



Gosforth Park First School

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Wow! What a fabulous day we had – Many thanks to the School Council and Miss Cogdon for organising it.

The children looked fantastic in their Spotty outfits and it was lovely to chat to them to find out what they thought this special day meant. Well done to staff as well for getting 'spotty and dotty'. Super news - £360 was raised and a cheque will be sent to the Children in Need Charity. Well done everyone and once again a huge thank for your support.

Raffle Prize was won by Emilia O'Rourke – a Pudsey Goody Bag

Colouring Competition Winners,
Congratulations to:

- Ayla Seccombe afternoon Nursery
- Esme Coles = Reception
- Abigale Sample = YR1
- Anahita Baigi = YR2
- Evie Bunyan = YR3
- Emily Ivison = YR4

Well done to everyone who entered you did your best.

A special thank you to **Harry Brown** who raised an additional £10 for Children in Need last weekend. He coloured in his Pudsey pictures, then when visitors arrived for tea he auctioned them off – bidding was fierce – and they finally sold for £5 each! That was very enterprising Harry – thank you so much!!



Chronicle Wish Tokens.

Please could we ask that you collect these and send them into School. We are collecting them on behalf of Daft as a Brush. This charity was chosen by the Gosforth School's Trust School Council members as the local charity we could all support. Our children helped design the pictures and name for one of the little ambulances which take children and their family members to the Freeman Hospital for treatment. Tokens appear daily in The Chronicle and will appear every day until Saturday January 7th 2017. Remember, the greater number of tokens we collect, the greater the share of the Wish fund Daft as a Brush will receive. Watch out for the bonus token days too as these could give a massive boost! Support Daft as a Brush, your local charity, to collect as many tokens as possible! Send them in to GPFS.

Many thanks from the GPFS School Council members



**FGPFS NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR ALL OF THE
SCHOOL
FRIDAY 2nd DECEMBER**

On **Friday 2nd December** children can come to school dressed in their own clothes and leave their uniform at home! In exchange we would like the children to bring in something for the Surprise Room/ Grotto Shop, such as smellies, candles or chocolates etc (unused and unnibbled please!). The Surprise room is opened for children to buy a present for someone special in their family (we encourage them to understand that this shouldn't be themselves). Santa's Elves will be there to wrap the gifts and help write the Christmas gift tag. The children can spend **£2.50** on the gift (**max 1 per child**). The Surprise Room and Grotto Shop are beautifully decorated to reflect Santa's Workshop. Each Key Stage has a particular day to do their shopping. Please refer to the timetable:



**Monday 19th December = EYRS +
Green & Orange**

9.15am = Morning Nursery
10.00am = R1
10.45am = R2
12.45pm = Afternoon Nursery
1.30pm = Green
2.25pm = Orange



Tuesday 20th December = KS2 +

Yellow

9.10am = Yellow
9.50am = Violet
10.30am = Indigo
11.10am = Blue



Wednesday 21st December Mrs Hall and Mrs Tudor will do an additional 'Mop Up' if needed (children who have been off)



We have just had a most successful Book Fair week with a total of £1100.45 worth of books purchased! This is a fantastic achievement, one which enables us to now buy a substantial amount of stock for our classrooms and school library. A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along and made a purchase! Very special thanks also to the members of the FGPFS who ran the Fair, including the Coffee afternoon, and who have worked so hard to make this Fair the success it has been. We now look forward to choosing some fabulous new books for our children. Once again, thank you to everyone involved!

From all the staff and children.

Christmas Productions

Tickets for KS1 and KS2 (please note Early Years, Nursery and Reception, are **NOT** ticketed).

The tickets will be in your child's reading folder on **Monday 28th November**. You will be issued with two tickets per family on your child's class colour, with their name on the back. Please check your child's reading folder for these. If you don't need them all, we would be grateful if you could return any spare tickets to the School Office. These will then be allocated on a first come, first served basis from **Tuesday 6th December**.

For KS1 & KS2 productions you must show your ticket at the door to gain entry. A member of the FGPFS will collect them. The actual productions are for grown-ups to attend.

Please remember that pre-school children and babies are very welcome at the Dress Rehearsals but NOT at the actual productions. We don't want to turn anyone away; staff have requested this so that the children are not distracted whilst doing their shows. We thank you in advance for your support with this.

DON'T FORGET CHRISTMAS PRODUCTIONS

Please make a note of the information on your calendars.

This year KS2 have decided that they won't be doing an evening performance.

