



# Gosforth Park First School

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On behalf of the staff and the Governing Body, I would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy, Prosperous New Year.

Thank you for all the edible treats that have been sent in for staff to share. As you would expect, nearly all eaten!

Thank you so much for all of your support, it is much appreciated and valued. Please follow the link below to see our Christmas Greeting to you all. Click on *Merry Christmas!* in the links and downloads section!

<http://www.gosforthpark.newcastle.sch.uk/websites>

## CHRISTMAS PARTIES

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas parties. Thanks to the staff for making them so special.

## Christmas Jumper Day

Christmas jumper day raised £146.10 for Children in Need. Thank you for your support.



Wow-what a special visit we had on Wednesday from the main man himself! Santa's Elves transformed the outdoor classroom into a Winter Wonderland and while the reindeer grazed on the grasses at GPFS, Santa got comfy in his special chair. Santa met all of the classes and left a present behind for each and every one of the children in school. Santa was treated to a Christmas song from each class and the children had the opportunity to ask him questions about his busiest night of the year. It really was magical! Thank you so much to the PTFA for organising the Elves and to Mrs Wilson for using her special contact at Santa HQ to make sure we were on Santa's list for a visit

## Reminder

School re-opens at 8.55am on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January 2019 and we look forward to welcoming everyone in to the New Year.

## FGPFS A SPECIAL THANK YOU

On behalf of the staff and the children I would like to thank the FGPFS for organising all of the fundraising events this term. The money raised is very much appreciated.

Thank you!





Our Mathletics Trophy has been awarded to **Yellow Class** *again* this week! Well done.

Our top two Mathletes of the week are **Magnus Goult** and **Kirrat Atwal!**  
Congratulations!



**Classes of the Week!**



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception SC** and **Violet Class**

**Our attendance this week was 98.1% up on last year's 97.1% - keep it up!**

**We had 19 lates this week (13 families).  
Let's make punctuality our New Year's Resolution! Thank you.**

## Application Deadlines

The deadline for applications for children to start school in Reception is midday on 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019. To find out more and apply online visit [www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.newcastle.gov.uk/admissions).

## School Dinners

Notice for parents of year 3 and 4 children.  
**Lunch Money** for the half term from **Monday 7th January to Friday 15th February 2019** is **£60.00**.

Please make cheques payable to Newcastle City Council.

Thanks  
Mrs Carrick



Well done to Jack Lloyd who has achieved his stage 4 swimming award.

Well done to Rory Watt who has achieved his stage 5 swimming award.

Well done to Megan Watt who has achieved her stage 2 swimming award.

Well done to Millie Anderson who has achieved her Stage 4 and 5 swimming awards.

Well done to Rosie Dalkin who has achieved her the British Gymnastics proficeincy award for level 3.

Well done to Claire McClintock who has achieved her 400 metre swimming award.

## Homework

We would like you all to have a wonderful, happy and healthy holiday this Christmas. If you would like to complete additional learning activities remember you can log on to Mathletics or Purplemash from any where at any time. You could also keep a diary of all of the wonderful things you get up to over the holiday, take some photos from your wonderful outings or just relax with family and friends.



# The Friends of GPFS

## Christmas Fundraising

Thank you all so much for your support so far this academic year, we have had some amazing feedback and the totals raised have been fantastic.

The fundraising efforts throughout December have been amazing, we made a whopping **£800** at the school productions and the donations for Santa's visit are looking great (total to be counted). As always this money will be used in school to pay for things the school budget just cannot cover.

Thank you to Mrs Thorpe and the School Choir for their lovely performance in the yard on Wednesday, and thank you for all of your generous donations. We raised a fantastic **£110.30** which the choir will be using towards buying t-shirts to wear at performances.

## Santa

We decided to retire the surprise room this year for a number of reasons and really wanted to replace it with something just as exciting for the children to enjoy. What could be more exciting than receiving a lovely gift from the main man himself! The Committee members and volunteers worked very hard to turn the gazebo into a fantastic grotto for the children to come out and meet Santa and receive their gift.



Santa had a wonderful time visiting the children at GPFS on Wednesday, and we hope all the children enjoyed the surprise and loved their gifts.



## Class Parties

We hope the children had a lovely time at their class parties and enjoyed their party food. We would like to thank Asda for their continued support and for the donations we received towards the party food and drinks. We made a lovely Christmas card for Michelle at Asda, which a lot of the children have signed to say thank you.

**The Friends of GPFS Committee would like to wish all of the staff, children, and their families a very Merry Christmas and Best Wishes for 2019!!**

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS,



Reception SC have had a very busy week. We all met Santa and had a lovely Christmas Party yesterday. I hope you all have a lovely Christmas and see you in the New Year.

Miss Coughlan

