



# Gosforth Park First School

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## SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

**Friday March 10<sup>th</sup>** = Indigo Class

**Friday March 17<sup>th</sup>** = Violet Class

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>** (Mother's Day) = Morning  
Nursery 10.40am teas etc children in for 10.55am

**Friday March 24<sup>th</sup>** (Mother's Day) = Afternoon  
Nursery, teas etc 2.15pm children in at 2.30pm

**Friday May 5<sup>th</sup>** = Blue Class

**Friday May 12<sup>th</sup>** = Reception 1 & 2

Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.20pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. The children will come in at 2.50pm to showcase their talents. Fundraising will take place with the sale of cakes (nut free please), raffle etc. This will be to support the class with buying some little extras and to help raise money for our school charity The Ghanaian Children's Trust. We will let you know via the newsletter how the children have decided to spend their class money.

## Indigo Class Special Assembly Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March

If you can help, please speak to  
Mrs Thorpe or Miss Cogdon.

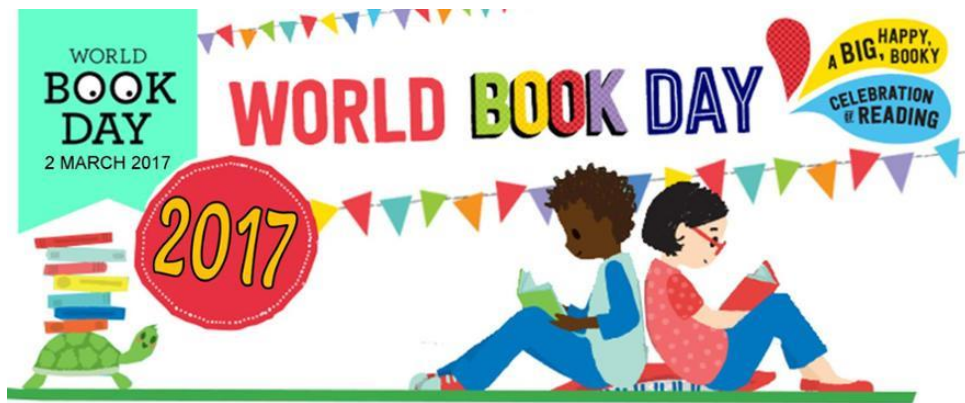
Please send any donations of nut free cakes in on  
the morning of the assembly and remember to  
bring some change for raffle tickets.

## Absence

Absence – Urgent Reminder for  
parents of **all** children in school

You are required to contact the school and report your child's absence on the first day with a reason please, not just that they are ill. We have to record this information on your child's attendance record. If you know that your child is going to be off for a period of time e.g. with chicken pox please alert the office. If you all go down with a bug we still need a key adult to contact school. If we have no explanation as to why a child is off school then the Local authority will query this and maybe state this is a 'missing child'. As you will appreciate, if we have to phone parents everyday asking for a reason this takes up so much time. I know that the vast majority of you do this already so many thanks but we do urgently need everyone to do this. Thanking you in advance for your continued support.





It was fabulous to see all of the children and staff dressed as 'Story Book Characters'. We did have some tricky ones to work out. The atmosphere in school was one of excitement everyone was 'buzzing'. The children enjoyed telling their peers who they were if they couldn't work it out. Some interesting staff costumes I have to say. Well done to everyone for supporting this World Event.

March 2nd, is the anniversary of Dr. Seuss's birthday, he would have been 113 years old! In the USA children have a themed Dr Seuss Day.

A quote from the famous Dr Seuss:

'The more that you read, the more things you will know.

The more things that you learn, the more places you will go!



Some of the other characters who made an appearance were...

Alice in Wonderland, Anna (Frozen), Batman, Cinderella, Darth Vader, Elsa, Evil Step Mother, George (George's Marvellous Medicine), Harry (Harry and the dinosaurs), Harry Potter, Horrid Henry, Iron Man, Knight, Kylo Ren, Mary Poppins, Matilda, Mildred (Worst Witch), Mr Bump, Police Man, Queen of Hearts, Rapunzel, Roman, Scrooge, Season Queen, Storm Trooper, Super Girl, Tracy Beaker, Violet Fairy, Wally (Where's Wally?), Witch and Wonder Woman!

# Book Fair

All children should have received a £1 book voucher yesterday. They can spend this at our Book Fair next week 6<sup>th</sup> March to 10<sup>th</sup> March – held each day in the library from 3.30 pm until 4 pm.

Please note – There will not be a session in the Hall during this week.

Mrs Renwick

## SECURITY

**Outside gates** – we need your help. Please ensure that they are closed. There are signs on them. Your support with this is much appreciated.

**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.

**Internal doors 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.

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 includes the railing near the School Office.

Thank you for your vigilance and support

## DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

### WHAT'S GOING ON AT GPFS

Previous notice of dates, trips etc. have been put on the calendar on the school website. During the course of the term and year there will be additional dates as staff are busy organising curriculum link visits; we will also have visitors in to talk to the children-topic linked etc. Mrs Hall has kindly put the dates on the school website calendar and she will update the website calendar on a weekly basis

- Book Fair week Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> March {more information nearer the time}
- Red Nose Day charity event Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March (more information nearer the time)
- Year 4 residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March
- FGPFS Easter Fun Morning = Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> April
- KS1 topic themed visit to Alnwick Castle on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> April

## REMINDERS

**WATER BOTTLES** -Please ensure that your child has their named water bottle every day. We will remind the children to take them home each day so that the bottles can be washed and refilled.

**PE KITS** – the children need these at the start of each week with the appropriate kit and footwear.

**FOOTWEAR** - when the children are on the grass or the trim trail, running around etc. they need to be wearing proper shoes, not crocks or ballet style shoes as these offer no support to the ankles and are dangerous and we don't want anyone to hurt themselves.



# Parent Consultations

*On Monday 6<sup>th</sup> March parents of children from Reception to Year4 will be sent a letter inviting them to their child's Parent Consultation. The letter will explain the procedures. The appointments are for 10 minutes only and if you feel you will need longer then please contact me as this will have to be done at another time. I will also be asking to see some parents to chat to them about their child.*

*Please note that on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> April, parents/carers will have an opportunity to look at their child's work with them and talk about their learning. It also gives you the opportunity to raise any questions with your child's teacher.*

*This will be in the School hall, library area and KS2 parents may use the ICT suite as well.*

*Morning session = 9.05am – 10.20am  
(after registration)*

*Afternoon session = 2.30pm – 3.15pm. The OSC will need access to the hall hence 3.15pm end time (parents will be permitted to take their child home afterwards)*



## Healthy School

Spring Term  
Tuck Shop Menu

- ✓ Bottled water
- ✓ Raisins
- ✓ Dried apricots
- ✓ Fresh mango
- ✓ yoghurt

### Attendance News

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.2% - up from 96.6% last year! Well done!!

Please remember that the school doors close at 9am and children arriving after this time will receive a late mark on the register.

### Attendance



### Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Green** and **Violet** classes again! Well done to everyone!

Mrs Lamb

### TOP TABLE

The following children were selected to sit at the **TOP TABLE** today



Imogen Young, Archie Wells, James Taylor, Campbell Chester-Craven, Eleanor Wilcox, Rory Watt and Fraser Seccombe. Well done!