



Gosforth Park First School

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Flu Sniff Success!

A huge well done goes out to all of our classes in school this week. We were visited by the team of Flu Sniff nurses on Wednesday who commented on how happy, smiley and beautifully behaved all of our children were. After feedback we gave last year, the team provided slips for bookbags so parents know if their child has had the vaccination. We are beaming with pride – well done!



BBC

Children in Need

Thank you so much for your generosity. You raised an impressive £481.30!



In Book Fair week a total of £508.60 worth of books were purchased! This is a great achievement which enables us to now buy some new stock for our classrooms and school library. A HUGE thank you to everyone who came along and made a purchase! Very special thanks also to the members of the FGPFs who ran the Fair, including the Coffee afternoon. We now look forward to choosing some fabulous new books for our children. Once again, thank you to everyone involved!

From all the staff and children.

FGPFS NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR ALL OF THE SCHOOL FRIDAY 1st DECEMBER

On **Friday 1st December** children can come to school dressed in their own clothes and leave their uniform at home! In exchange we would like the children to bring in something for the Surprise Room/ Grotto Shop, such as smellies, candles or chocolates etc (unused and un nibbled please!). The Surprise room is opened for children to buy a present for someone special in their family (we encourage them to understand that this shouldn't be themselves). Santa's Elves will be there to wrap the gifts and help write the Christmas gift tag. The children can spend **£2.50** on the gift (**max 1 per child**). The Surprise Room and Grotto Shop are beautifully decorated to reflect Santa's Workshop. Each Key Stage has a particular day to do their shopping and this will take place in the last week of term.

Christmas Disco

The Christmas Disco is next Saturday 2nd December 3 til 4.30pm. Thank you to everyone who has bought a ticket so far, they are selling fast! We need more volunteers to man tables and help out so please let me know if you can. Please remember you need to stay at the disco to supervise.

From Monday I will be organising the parent rotas for teas and coffees at the Christmas Performances (not the dress rehearsals). We do limit the number of helpers at each performance so please let me know asap if you are able to help.

Thank you all for your support at this busy time of year,

Jane Alley

(parent of Thomas in Yellow)

Christmas Productions

Tickets for KS1 and KS2 (please note Early Years, Nursery and Reception, are **NOT** ticketed).

The tickets will be in your child's reading folder on **Monday 4th December**. You will be issued with two tickets per family on your child's class colour, with their name on the back. Please check your child's reading folder for these. If you don't need them all, we would be grateful if you could return any spare tickets to the School Office. These will then be allocated on a first come, first served basis from **Tuesday 5th December**.

For KS1 & KS2 productions you must show your ticket at the door to gain entry. A member of the FGPFS will collect them. The actual productions are for grown-ups to attend.

Please remember that pre-school children and babies are very welcome at the Dress Rehearsals but NOT at the actual productions. We don't want to turn anyone away; staff have requested this so that the children are not distracted whilst doing their shows. We thank you in advance for your support with this.



Merry Christmas

From Monday 4th December children can send Christmas cards to their friends in school. Please make sure the cards have the person's name and class on the envelope (and if possible surname) so our little helpers can deliver them to the correct class. The Post Box for Y1 to Y4 will be outside the office and Early Years' will be in the Early Years Entrance.

Nursery children will be bringing home a special card to design and colour to then swap with their friends in class.

Christmas Productions

Please make a note of the information on your calendars.

Dress Rehearsals will be on the following dates:-

- **Reception 1 & 2 and Morning Nursery**
Friday 8TH December 9.30 am – 'It's a Baby!'
- **Key Stage 1 Friday 8TH December 2.00pm**
– 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings'
- **Key Stage 2 Monday 11th December**
9.30am – 'Hosanna Rock'
- **Reception 1 & 2 and Afternoon Nursery**
Monday 11TH December 2.00pm – 'It's a Baby'

MAIN PRODUCTIONS

Please note the main productions are for **adults only**. All the children in school and babies, pre-school children, including Nursery aged children, are invited to attend the dress rehearsals and watch the productions at the Dress Rehearsals.

The FGPFS will kindly- FOR THE MAIN PERFORMANCES ONLY - be serving COFFEE/TEA and raffle tickets prior to the performances. Doors will open at 1.30pm for afternoon performances and 9.05 am for the am EYRS performance. You will be asked to wait patiently outside as you will realise that we have to set the hall up prior to the performances.

