



Gosforth Park First School

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We've had a super time in school this week! I have had lovely visitors in my office who have come to show me their amazing work. I have seen a video of counting from Nursery and some beautiful handwriting and English work from KS2. I was also treated to a wonderful performance of Stitch Head by Mr Patterson's class. On Thursday we had a fire drill. The children walked safely, sensibly and quietly to their lines and were a real credit to the school. A visitor in school said it was the best fire drill she had ever seen. Well done everyone!

Mrs Lamb



Trip letters are starting to be sent out via parent pay. Please make sure you have registered to receive these. New codes will be sent out today to those families who are still not registered. If you need any technical help, please see me at the office.

Thank you
Mrs Carrick

Meet the Teacher

We hope that those of you who could attend enjoyed the opportunity to meet your child's class teacher and that the information shared was useful. Key Stage One and Key Stage Two topic webs will be attached with this week's newsletter and can also be found on our website.

If you need to see me regarding any issues please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Lamb

Parent Consultations

Autumn Parent Consultations will take place in the week beginning 18th November. You will be given the option of a slot on either the Tuesday or Thursday of that week. Letters will be sent by ParentPay before half term.

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 7th October 9:30am
- Tuesday 8th October 2:00 pm
- Monday 14th October 9:30 am
- Tuesday 15th October 2:00pm
- Wednesday 13th November 2:00pm
- Thursday 14th November 9:30am
- Wednesday 20th November 2:00pm
- Thursday 21st November 9:30am



Dear Parents,

Over the last academic year we have been acting on parent feedback and working with staff, governors and pupils to develop our school vision. We are excited to begin our new journey which is based around a broad and balanced creative curriculum for all of our children to access and enjoy. We hope you are as excited as we are when you read the curriculum overview. We aimed to capture the very essence at the heart of our wonderful school community and we would love to know what you think.

Curriculum Intent

We are a popular school in the heart of Gosforth, well supported by parents and the local community. We serve a changing population and strive to ensure that the needs of all pupils are met, both socially and academically. Our school community has high aspirations and expectations for the children we serve. We are committed to encouraging children's understanding and acceptance of other faiths, beliefs and cultures while supporting them to develop their own place in the community, both locally and globally.

As a staff we passionately promote a love of reading; we recognise the pre-eminent importance of reading in giving our children the opportunity to develop culturally, emotionally, intellectually, socially and spiritually. We believe in supporting children to develop their love of literature through widespread reading for pleasure. We build on this strong foundation to develop analytical reading skills across our curriculum.

We aim to develop resilient, confident and critical readers and thinkers who have the skills for lifelong learning. We believe that children should be exposed to rich creative experiences which celebrate diversity and develop cultural awareness. We promote their spiritual, moral, cultural, mental and physical development in order to best prepare our pupils for the opportunities, responsibilities and experiences of later life. We aim to nurture and foster the kindness and empathy our pupils will need as fulfilled, responsible and educated citizens of the world.

The following drivers are at the heart of our broad and balanced curriculum.

- **Confidence**
- **Challenge**
- **Creativity**
- **Community**

Confidence

We want our children to be determined, enthusiastic, motivated and adaptable. We nurture the natural curiosity of our children, enabling them to become independent in thought and actions and encouraging them to develop self-motivation and a life-long love of learning. We are passionate about the health and well-being of our children. We want them to be confident and healthy in both mind and body and encourage a wide range of physical activities.

We believe that children need to find their voice and that the development of pupils' speaking and listening skills are integral for success in later life. Preparing children to be confident skilled communicators is an essential foundation for future success. We encourage talk in all areas of learning and encourage our children to be respectful of the voices and opinions of others, able to clearly articulate their own point of view and to have the confidence to challenge issues that they perceive as unjust. We give children a wide range of opportunities to think and discuss critically, by solving problems and making informed choices.

Challenge

We have high aspirations and expectations of all our children and support and challenge them to set high goals and be the best they can be. We have the privilege of working with some exceptionally bright children and we acknowledge the importance of challenging them further to deepen their understanding across the curriculum. Children cannot aspire to things they have never encountered, so we work to broaden our children's horizons, expanding their knowledge and experience of a range of subjects. We aim to nurture their interests and challenge their engagement in all areas of the curriculum, giving them the confidence to be inquiring and curious.

