat.

Mrs Lamb



WHAT A TEAM!



Five amazingly talented year 2 children from Yellow class took part in a basketball tournament at Brunton First this week. They were fantastic! They played against another 5 teams from across the Trust. Their skills improved with every game they played. By the end they were dribbling and dodging past their opponents, creating super passes and spurring each other on which landed them in second place. They were all a credit to our school. Well done, Ayla, Emily, Pearl, James and Henry. Make sure your gold stars go on your charts. Mrs Wilson

Scholastic Book Fair



The Book Fair will be in school next week from Monday 18th – Thursday 21st November in our school Library. Please pop in from 3:30 – 4:00 to have a look. **Children must be accompanied by an adult.** Our wonderful PTFA volunteers will be manning the Book Fair. There will be loads of titles to browse and buy. Remember - books make fantastic Christmas presents!

Don't forget that every book you buy can help to get FREE BOOKS for our school.

Mrs Lambert.

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



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



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Violet Class** and **Reception Miss Walsh's** Class again this week. Our attendance this week was 97.4% which is the same as last week but down on last year's 98%.

We had 33 lates this week (22 families).

This is a huge jump from last week – I know we can do better next week.

Mrs Lamb



Congratulations to the following children who were selected, because of their super behaviour at lunchtime, to join Mr Hindess for lunch on The Golden Table!

Finn Walker, Leo Stewart, Rosie Holmes, Scarlett McElwee, Owen Farnaby and Ruan Coulter.

Thanks also to Lauren Schofield who was the Golden Table server today!

November Numeracy Challenge

18th - 24th November 2019

We have entered in the **November Numeracy Challenge**. This is a UK, Europe, Africa and Middle East maths challenge focused on students mastering curriculum activities and practising their mental maths skills. Prizes are awarded for top performing schools!

Year 4 Residential to Robinwood 2020

Please don't forget that you can pay by Parentpay towards the cost of Robinwood and a reminder that all money must be paid by 3rd February.

There will be a final meeting in February about the visit.

Mrs Wilson

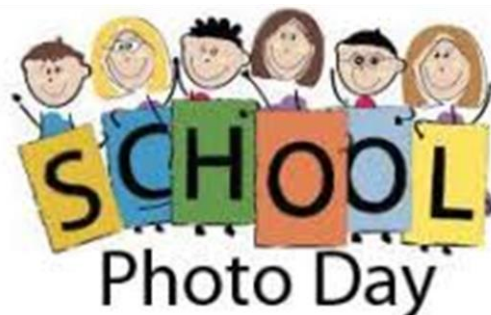


Congratulations to the following children who now have their wonderful work displayed on our Pride of Gosforth Park display. They have also taken home a special rainbow pin badge which they can wear to school and keep forever!

Maisie Rivett, Ivy Lynch, Ophelia Crawford-Upto, Hania Pervez, Illana Wheatley Kinsella, Sophia Bull, Aerin Harris, Lola Anderson, Evie McBain, Jazleen Alam and Blake Fahy



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Hunain Hashim and Alexander Dye. Well done! Our class of the week is **Indigo Class!**



Friday 22nd November

Tempest Photography will be in school on Friday 22/11/2018 to take individual and family group photographs. Perfect timing for Christmas presents!

We must have permission. Years 1-4 will have already granted permission when children joined school. ***Our new Nursery and Reception parents will need to ensure they have given permission via parent pay.*** If you have any queries, please see Mrs Carrick or Mrs Eltringham in the school office.

Tempest will be returning to take Class photographs later in the School year.

Mrs Carrick

Re - E-Safety Evening: Gosforth East Middle School

Monday 25th November 2019 – 7:00pm

You will be aware the Internet hosts many exciting opportunities for education. The online world is a wonderful place for young people to explore, with unprecedented opportunities for learning and creativity, but just like the real world, there are risks and dangers they should be aware of and which we should all act to protect them from. As a school, we encourage the use of technology as an important part of our students' development but always want them to spend their time online safely. As a parent/carer, you can play a significant part in ensuring this.

