



Gosforth Park First School

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We break up today, Friday 14th February and school re-opens on Monday 24th February.

Our topics next half term are:

EYFS: Superheroes

KS1: Wonder Women

KS2: Romans

Topic webs will be sent out and on the web after half term.

We hope you have a great half term holiday!
Mrs Lamb



ParentPay

Please make sure you have your alerts turned on in Parent Pay. We have been informed that some families aren't receiving notifications when information is being sent from school.

In Parent Pay, please go to

- Communication
- Change alert settings
- Click the email alert box for each alert
- On the last option, tick the text alert
- Make sure you have registered a mobile phone number with your account so that you can receive text alerts.

If you have any problems, please speak to Mrs Carrick or Mrs Lamb

PLEASE REMEMBER - Preloved uniform is available to buy anytime through Kate Watkins. Please contact her on 07947846974. Lots of stock available at the moment. This includes not only official school uniform but also grey items priced as low as 50p.

Have you seen our new website design? We have been busy updating our website content and are still in the process of refreshing some sections. Looking for something and can't find it? Please email admin and let us know.





Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Orange Class**, **Indigo Class** and **Violet Class** this week. Our attendance this week was 96.7% which is up again from last week! We had 24 lates this week (17 families). I know we had some particular issues with traffic this week so I know this will improve after half term

Mrs Lamb



Well done to Sam Bruce who has been awarded his Stage 3 swimming award.



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Hania Pervez and Matthew Lazenby. Well done! Our class of the week is **Orange Class**.



Safer Internet Day
2020 | Tuesday
11 February

Together for a better internet

HAPPY SAFER INTERNET DAY!

Safer Internet Day was celebrated on Tuesday, 11 February 2020. A range of activities took place in school to ensure our children know how to enjoy the internet whilst being safe.



We are looking forward to celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 5th March. Our school theme this year is "share a bedtime story" and, if they'd like to, children can come to school in their pyjamas or onesies and bring their favourite bedtime story book. There's no need to buy anything special, the most important part is that we all read together and share our favourite stories with our friends.



Healthy School

With Shrove Tuesday coming up just after half term, it's a great opportunity to make a tasty pudding and add one or more of our 5-a-day with some healthy toppings to choose from. These could include a variation of fresh, canned or frozen berries, sliced or heated with a small amount of fruit juice; rhubarb stewed with a little apple juice and honey, sliced or steamed pear; grated apple and/or chopped dried fruit; banana and of course lemon juice with honey. Serve any combination with low-fat yoghurt.

STEM WEEK

Our annual Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths (STEM) week will be held in March. If you have a job or hobby which involves any of these areas and you would be willing to lead an activity in school with children or staff please let Mr Phipps know. Please send emails to admin@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk. Thank you!

Diary Dates

Monday 24 th February	Back to School
Tuesday 3 rd March 3:40 or 5:30	Year 1 Phonics Briefing for Parents
Wednesday 4 th March am	Year 4 visiting Gosforth Civic Theatre to see Melva PTFA have kindly agreed to pay for this visit
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 13 th March	Key Stage 1 Class Assemblies Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45 Assembly 2:45 – 3:15
Tuesday 17 th March 10:30	Nursery Mother's Day Assembly
Thursday 19 th March 2:15	Nursery Mother's Day Assembly
Friday 20 th March	Key Stage 2 Class Assemblies Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45 Assembly 2:45 – 3:15
Tuesday 24 th March	Parent Consultations
Thursday 26 th March	Parent Consultations
Friday 27 th March	Reception Class Assemblies Refreshments 2:15 – 2:45 Assembly 2:45 – 3:15
Wednesday 1 st April – Friday 3 rd April	Year 4 Residential to Robinwood
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Holiday
Monday 20 th April	Back to School
Friday 8 th May check	Bank Holiday
Friday 22 nd May	Daft Day
Friday 22 nd May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Training Day
Tuesday 2 nd June	Back to School
Friday 19 th June	Open Day
Friday 10 th July	Reports out
Thursday 16 th July	Parent Consultations
Friday 17 th July	Summer Holiday



Chores for Change

Our next fundraising event will be an in-school event and will run from Tuesday 25th February until Wednesday 1st April. The idea is for each class to compete to win a fabulous prize by each completing small jobs/chores at home in exchange for change which the children then bring into school to add to their individual class money jugs. Each week the jugs will be emptied, and the class totals recorded on a poster in school. We hope this will be a fun and engaging way for the children to contribute to the fundraising for school and help everyone with a bit of spring cleaning (see letter below).

We will also be donating 20% of the total amount raised to a charity very dear to one of our families. Medical Detection Dogs helped to train Cooper, who belongs to Rosie Dalkin. Rosie has diabetes, and Cooper is her Medical Detection Dog. The charity will be coming into school on Monday 24th February to do an assembly with the children to talk about how important dogs like Cooper are to people like Rosie.

Parent Assemblies

We will be serving refreshments at each of the assemblies in March, as well as selling raffle tickets £1 each. Thank you to everyone who has donated prizes to our Raffle stock.

Have a lovely half term holiday,

The Friends of GPFS Committee



Dear Parents/Carers,

The Friends of GPFS fundraising effort this term will be class based rather than an event.

Chores for Change: The Money Jug Challenge

Tuesday 25th February – Wednesday 1st April 2020

The Challenge

- The aim is for each class to fill a 6pt Milk bottle (which will be in each class) with coins of any denomination (but please ensure you only donate British sterling, we are unable to bank any foreign coins) and see which class can raise the most money in this half term.
- We want the children to **earn** the money they bring in. The idea is for the children to volunteer to do chores or little jobs for friends and family in exchange for their change. It could be something as simple as helping with the shopping, helping put away laundry or maybe washing the car! Then they bring in their earnings to pop in their class bottle.
- Every Friday Morning the bottles will be emptied, the total amount will be counted, and the empty bottle returned to class. The amount raised will be recorded on a poster in school so each class can see how they are doing in comparison to the rest of the school. At the end of the half term, the class that raises the most money will be rewarded with a Non School Uniform Day and a movie with snacks and drinks provided by the PTFA (date TBC by winning class teacher).
- We would like the children to use the record booklet to note down what they have done to raise money. We think it would be a lovely way for the children to see how they have contributed to helping school. Record booklets will be sent home after half term.



We will be donating 20% of the total amount raised to the Medical Detection Dogs (www.medicaldetectiondogs.org.uk), who have trained Cooper, Rosie's (Y4) support dog. You may recall reading about Rosie and Cooper in Mrs Lamb's newsletter on 6th December or maybe you have met Cooper as he is often on the school run. Cooper is a very important part of Rosie's life and a member of our extended community, which is why we have chosen to support this charity. On Monday 24th February a volunteer from Medical Detection Dogs is coming into school to do an assembly with the children to discuss how important these dogs are to the lives of so many people, like Rosie. Cooper and his human, Jen, will also be attending the assembly.

We hope that this challenge will encourage our wonderful pupils to use their entrepreneurial skills to think of ways to earn money, be helpful and thoughtful in their community, understand the value of money and feel proud to support their school. We hope the competition between the classes will encourage the children to work as a team, support each other and most of all, be fun!

Thank you for your continued support,

The Friends of GPFS Committee