Creativity

In our school, learning is exciting and meaningful through the provision of our richly creative and engaging curriculum. We believe that creativity is key in developing well rounded pupils who can imagine, enquire and become increasingly innovative, inventive and resourceful. Developing creative thinking skills helps all children to become lifelong learners. We give children opportunities to seek out new experiences and experiment with new ideas, encouraging them to ask questions and investigate to develop their imagination, critical thinking and problem solving skills.

Community

We are a welcoming and inclusive school. We want our children to be happy, honest, kind and tolerant. We believe in the power of our school community to change and enhance lives. Our aim is to develop an awareness of place in the community and build strong community partnerships to foster a sense of pride in belonging to our school and an understanding of the wider community. We provide a safe, caring and happy environment from which children can explore the world beyond their doorstep. We believe we have a duty to help our children develop an awareness of their responsibility towards the environment and the natural world. We provide opportunities for them to experience its richness and diversity and show they care about its management and sustainability.

The Gosforth Park Team



Mathletics, PurpleMash and Times Tables Rock Stars passwords should have reached you by now. Please see your child's class teacher if you haven't received them yet. If you have any technical problems accessing any of these sites with your passwords, please let Miss Coughlan our Computing Lead know and she will sort out any issues. Huge thanks to our wonderful PTFA who have very kindly paid for our subscriptions to these online resources.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Your child should soon be receiving their new homework book (Y1-4)! This means all of their homework will be in the same place, each week, so they know exactly what to do and where to find it. If you have any questions regarding your child's homework please see your child's class teacher.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Orange** and **Green** class *again this week*

Our attendance this week was 97.6%, up on last week (97.5%)

We had 13 lates this week (5 families). Let's see if we can do even better next week.

Thank you so much for your support.
Mrs Lamb

Attendance

Please remember, I cannot and will not authorise holiday in term time. Your child's attendance should be at least 96% and anyone with less than 90% attendance is classed as a persistent absentee. We have seven weeks of school holiday this summer. We break up on 17th July and do not return until the week beginning 7th September. This is much later than most of the schools in the country and holidays in the first week of September, before we return, are much more affordable.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Congratulations to Rosie Dalkin who has achieved the British Gymnastics proficiency award advanced level Bronze in Apparatus. Congratulations to Jacob Mancini who has achieved his 10m swimming award.



Diary Dates

Saturday 5 th October 3:00 – 4:30	Sizzle and Bake Fair
Monday 7 th October 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Tuesday 8 th October 2:00 pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Monday 14 th October 9:30 am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Tuesday 15 th October 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Wednesday 13 th November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 14 th November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Friday 15 th November	Children in Need Day
Tuesday 19 th November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Wednesday 20 th November 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 21 st November 9:30am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Tuesday 19 th November 3:45 – 6:30	Parent Consultations
Friday 6 th December am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 th December pm	KS2 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Monday 9 th December am	KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 th December pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 13 th December am	Early Years Christmas Production
Friday 13 th December pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunches



Sizzle and Bake: Saturday 5th October 2019

We will be hold a volunteer sign up event the week before the Sizzle and Bake Fair, so please if you are able to spare any time at all, please stop and have a chat with one of our committee members who will be more than happy to talk to you about what is involved.

From **Monday 30th Sept – Friday 4th Oct** we would be very grateful for any donations of chocolates or bottles (alcohol, toiletries etc) for our tombola stall. We will arrange for boxes to be at each of the entrances to allow easy drop off for any donations. We are also going to need donations of cakes for our cake stall which can be dropped off on Friday 4th Oct. Please remember all cakes must be NUT FREE, but can be shop bought or home made.

NB: The end time of the event has been changed since the posters were advertised. The event will now be **2-3:30pm**. Thank you.

CALLING ALL SAGE EMPLOYEES!!!

For those of you who work at Sage, we would be very grateful for your support. Your Match Funding balance will be cleared at the end of this month, if you have not claimed yet or have some balance left please donate to our school (please search for The Friends of Gosforth Park). We have received some fantastic amounts from Sage over the past year and made a huge difference to the fundraising efforts for the school. If you have any queries, please contact laura.hansford@sage.com.

On Behalf of the Friends of GPFS Committee, Have a wonderful weekend