Dress Rehearsals will be on the following dates:-

- **Reception 1 & 2 and Morning Nursery**
Friday 9TH December 9.30 am – 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'
- **Key Stage 1 Friday 9TH December 2.00pm**
– 'Babushka'
- **Key Stage 2 Monday 12th December**
9.30am – 'Victorian Christmas'
- **Reception 1 & 2 and Afternoon Nursery**
Monday 12TH December 2.00pm – 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'

MAIN PRODUCTIONS

Please note the main productions are for **adults only**.

All the children in school and babies, pre-school children, including Nursery aged children, are invited to attend the dress rehearsals and watch the productions at the Dress Rehearsals.

For the actual performances due to hall capacity tickets will be sent out for KS1 & 2 nearer the time, two per family.

The FGPFS will kindly- FOR THE MAIN PERFORMANCES ONLY - be serving COFFEE/TEA and raffle tickets prior to the performances. Doors will open at 1.30pm for afternoon performances and 9.05 am for the am EYRS performance. You will be asked to wait patiently outside as you will realise that we have to set the hall up prior to the performances.

The Main Performances are on:

Tuesday 13th December 2.00pm= Reception 1&2 and Afternoon Nursery 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'
Wednesday 14th December 9.30am = Reception 1&2 and Morning Nursery 'Whoops-a-Daisy Angel'
Thursday 15th December 2.00pm = KS1 'Babushka'
Friday 16th December 2.00pm = KS2 'Victorian Christmas'

On the up!

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.6% - up from 97.1% last year! Well done!!

Mrs Lamb

Attendance - 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



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD SHOE BOX APPEAL

Thank you so much to all of you for your generosity in sending in the shoeboxes, **the total was 92!** This is fabulous. The children are very pleased with the number of shoeboxes collected. We do hope that we get some feedback from the charity about the children who receive the boxes. The Charity director Mr Nick Cole has sent a special certificate of thanks to the School.



Merry Christmas

From Monday 5th December children can send Christmas cards to their friends in school. Please make sure the cards have the person's name and class on the envelope (and if possible surname) so our little helpers can deliver them to the correct class. The Post Box for Y1 to Y4 will be outside the office and Early Years' will be in the Early Years Entrance.

Nursery children will be bringing home a special card to class design and colour to then swap with their friends in.



Healthy School

All fruit and vegetables contain vitamins, minerals, antioxidants and fibre in varying amounts. By eating a variety you'll get a good range of all these nutrients.

Miss Cogdon

It's never too soon to get running!



Junior and Mini Great North Run 2017

The Mini GNR has sold out online! Following the success of 2016 your child will be receiving an application pack to run in aid of St Oswald's. If they would like to participate please read and complete the attached information. All forms must be returned to Miss Storey by **Friday 9th December**. Any forms handed in after this date will not be entered in to the run.

Intu Metrocentre Elf 1km Run Santa needs your help...



Have you got what it take to become one of Santa's elves and make sure all the children receive their presents this Christmas?

A magical experience full of fun and laughter for the whole family.

Join us on **Sunday 11 December** to celebrate the true spirit of Christmas at intu Metrocentre for a unique 1km indoor family fun run and raise valuable funds for local charities. This year intu Metrocentre are also attempting to break a world record for the largest gathering of elves in one place! The current record stands at 1,762 and was achieved by Siam Paragon Development Company Limited (Thailand) in Bangkok, Thailand on 25 November 2014. Sign up today to help us break this record!

Entry to the event costs £10 which includes an elf hat and t-shirt, a certificate from Santa proving you are an official helper and a fantastic medal!

Don't worry adults...you can join in the festive fun too. You can accompany your child for free, however if you would like an elf pack, which includes elf hat, t-shirt, a certificate, and a fantastic medal, there is a charge of £15.

For more information, and to enter go to www.elfrun.co.uk

Friends of Gosforth Park First School



Many thanks to everyone who joined us on Tuesday at the Three Mile Inn for the School Quiz Night. We raised £105 for the school – which is very impressive – and it was – as usual, a very enjoyable night.

A huge thank you to everyone that has volunteered to help with the tea, coffee and raffle at each of the Christmas productions and with the school disco on the 10th December. We will be in touch shortly.

We are still in need of volunteers for the Early Years productions on Tuesday 13th and Wednesday 14th December and more help with the disco would be gratefully received. The school needs a list of volunteers ahead of the dates so volunteering on the day will not be possible. If you can help please email: 2005friends@gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk. Thank you!

Jane Alley and FGPFs



Congratulations to **Ethan Fullen** in Orange Class and **Rebecca Wilds** in Nursery for achieving their Stage 3 Swimming Award . Well done both of you – that is a fantastic achievement.

