



# Gosforth Park First School

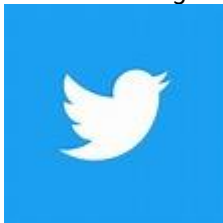
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## Sizzle and Bake Success

Wow- what a brilliant day! The weather was on our side and we had a great turn out. Thank you so much to everyone who helped with organisation on the run up to the event, to the parents, families and staff who helped out on the day and to all of you who came to support us by spending your hard earned cash. Read the PTFA newsletter below to find out the amazing total raised. Now what can we buy?



Miss Coughlan, in her new role as Computing Lead, is bringing us up to date in the world of Twitter!

You can now follow us @GosforthPark1st to see what's happening in school day to day.

If you're happy for photos/videos of your child to appear on our account, please give permission via ParentPay.



Our Key Stage 2 children are all off on an adventure to Beamish Wild next Thursday. The cost of the trip is being picked up by school, but please remember to give consent via ParentPay. We don't want anyone to miss out.

Thanks  
Mr Hindess



As part of our ongoing work with Northumbria Police and Operation Encompass we are hosting a drop-in session for parents and families after school on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October from 3:30.

If you are suffering relationship issues, domestic abuse or have concerns for others we invite you to come along to the drop-in session and have discussions with specialist safeguarding experts who will be able to talk in a confidential environment. You will be able to speak to one of the specialists who can offer you advice, referrals for help or to help keep you and your children safe.

Call at the office and ask to speak to PC Dale Brown who will be based in a private room.

## Staff News

Mrs Hazell, our wonderful Nursery Nurse in Early Years, will be leaving us at the end of this half term. She has loved working with the children and families at Gosforth Park First School. We wish her well in her new role which is much closer to home for her.

Check out the vacancy section on our school website.

## Uniform

We have a few named jumpers and cardigans which have been lost in school. Please can you check over the weekend to make sure they haven't been muddled up and brought home by accident.

Thanks





16<sup>th</sup> October 2019 is World Restart a Heart Day. On Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October, all of our Key Stage 2 classes will be having sessions with the North East Ambulance service teaching them how to save a life.



# JUNIOR CRICKETERS

## OCTOBER HALF TERM COACHING (7-14 years)

Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November • 9.30am - 3.30pm  
(excluding Wednesday)

Cost £20 per child per day or £70 for all 4 days  
(an early drop off from 8.30am is available for an additional £5 per day)

**What's covered...**

- Batting, Bowling & Fielding skills and drills
- Fun games revolving around balance & co-ordination
- Decision making and team work related activities
- Use of the ball machines and Kanon

What to bring: Drink bottle • Packed Lunch • Cricket Equipment  
(we can provide kit if you don't have it)

All coaches are qualified and DBS checked.



**£20**  
PER DAY  
or £70 for all 4 days

BOOKING ESSENTIAL  
places strictly limited

For more info call Steve Chapman on 07931 767 627  
or visit [www.southnorth.co.uk](http://www.southnorth.co.uk)

## Reception News!

Reception have been looking at the 'Owl Babies' story in Literacy. We have completed lots of activities such as ordering the story, drawing story maps and creating owls using play doh and clay. On Thursday morning we had some very special owl visitors come into school. The children were so sensible with the animals I was so impressed! They enjoyed touching the owls and flying the owls to each other. What an exciting week we have had!

Miss Walsh



## Moving from Year 4 to Year 5

The deadline for applying for a transfer places is 31<sup>st</sup> October 2019 at 12 noon.

For more information see

<https://newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place/applying-transfer-places>

***Remember to apply online and on time – we don't want anyone to miss out on their preferred school.***

***We still have 20 Year 4s who are yet to make an application.***





We will be celebrating our Harvest Festival on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October with the children in school. As always, we would welcome donations for the People's Kitchen which provides hot meals and support for anyone who, for many different reasons, find themselves in dire straits. This is a critical time for this excellent charity, which is based near St James' Park, because it is when the warehouse is replenished with goods to sustain it through the year to come.

The charity provides a 'Harvest Wish List' for all who are willing to give. This includes tinned meals, vegetables, fruit and soups; tea, coffee and instant drinking chocolate; household items such as dishwashing cloths, pan scrubs, freezer bags, laundry wash tablets and general toiletries are also welcome. Please note that fresh fruit and vegetables are not required because it is not necessarily possible to use them immediately. We thank you in advance for your continuing generosity and support.