The Main Performances are on:

Tuesday 12th December 2.00pm= Reception 1&2 and Afternoon Nursery 'It's a Baby'

Wednesday 13th December 9.30am = Reception 1&2 and Morning Nursery 'It's a Baby'

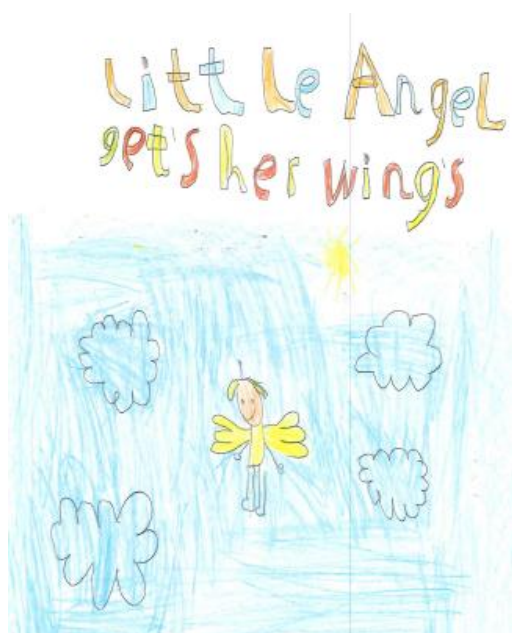
Thursday 14th December 2.00pm = KS1 'Little Angel Gets Her Wings'

Friday 15th December 2.00pm = KS2 'Hosanna Rock'

KS1 Have been creating posters for their Christmas show – here are two super examples!



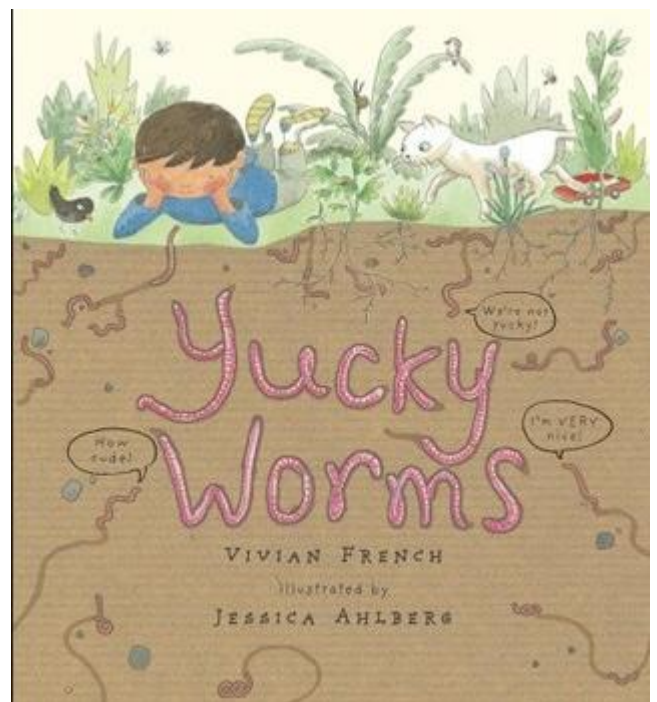
By Elliott, Orange Class



By Daniel I, Orange Class

Cake Sale

Thank you so much for your support with baking and buying cakes for the cake sale on Thursday (this was in the newsletter dated 10th November). Thanks for your patience waiting for us to set up after school. We raised over £60 with some donations still to come in. This will go towards the shipment of Christmas presents to Ghana.
Mrs Wilson



Green Class has been reading ***Yucky Worms*** by ***Vivian French*** and on Monday they visited Darras Hall First School to meet the author! Here's what the children had to say about their visit ...

When we visited Vivian French she told us about lots of information about worms. If they bump into a rock they can climb backwards! I enjoyed it a lot.

Grace Lenham

We learned about Yucky Worms. I had fun at Darras Hall learning about worms. I was a wormologist because I found out all about worms!

Elliot Oldham

We went on a bus to Yucky Worms. In the story the little boy doesn't know the mouth and head from the other end of the worm. I had a good time.

Junhong Kwa

Governor Vacancies

Please see the attached sheet for more information.

Attendance News

Our attendance this week is 97.7%, the same as this time last year. We have had 24 late marks this week (12 families).



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



Well done to Millie Anderson in Orange Class who has been awarded her Red Belt in Jujitsu!

Well done to Evie Stewart, Sophie Douthwaite and Hannah Farnaby in Y1 who have all been awarded their Gymnastics Badge 8!

Well done to Oliva Rivett who has achieved her Advanced Level Gold in Hand Held Apparatus for Gymnastics.

Well done to Paige Hayward who has achieved her Advanced Level Silver in Hand Held Apparatus for Gymnastics.

Well done to Maisie Rivett and Grace Richardson who have achieved Stage 8 in Gymnastics.

Well done to Grace Richardson who has achieved her Stage 2 in Swimming.

Well done to Fraser Seccombe who has achieved the highest honour in Beavers, The Bronze Chief Scout Award!



The Mathletics trophy was awarded to both Miss Cogson's Class on Monday. A special mention goes out to **Rohan Gent** and **Martha Graham** who were our Mathletes of the week. Keep playing over the weekend to earn points towards a school prize for the Mathletics November Challenge!

Mrs Lamb

We're Listening



Thank you for persevering with the Family Maths Scrapbooks. It has been brought to my attention that some families have found this term's activities a bit tricky and not very much fun. We will look carefully at the activities to make sure the next spring activity is more suitable. We really want this to be a fun and enjoyable experience for you to share with your child.

We also understand that parents would like more information about how different methods are taught in each year group. We are working on this and will have more information soon. Thanks for working with us – your feedback is invaluable.

Mrs Lamb

