



Gosforth Park First School

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Open Day

Wow – what a fantastic turn out. Thank you so much for coming, you helped make the day so special with your happy, fun and very positive approach to having the Family Picnic. I have thanked the children and staff for their fantastic efforts and hard work. Two of the Guiders who are supporting Jean Adusie with the work on fund raising for the orphanage and school which we are helping to support, King Joseph's in Ghana, came to each class and spoke to every one. They were presented with a giant mock-up cheque stating the funds raised so far; £1,162.12. They were thrilled. With other activities going on before the end of term we hope the figure will hit the 2K mark. Your generosity and that of the staff and children is valued. Below are some of the comments which were put in the 'Visitor's Comments Book', they were appreciated, thank you. '

Some quotes from you all:

'Great afternoon, so lovely to see the children's achievements. So MUCH Fun, thank you'.

'The children's work in the hall is fabulous. A great day as always'.

'We both had a lovely afternoon doing crafts. I was very impressed by the quality of work in the hall. Well done Gosforth Park'.

'The work on the displays is really wonderful. I am so happy how well the children have shown a keen interest in all these activities and parents (including me) are really proud to see that all of their hard work has been put up for the exhibition'.

'Thank you for allowing us to come into school and see all the work the children have been doing. Excellent writing and story telling. Excellent Ghana work'.

'It is amazing to see the work throughout the school. It is so nice to see the progression from Nursery to YR4. Well done GPFS'.

'We've had a fantastic afternoon. The activities were really fun and creative and everyone has put in tons of effort'.

'African theme has been a hit in our household, the things that the children have made are lovely'.

'I am really impressed at all the hard work that is on display. It is clear the amount of effort that has been used by both the children and staff'.

'What an amazing display by all the children, I've learnt a lot here today !!! Great work everyone'.

'Thank you very much-What a lovely day'.
Local Authority Achievement Partner visit –
'What a fantastic exhibition of high quality work across a range of subjects including writing. A true celebration ! Well done to all.'

My grateful thanks go to all my wonderful staff who have been very committed to this work and for their 'graff' in putting up the displays to showcase the superb learning and teaching.

Well done staff and children.



Well done to parents and governors who came for all or part of the afternoon.



Classes Next Year

On Monday 3rd July you will be sent a slip saying which class your child will be in, for September 2017 and who their class teacher will be. Please look in your child's reading folder. We will be doing an internal Transition session in school on **Thursday 6th July** where the children will go and meet and get to know their next class teacher and undertake some fun learning activities together. This year, our Year 4 children who are moving to Gosforth East Middle (GEMS) will have two Transition Days, **Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th July**. Most of our YR4s will be going GEMS and one to Gosforth Central Middle School (GCMS). The YR4s have been given information about the money they have to take on transfer days for their lunches; **please don't forget** to do this. All of a sudden our YR4s seem so very 'grown up' and are ready to go to the next phase of their education. It will seem very strange without them but we are confident that they will rise to the occasion and make us all very proud.

END OF YEAR REPORTS - Final **Reminder if you require an additional report:**

Each child in main school will receive an end of year report commenting on their work, progress, attitudes to learning, behaviour, targets to work on and attendance. I will also be writing a comment on the report about your child. The reports will be sent out on **Friday 14th July**. If you require more than one copy of a report due to separation etc. because you can't share the report, please could you inform the office as soon as possible to say that you need two copies. The onus will be on you to pass on the copy. Unless there are circumstances which you can't, then please contact me or Mrs Lamb. Thank you for your co-operation.

Nursery and Reception New Parents' Evenings for September 2017 intake

We had a super turnout to our Nursery and Reception Parents Evenings. It is amazing how many current and 'old' families are still with us or who are coming back to join our School Family. You will be pleased to hear that the 'new parents' thought our school was super, colourful and very friendly. They were amazed at the standard of the children's work. Many thanks to Mrs Clark (Cook in Charge) and Mrs Howey (school cook) who put out a fabulous display of sample meals and tempted everyone with home-made quiche, pizza, cookies and brownies. Thanks also go to FGPFs chair, Mrs Alley who kindly did the teas and coffees and a short presentation to the new parents to make them feel part of our school family.

NURSERY

Places for September **2017 URGENT**

We have some afternoon places available for September 2017, 15 hours, 12.30pm - 3.30pm for five sessions per week. If you know of anyone who would like a place please ask them to contact the School Office asap. Parents are able to use their 30 hrs funding for Nursery settings, child minders, playgroups etc. However, at our school in the Gosforth Cluster of Schools, we offer, five three hour sessions am / pm on a daily basis. Thank you for your support.

REMINDER OF WHEN YOUR CHILD'S SPORTS AFTERNOON WILL TAKE PLACE

You are very welcome to come and watch your child/ren take part in their key stage sports afternoon. We do hope that the weather will be kind to us all. If staff decide to ask you to do a parents', then please understand that you do this at your **'own risk' if you choose to take part.** If the event has to be called off due to inclement weather and health and safety, you will receive a text on the day, before lunch. Due to the very busy nature of planned events in school up to the end of term, it will probably not be possible to reschedule the key stage sports afternoon, apologies now. Please make a note of the date and time:

- Monday 10th July -@ 10.45am Morning Nursery
- Monday 10th July -@ 2.00pm Afternoon Nursery
- Tuesday 11th July @ 1.30pm - 3.00pm Reception 1 & 2
- Wednesday 12th July @ 1.30pm - 3.00pm = KS1 classes Green/Orange / Yellow
- Friday 14th July @ 1.30pm - 3.00pm = KS2 classes Violet / Indigo / Blue

YEAR4S RECORDER SHOWCASE

Wow, what fantastic musicians we have in KS2. Mrs Knighton who has been teaching our YR4 children to play the recorder across the year came to school on Thursday. The children displayed their recorder playing skills and gave a super show. Mrs Thorpe our Music lead in school works very closely with Newcastle Music Service to arrange this curriculum enhancement for the children. It has been a pleasure to see and hear the development of non-players and experienced players from their starting points. Wonderful, well done boys and girls.

TONY BLAIR TENNIS TOURNAMENT 'THE FINALS'

Miss Storey and her team of eight KS2 tennis players are taking part in this tournament today. They are a fantastic group of children and we all wish them good luck.

THE LITTLE ORANGE BOOK

Expert advice on helping babies and young children when they're poorly

We have been sent some copies and of **The Little Orange Book**. This has been produced by the Newcastle Gateshead Clinical Commissioning Group and contains advice and tips on how to manage common illnesses and problems that babies and young children experience. An electronic copy will be emailed to all parents.

Mrs Lamb



Healthy School

Avoid over-sized portions.

Portion sizes have increased over the years and it's one of the reasons children become overweight. Start meals with small servings and let your child ask for more if they are still hungry. Avoid giving adult-sized plates to younger children – it can encourage them to eat too much.

Miss Cogdon



Well done to Rebecca Wilds in Nursery who has achieved her Stage 4 in swimming!



Top Table

The following children were chosen to sit at Top Table today.
Well done!

Luke Millican, Leon O'Connor,
Bailey Ratcliffe, Thomas Hearn
and Billy Morgan.

Attendance News

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

Attendance



Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Reception 2** and **Orange** classes!
Well done to everyone! Mrs Lamb