Please send any donations in with your child during the week beginning **14<sup>th</sup> October**. These will be displayed in the main entrance and Early Years entrance.

Thank you again for your support.

Mrs Lamb

## Crossing Patrol

As of the 31<sup>st</sup> Oct 2019 the School Crossing Patrol, Gerri Alexander, who stands on the puffin crossing on the Great North Road next to the Doctors will no longer be in post. The process has already begun to recruit a new officer and we will keep you informed of progress. It is likely however that there will be a gap in service at this location. Please take extra care when crossing.

## YOUNGMINDS

Thank you so much for supporting YoungMinds. We raised an amazing £182.25 today.  
Mrs McClurg



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception Miss Coughlan** and **Green** class this week. Our attendance this week was 98.1% We had 18 lates this week (11 families). This is an improvement on last week but I know we can do better!  
Thank you so much for your support.  
Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Emily Graham and Freya Crawley. Well done! Our class of the week is **Yellow Class**.

## Reception Parents 2020

We now have a list of dates available for prospective parents of Reception 2020 children to visit school. These are also on the school website calendar. Please book an appointment at the office letting us know how many adults will be attending.

- Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October 9:30 am
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9:30am
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> November 9:30am

The deadline for applying for a reception place is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2020 at 12 noon.

For more information see

<https://newcastle.gov.uk/services/schools-learning-and-childcare/apply-school-place>



Evie Taylor has passed her stage 4 swimming and moved to stage 5 and Lara Taylor has moved to stage 3. Well done!

# Diary Dates

Please see changes/new additions in red

Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> October 9:30 am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00 - 9:30	Reception Phonics Workshop
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October all day</b>	<b>KS2 Trip to Beamish Wild</b>
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 9:00 - 10:30	Reception Halloween Maths morning
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November 4:30pm	DAAB Christmas Tree Light Switch On
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 9:30am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am	KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Production
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Lunches

## Reception Phonics Workshop



On Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October there will be a phonics workshop from 9:00—9:30am in Reception. You are welcome to come into school to find out how we deliver phonics in school and how you can help your child at home. We hope to see you there!  
Miss Walsh and Miss Coughlan



On **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October (9:00 - 10:30)** we would like to welcome Reception parents in to class to participate in a variety of maths Halloween based activities with your child. The children really enjoy these mornings and it enables parents to see what their child is learning in school. We will be having a coffee/cake sale throughout the morning to raise funds for Early Years and would appreciate any contributions. The money raised will be used for making and baking activities. **Dressing up is optional (parents included!)** We look forward to seeing you all then!  
Miss Walsh and Miss Coughlan



# Thank you!

To all our amazing Volunteers! We couldn't have had the Sizzle and Bake without you!



Our 'Sizzle and Bake' event was amazing, it was so lovely to see so many of you come along, have a good time, and spend your money. Thank you so much for supporting us and the school. We hope our new families who attended the fair enjoyed their first school fundraising event.

**We raised a huge £1177.73!!**

We would like to sincerely thank all the **staff** who gave up their Saturday to come along and volunteer at the event, the children loved seeing their teachers on the stalls and it really goes to show what an amazing school we belong to. A special shout out to **Mr Hindess' lovely partner and daughter** who did a cracking job on the tombola!

Thank you to the **BBQ Crew** (Adam W, Chris and Adam L) and thank you to all our **parent volunteers**. We really cannot stress how vital your help is for events like this to go ahead. We have had some lovely feedback so far and this is all down to the support we receive from our school community. Without volunteers or donations, we would not be able to continue to raise desperately needed funds for Mrs Lamb and the faculty to spend on resources and experiences for our children.

And finally, thank you to the **lovely Kitchen staff** who not only let us use their facilities but also left lots of lovely cakes and treats for us to sell on our cake stall.

## Committee Meeting

We have decided to have a change of scenery for our next meeting which will be on:

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October at 7pm at Newcastle Golf Club.**

We will be planning our next event, our disco which will be held after half term (more details to follow soon) and having a celebratory drink for a job well done so far this academic year. If you can join us, we would love to see you there.

Thank you for your continued support,

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS Committee