



# Gosforth Park First School

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## A Very Warm Welcome GPFS

On behalf of all Staff and Governors of the school I would like to welcome everyone to the start of the new academic year. A very special welcome to all of our new families joining our, 'GPFS Family'. We look forward to working with you and your child. Nursery children start next week. Ms Gasper, Mrs Armstrong, Mrs Mayer and Mrs Dunn are busy undertaking home visits for our new Nursery darlings. I would also like to welcome Mrs McClurg our new KS2 teacher, Blue Class, to our school team; some of you will know her as Miss Pace.

This will be a very busy term which will fly by. There will be lots of events and curriculum enhancements for the children. This week you are receiving a hard copy of the newsletter. Newsletters will be put on the school website on the Friday of every week and will be sent electronically to you if we have your email address. They are always written by me and any staff contributions have their names attached to their sections. Mrs Lamb very kindly produces the newsletter for me.

Any other correspondence will come as hard copies and we ask that you check your child's reading folder on a daily basis. You will also find on the website a calendar of term dates and new updates etc.

If you don't have access to a computer and wish to have a hard copy, you may collect a copy from the rack outside the school office. You are most welcome to come in and do this.

With best wishes,

*Mrs J Sara*

## ADVANCE NOTICE OF DATES

In next week's newsletter I will be sending a list of dates about events which will be happening this term. However, to give you some notice we are holding pastoral and target sharing **Parent Consultations** after school for **Reception to Year 4** on **Monday 9th October and Wednesday 11h October**. You will receive a letter about this in the next two weeks. In the second half of this term the Christmas Productions will take place during the week of 11th December. More information soon as I know families like to put information on their calendars.

## HOLIDAY HOMEWORK

At the end of the summer term I spoke to the children about keeping a record of enjoyable things that they have done in the summer with pictures, drawings and some writing. I said that I would give out gold stars, a small prize and certificate. The book etc could be reviewed as a holiday memory and something to keep as a treasure. The first people to present me with their homework are Jamie Watkins and Sean Peng. Their work is superb, so interesting and wow their teachers are going to be amazed with the quality of the work they can do.

Children, I am really excited to read more about your great experiences. Please hand it in as soon as possible.

Thank you.



## **SECURITY & SAFETY**

1. Outside gates – we need your help. Please ensure that they are closed. There are signs on the gates. Your support with this is much appreciated.
2. End of school day – we request that at the end of the day parents, carers etc. don't open the gates and come on site until 3.20pm. Staff could be teaching PE/Games lessons outside. This ensures that we don't have people wandering around the site when our children are outside. This does not apply to the staggered collecting of Reception children.
3. Internal door outside school office – are controlled electronically. Please note that you won't just be able to go down the corridor. You must see Admin staff first.
4. Please do not allow your children to climb or swing on the Early Years red railings. Keep children behind the white line and do not allow them to climb the ramp or steps. This also applies to the railings outside the School Office.
5. Children and adults must not ride their bikes or scooters once you have entered the school gates. This can result in people being knocked over. Can I please remind parents that bikes and scooters are left on our site at your own risk. Please ensure that your child's bike or scooter is named as some children have the same models. Thanking you in advance for your support.

**Thank you so much for your support with this**

## **QUERIES AND QUESTIONS**

If you have any queries about your child or need to inform school about things please don't hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or me. If we all communicate and work with each other your child will continue to be happy and thrive.

## **ACHIEVEMENTS**

If your child receives any awards outside of school linked to sports, clubs, Beavers, Cubs, Rainbows, Brownies etc. please let me know. We can celebrate the success in school and put their name in the newsletter. Mrs Wilson co-ordinates the swimming achievers and has a chart near the entrance to the classrooms, near Green Class.

## **School Milk**

At Gosforth Park First School we ensure that milk is on offer at lunchtimes to all children having a school meal. If your child is entitled to Pupil Premium but eats a packed lunch each day we are able to provide him or her, free of charge to you, with a drink of milk at lunchtime. Please let Mrs Eltringham or Mrs Douglas in the School Office know if you would like to take up this offer.