Gosforth East Middle School have extended a warm welcome to parents in the Gosforth Schools' Trust to their E-Safety evening where you can find out more and learn how to keep your child safe online. The session will be led by Clennell Solutions: the Trust's safeguarding consultants.

The session will cover areas such as using parental controls effectively and helping to ensure that children are equipped to ensure their own online safety. Please see the letter attached to find out more.

Miss Coughlan

Computing Lead



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
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Monday 25th November 7:00pm	E-safety evening at Gosforth East Middle
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 19 th December 9:00 – 10:30	Reception Christmas Craft Morning

Nursery News

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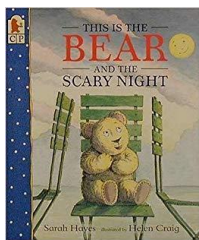
Nursery November 2019



Parent Pay and Tapestry – Please could parents ensure they have signed up to Parent Pay and have given permission for Tapestry Online Learning Journey. Staff have already uploaded lots of observations and photos for each child's learning journey, but we need all parental permissions completed before we can start sharing these with you.



Themes – Light and Dark



This half term we'll be learning about light and dark, shadows and reflections by exploring and experimenting with torches, the light box and overhead projector. We'll start by reading the story 'This is the Bear and the Scary Night', but will also be learning about Bonfire Night and Diwali, and have lots of lovely stories about these too. We'll be introducing some great information books to help us learn about all of these topics.

Friday 15th November – Children In Need Day – We'll join in with lots of Pudsey-themed activities, and will talk about ways we can help those in need.

Zoolab visit – Friends of Gosforth Park PTA have very kindly funded a visit from Zoolab for a Christmas treat! They will join in with a fantastic animal handling workshop with a Nativity themed story.

Coats and Bags - We are encouraging children to be independent when putting on and taking off coats, but it can be difficult when children have bags on their pegs too. Please only leave a bag if your child really needs it. As the weather is getting colder, could we ask that you put hats and gloves/mittens in your child's drawer at the start of each session, for them to put on when we go outside. It can take such a long time to help with lots of pairs of gloves, so if you can provide mittens instead, we'd be really grateful! **Thank you!**

Wacky Wednesdays

Thank you so much for your support in our 'dress-up' days. This half term we are going to learn about a different shape each week.

Wednesday 6th November – square

Wednesday 13th November and Friday 15th November – Children in Need – spotty/circle

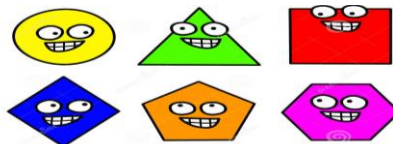
Wednesday 20th November – triangle

Wednesday 27th November – rectangle

Wednesday 4th December – pentagon

Wednesday 11th December - hexagon

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Jumper Day



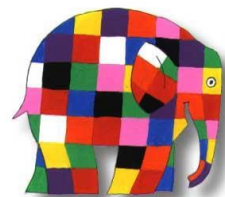
Tempest Photography - Individual School Photographs will be taken next Friday 22nd November. Your child can only have theirs taken if you've given photograph permission on Parent Pay.



Friday 8th

November:

Cupcake Sale for St Oswald's raised a fantastic £110.55!!!! Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and to everyone who bought one! This money has been sent to St Oswald's. Thank You.



D.I.S.C.O!! – TICKETS ARE ON SALE NOW!!

Tickets are £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.

How to buy your ticket:

SCHOOL OFFICE

Tickets are also available, as normal, at the school office. Please make sure to bring your ticket with you on the day, write your child's name and class on the ticket and hand in for the prize draw on your way into the disco.

PARENTPAY

You can 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.

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

Christmas

Plans for our Christmas fundraising and events is already underway. The PTFA are hoping Santa can spare the time to make another stop at GPFS again this year, as the children really enjoyed seeing him last year in his specially prepared Grotto. The PTFA would be very grateful if anyone has any spare Christmas decorations we could borrow, especially larger items, to decorate the Grotto. If you are able to offer any decorations, please let your class rep or the school office know. Thank you.

More information about Christmas to follow in next week's newsletter.

Have a fabulous weekend,

The Friends of GPFS Committee

