



Gosforth Park First School

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Annual Open Day

As advised over several months the theme for this Open Day is: Africa focusing on Ghana.

The children and staff have been working very hard preparing for the exhibition in the hall for you all to admire. Open Day is on **Friday 23rd June, 12.00pm – NOON** starting with the traditional Family Picnic lunch; activities in school with your child / children. The whistle for the children to come into school after the picnic will be blown at 12.50pm, children will come into their class so that their teacher can do the register and parents will then be directed to enter the building by me at appropriate intervals. I would ask that adults stand well back to let the children get into the school. The afternoon will finish at 3.00pm.

On Monday 19th June you will receive a timetable outlining what your child's class will be doing and of course what everyone else will be doing.

Morning nursery parents are invited to join in activities in the morning from 11.00am -12.00pm with their children. We do hope that Morning Nursery parents will stay for the Family Picnic at 12.00 pm NOON. Afternoon Nursery parents we hope that you will start off the session with a family picnic outside.

Safeguarding on the Day and Health and Safety

As part of the protocols we will require all visitors to sign in and take a visitor sticker and write their name on it plus their child's class. I will have staff on hand at the entrance gates with clip boards etc. to do this. Your patience and support with this will be much appreciated. No buggies will be allowed in the school building. If you need to bring one then it will have to be parked under the canopy outside. You will appreciate for health and safety reasons we do not have room inside.

Fire Alarm – If this goes off it will not be a drill, it could be a false alarm but everyone will be expected to behave in a calm, sensible, quiet manner, walk not run. The Fire Alarm is one very loud continuous bell. Staff, children and parents will vacate the building by the nearest exit and must line up in classes on the top playground which is our Fire Assembly Point.

Mobile Phones – no mobile phones to be used or photos to be taken. Staff will take photos for display purposes.

Mr Hamilton – will not be in school on Open Day and so children will not need their instruments.



As already advised, the Summer Fayre is tomorrow - Saturday, 16th June, 11.00 – 1.00pm.

There will be lots of stalls, games, cakes, raffles, Go carts, Penalty Shoot Out, Coconut Shy, Daft as a Brush children's ambulance to view, Fire Engine, Blood Motorbike, Parkemon and much more. Food wise - BBQ, teas and cakes and refreshments.

It would help the stall holders if you came with change and carrier bags for your goodies, thank you. Thank you in advance to all of the wonderful parents and friends who have been working so hard behind the scene to make this happen. Many thanks to Mrs Jane Alley the Chair of the FGPFs and her key team for their very hard work and enthusiasm.

Even at this last moment of organising, if you can help at the Summer Fayre - e.g. set up stalls, help run a stall for an hour/30 mins or help at the end to tidy up we would really appreciate the help. Just come and we can direct you to a stall etc. Many thanks for your generous donations for the Bottle and Chocolate Tombola stalls and raffle prizes. We would like to thank you in advance for your anticipated support and do hope that you come and make it a wonderful family event. Please keep your fingers crossed for good weather.

Classes Next Year

In the next few weeks you will be sent a slip saying which class your child will be in, in September 2017 and who their class teacher will be. We will be doing an internal Transition Day 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 will have two Transition Days and most will be going up to Gosforth East Middle (GEMS) for their Transition Days and one of our YR4s will be going to Gosforth Central Middle School (GCMS). The YR4 Transition Days are Wednesday 5th July and Thursday 6th July. It will seem very strange without them but we are confident that they will rise to the occasion and make us all very proud.

OUR LAST HALF TERM OF THE YEAR!

It seems amazing that we are on the last lap of the school academic year. The children and I have been discussing our busy half term and how all my staff team and I want them to show us their talents, skills with their learning, friendliness and excellent behaviour. We will never get this time back so expectations are high across the school. The children seem to have grown not just in height but in their maturity and interactions with each other; so many of our children are excellent role models. They know that everyone at GPFS expects them to behave superbly, learn in a happy, friendly, nurturing environment and always try their best. The children do say that we can be the 'Best School in the Universe'.

WATER BOTTLES Reminder

*Please encourage your child to bring their water bottles home to be washed and brought back with water (not juice) for the next day. We follow advice from School Health – who advise Schools that during the school day it should be water. In this heat children dehydrate very quickly as they use more energy up by running at playtimes and during their PE lessons. They **DO NEED** to drink plenty to stop dehydration, headaches, vomiting etc.*

END OF YEAR REPORTS

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. 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 see me for help. Thank you for your co-operation.



Well done to Rosie Dalkin who has passed her Level 5 in Gymnastics and Sean Peng who has achieved his 100m award in swimming.

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 **Blue** and **Indigo** classes!
Well done to everyone! Mrs Lamb

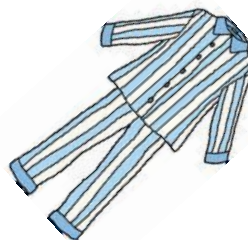


Prepare more meals at home. It takes a little longer, but this way you can control what you put in food. You can read food labels, use healthier ingredients and control how much sugar and salt you use.

Miss Cogdon

Year 4 Swimmers

There will be no swimming for the Year 4 children next week as the whole of KS2 are attending and performing at the The Big Gig in Newcastle.



On Tuesday 27th June the Year 4 swimmers will need their pyjamas as they will be doing their water skills awards. Please send in an extra plastic bag so they can put their soggy PJs in to that and then in their swimming bag.

Many thanks

Mrs Wilson



Our children have such busy social lives! It seems there is always someone off for tea or a playdate at a friends house.

Please make sure that if your child is being collected by someone different to usual, to let the class teacher or office know first. We know there can be emergencies when people are stuck in traffic or running late and they ask family friends to step in, but again please inform the office or class teacher so we know everyone has gone home with the correct adult and that they are safe.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb

Dates for your calendar

June 17th	FGPFS Summer Fair – 11.00am – 1.00pm everyone welcome.
June 23rd	Annual Open Day Theme - 'Ghana' – African Theme ', = 12.00pm – NOON starting with family picnic lunch; activities in school with your child / children. This will include am / pm Nursery. More information nearer the time
June 26th	6.30pm in the School hall, Nursery New Parents evening for September 2017 start
June 27th	6.30pm in the School hall, Reception New Parents evening for September 2017 start
June 30th	Choir Sage Concert – Mrs Thorpe / Mrs Wilson
July 5th & 6th	YR4 Transition Days to GEMS or GCM
Week of 10th July	Sports Day Monday am Nursery 10:45 Monday pm Nursery 2:15 Tuesday Reception 1:30 – 3:00 Wednesday KS1 1:30 – 3:00 Friday KS2 1:30 – 3:00
July 14th	End of Year Reports to Parents and Guardians Reception – Year 4 / Report reply slips to be returned by Wednesday 19th July
July 20th	Year 4 Leavers' Special Assembly for their parents / guardians 9.10am (more info soon)
July 20th	YR4 Leaver's Party, Children only 1.30pm
July 21st	Last Day of Term