Thank you

## **ABSENCE/MEDICINES SCHOOL ABSENCE LINE NURSERY TO YEAR 4**

You are required to contact School on the first day of your child's absence and state the reason for the absence. Please keep the School Office informed of any prolonged illness. If your child has sickness and diarrhoea they must be kept off school for 48 hours from the last 'bout'. This is a requirement due to the spread of contagious viruses etc. and to protect everyone in school – this instruction is from Public Health.

If your child has to have an urgent visit to the GP or a hospital appointment you are required to come to the school office and get a pass. The only person in school who can authorise an absence is the Head Teacher and NOT the Class Teacher. I have given permission to Mrs Eltringham and Mrs Douglas to issue passes for medical appointments. If it is a hospital appointment a copy of the letter would be helpful to have so that we can help with any health needs or requirements.

Please contact school if your child has developed any allergies; now requires an inhaler due to diagnosis of Asthma or requires prescribed medication. Mrs Wilson will continue to meet with parents who have stated that their child has asthma to discuss a Health Care Plan re inhaler use etc.

Could we appeal to all parents to make sure that we can contact them (or another appropriate adult) by phone, should their child be ill or in case of any other emergency.

Thank you.



Good luck to any of you who are taking part in the super 'challenge of endurance'.

Mrs Armstrong is taking part this year. On Monday I would love to hear from the children who have undertaken the children's run. Bring in your medals children!

### ***School Lunches***

Information about lunches e.g. the latest menu is on the school website under the parent section. From time to time the menus on the day may change due to delivery of produce delays, this is quite rare but Mrs Clark always provides a super range for the children.

If you want your child to change to lunches or packed lunches you must contact the School Office. A week's notice is required please; our cook, Mrs Clark has to change the orders of produce etc.

### ***Good News***

The roof replacement has been completed and we hope that all the scaffolding will be taken down before we return on Monday. The workmen have worked hard to pull the slippage back. We'll all have to stand and admire the terracotta tiles and new guttering. The children have liked the 'action' and seeing so many 'Bob the Builders'!

### ***URGENT – Help Please***

We still have some afternoon Nursery places available. A child has to be 3 years old by the 31st August 2017 to get a Nursery place. If you know of anyone who hasn't got a Nursery place and would like to have one, please could you ask them to contact the School Office ASAP. Surplus spaces have an impact on the School budget, in a negative way. Many thanks for your support and help with this.

### ***Lunch Money***

Lunch Money for Year 3 & 4 children from Tuesday 5th September to Friday 20th October is £68.00.

The usual weekly amount is £10.00.

Please make cheques payable to Newcastle City Council.

Thank you  
Mrs Douglas and Mrs Eltringham

### ***YEAR 4 SWIMMING***

Your child has been given a high-viz swimming bag and a swimming hat which they are to bring every Tuesday for their swimming lesson. If they lose their hat then a replacement must be bought from the pool at a cost of £2.20.

Apart from their swimming hat they only need their swimming costume, towel and a hair brush or comb. No shampoo or deodorants are required. If you can remember to rinse and dry their swimming hat and add a small amount of talcum powder to it, this makes it so much easier for the hat to slide on the head. With long hair and 45 children to sort out, it makes life a lot easier for us too!

Long hair must be tied back so please provide a bobble or tie hair back in the morning of the lesson. No jewellery is to be worn, so if they have pierced ears please remove before school.

Verruca's: If your child develops a verruca this doesn't stop them from swimming provided you purchase a verruca sock and apply a treatment.

Mrs Wilson

### ***YEAR 4 ROBINWOOD***

Don't forget to send in payments either by cheque (payable to; Gosforth Park First School) or cash. A reminder that the final amount must be paid by Feb 2nd 2018.

Mrs Wilson

## Attendance News

Wow! What a fantastic start to the school year. Our attendance this week is 97.2%, up from 96.7% this time last year. You have all been very punctual this week too – only 5 lates recorded this week. Thank you!



## Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Yellow** and **Orange** classes, both with 100% attendance!

**Well done to everyone!**

**Mrs Lamb**



**Healthy School**

## ***HEALTHY TUCK SHOP***

**Our Healthy Tuck Shop will open once again from Monday 11th September. This runs every morning break for KS1 +KS2 *where we sell a variety of healthy fruit. Everything is 20p, so if possible could you send your child (if they would like to purchase) in with small change as this is run by our Year 4 TUCK SHOP TEAM which also helps with their maths.***

***Mrs Wilson***