



# Gosforth Park First School

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Parent teacher consultations will take place on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March** and **Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March**. You should have received your reply slip this week indicating your allocated day and time. There will be a classroom set up in each Key Stage where you will be able to view your child's work books before your appointment. The Thursday session also coincides with World Book day so please don't be surprised if you are met by a famous book character for your appointment!

Mrs Lamb



I hope you all have a wonderful half term break and look forward to welcoming you all back into school on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.



Dear Parents

We need your help. Mrs McKenna and I both have pupils and parents who are entitled to park in the disabled bay outside of school and need this space to be able to get into school safely. Please **DO NOT** park in the disabled bay unless you, or someone travelling with you has a blue badge.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

## *Punctuality*

Wow – thank you so much for your support. We have gone from 26 lates from 15 families in last week's newsletter to just 9 lates from 7 families this week. Your help with this really is appreciated.

Mrs Lamb

## **ROBINWOOD 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2019 CALLING ALL YEAR 3's**

A place has become available for this year's residential trip to Robinwood in Alston on the above date for our current Year 4 children. If there are any children in Year 3 who would like to come along and have the best time ever, then that is not a problem...we have plenty of space. Please speak to Mrs Wilson or Mrs Lamb after the holidays who can fill you in with all the details.

NB This wouldn't hamper your chance of going next year at all





***Some of our Year 4 children headed over to GEMS on Thursday afternoon to partake in a bit of dancing! Here is what they had to say ...***

*I really enjoyed it because I love dancing and it was fun. I really liked learning new dances. I was quite nervous at first but I started to like it. It was a brilliant way to spend an afternoon. I enjoyed dancing with other people too.*

*Martha*

*Today we went to the Ceilidh at GEMS. At first I didn't think that there would be such a crowd but there was. We learned new dances and it was loads of fun. I think the band that played the music was very good and the whole thing was very good.*

*Nusaybah*

## **Thank you!**

So far, we have raised £61.50 from our pre-owned uniform sale. The money will be used for new playground equipment in the Spring. Thank you to the PTA, especially Mrs Watkins, mum of Jamie (Blue) and Lucy (Rec) for organising the sale.

Mrs Hall

## **Making Music**

This term Blue class has been listening to the songs of Abba in our music lessons. We have been able to tap out the pulse, the rhythm of the song, and repeat the melody. We have discussed the genre and separated the song into repeated patterns. We have been able to pick out the instruments used and debated why we like or dislike the song. Then we sang the song, which was our favourite part of the lesson.

Mrs Hall

I loved one of ABBA's songs so far. I love Mamma Mia because of the music, the tune and the instruments.

Cole

I enjoy music because we are doing ABBA. They have lots of songs but my favourite so far is Waterloo. We do music every Thursday and it's really fun.

Lucy

## **Balance Bike Derby**

On Tuesday we went to Benfield School to do a Balance Bike Derby. We raced other schools. The girls went first, boys went after. Some children got in the finals. We had a brilliant time.

By Connor Wheatley

On a school trip we went to Benfield School to take part in Balance Bikes. I won the girls' race. I had fun!

By Poppy Greenhill

## *Dates for your Diary*

<i>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> February</i>	<i>Selected Year ¾ children to Quick sticks Hockey</i>
<i>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Parent Consultations</i>
<i>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Parent Consultations</i>
<i>Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>World Book Day (dress as a book character)</i>
<i>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Book Fair School Library 3:30 – 4:00</i>
<i>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Red Nose Day (more information to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</i>	<i>Music Students from Durham University to see Violet and Blue Class</i>
<i>Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April</i>	<i>KS1 Trip to Alnwick Castle</i>
<i>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</i>	<i>Year 3 Singing with Ian Roberts (more information to follow)</i>
<i>Wednesday April 3<sup>rd</sup> – Friday April 5<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>Year 4 at Robinwood</i>
<i>Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Music Students from Durham University to see Indigo Class</i>
<i>Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April</i>	<i>Break up for Easter Holiday</i>
<i>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</i>	<i>School reopens</i>
<i>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Bank Holiday Monday</i>
<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Daft as a Brush Day</i>
<i>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</i>	<i>Break up for May half term</i>
<i>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</i>	<i>Training Day</i>
<i>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June</i>	<i>School reopens</i>
<i>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June</i>	<i>Open Day from 12:30</i>
<i>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>End of Year reports out to parents</i>
<i>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July</i>	<i>Break up for Summer Holiday</i>

## Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will begin next half term when you will have the opportunity to come into school and watch your child and their class present what they have been learning about. Due to our very exciting and popular celebration assemblies which are held at the end of the school day, class assemblies will be on Friday mornings. Doors will open as soon as we can get the hall ready (no later than 9:15) so you can have a cuppa and a chat, then the children will come down at 9:30. Dates for each class assembly are:

Class	Date
Nursery am and pm	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 10:45am 2:30pm
Reception SC and SW	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May
Green	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> March
Orange	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> May
Yellow	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April
Violet	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March
Indigo	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Blue	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> April



### Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Yellow Class** and

**Orange Class**

Our attendance this week was 97.7%. A huge improvement on last year (96.5%)

We only had 9 lates this week (7 families)

Thank you so much for your support.

Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Orange Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Ewan Hearn**, and **Lauren Bell**!  
Well done!

## Homework

Class	
Green	Ordering 2 digit numbers Phonics - Label the pictures
Orange	Suffix Adding – er 2D and 3D Shape Activity
Yellow	Adding suffixes 'ness' Mathletics
Indigo	Topic- What life was like for Ancient Egyptian People. Maths- Comparing lengths.
Violet	Multiplying up to 3-digits number by 1-digit number deliberate practice
Blue	Fractions holiday workbook (as much or as little as you can manage) Mathletics (more fractions) Thank you!



Huge congratulations to Hania Pervez (Rec SW), Jude Manning (Rec SC), Eva Greenhill (Indigo) and Mandana Baigi (Violet) who have had their work displayed on The Pride of Gosforth Park First School board! They were presented in assembly with their medal which they will return next Friday, ready to hand over to the next set of superstars!



### Token Top Up

I was snapped by Lauren Foley at Asda through the week, topping up our green tokens. It's great to see that we're in the lead. The tokens will be available through to the middle of March. Keep it up!



# The Friends of GPFS

## PRE-LOVED UNIFORM FOR SALE

Below is a stock list of all the preloved uniform currently for sale. As many people miss out on sales at drop off/pick up Kate Watkins has very kindly offered to take orders via text. If there are any items you would like to purchase please let Kate know size, colour (if applicable) and quantity along with your child's name and class to [07947846974](tel:07947846974). Please note, availability is limited, and orders will be on a first come first served basis. All money raised from the sale of Preloved Uniform will be used by Mrs Hall to purchase new playground equipment for the children.

### Prices

Jumper £2.50  
Polos £1.50  
Dresses £1.50  
Trousers, shorts etc 50p  
Pinafores £1  
School Bag 50p  
PE Shorts 50p  
Trainers and pumps £1

### Age 3/4

Jumper Red 1  
Cardigan Red 4 Navy 2  
Polos Red 5  
PE T-Shirt 1  
Summer Dress Red 2  
Girls Trousers 2  
Girls Skirt 3

### Age 4/5

Summer Dress Red 1  
Summer Dress Navy 2  
Girls Pinafore 5  
Boys Trousers 4

### Age 5/6

Jumper Navy 15  
Cardigan Navy 3  
Polos Navy 5  
PE T-Shirt 2  
Boys Trousers 14  
Boys Shorts 5

### Age 7/8

Jumper Red 1 Navy 3  
Cardigan Navy 4  
Polos Red 7 Navy 5  
Summer Dress Red 5  
Summer Dress Red 1  
(Size 8)  
Girls Skirt 4  
Girls Trousers 5

### Age 8/9

Summer Culottes Dress  
1  
Summer Navy Dress 2  
Girls Skirt 5

### Age 9/10

Girls Trousers 1

### Age 11/12

Jumper Navy 2

### Extras

School Bag 1  
Girls Trainers Size 9  
PE Pumps Size 9

## **Don't Forget...**

**Keep those green coins coming!! Every time you visit Asda please make sure you pop as many coins in the yellow slots to help our school win £500!!**

Have a great Half Term Break!

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS Committee,

Jen Higgins