



Gosforth Park First School

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We have heard from some families who have not been receiving alerts via Parent Pay. Once you have signed up, please go to

- Communication
- Change alert settings
- Click the email alert box for each alert
- On the last option, tick the text alert
- Make sure you have registered a mobile phone number with your account so that you can receive text alerts.

If you have any problems, please speak to Mrs Carrick or Mrs Lamb



On Wednesday KS1 were lucky enough to have two visitors from the PDSA come into school. Sarah and Jacqui talked about the important work that they do by caring for the pets of people in need by providing free vet services to their sick and injured animals, and promoting responsible pet ownership. We learnt all about the 5 welfare needs of pets and how to care for dogs, cats and rabbits. We enjoyed sharing stories about our own pets and even got to name the PDSA mascot dog!

Mrs McClurg

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

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

For more information see

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

Moving from Year 4 to Year 5

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

For more information see

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

GEMS Open Evening

GEMs Open Evening for Prospective Year 5 Sept 2020. This event takes place 09/10/2019 18:00 – 19:00. Letters have already been sent out containing more information.



Squash Taster

On Tuesday afternoon Year 3 children took part in a squash taster session. The children developed their skills and techniques for the sport and had an enjoyable afternoon!



Gosforth Gets Going Archery

On Thursday afternoon a group of Key Stage 2 children were invited to Dinnington First School to take part in a Gosforth Gets Going Archery event. We had a fantastic afternoon firing arrows and developing our target practise. Well done to you all!



Miss Walsh



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 98.2%, up on last year (98.1%)

We had 14 lates this week (9 families). Let's see if we can do even better next week.

Thank you so much for your support.
Mrs Lamb

YOUNGmINDS

Thursday October 10th is world Mental Health Day. We would like to raise the importance of children's mental health, while raising much-needed funds for YoungMinds. By donating £1 children can come to school wearing something yellow in support of the cause. #HelloYellow

Mrs McClurg

The Reading Agency and Libraries Present

SPACE CHASE

Summer Reading Challenge 2019

Congratulations to Harry Flinders, Leo Tomlinson, Ayla Seccombe, Bruce Reid, Sophie Redi, Jude Manning, Beth Toal, Sophie Douthwaite, Abi Henderson and Freya Crawley for completing the Summer Reading Challenge! The results have been announced and in this years 'Space Chase' challenge, nearly a million books were read by children in local libraries across the UK. Well done!

Mrs Lambert

Reception Phonics Workshop



On Thursday 17th 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

Math's Halloween Themed Open Morning



On **Thursday 24th 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



Huge thanks to our PTFA who have purchased this amazing sound system for us. It's rechargeable, waterproof and loud! We will be using it outside for PTFA events, PE and Sports Day. It even comes with a microphone!
Thank you!



A big thank you to the PTFA for our brand new sound system! It will make our PE lessons, playtimes and lunch times so much more exciting!

Miss Walsh

The PTFA have also purchased our new Gold Star prizes, chosen by school council, and our raffle ticket prizes. One of our pupils challenged us last year to reduce our consumption of single use plastics so we have been looking at some alternative prizes which are more easily recyclable. We hope you like them!

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.

Diary Dates

Please see changes/new additions in red

Saturday 5 th October 2:00 – 3:30	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
Thursday 10th October	World Mental Health Day
Monday 14 th October 9:30 am	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Tuesday 15 th October 2:00pm	Reception 2020 Parents Visits
Thursday 17th October 9:00 - 9:30	Reception Phonics Workshop
Thursday 24th October 9:00 - 10:30	Reception Halloween Maths morning
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
Tuesday 3rd December 9:30am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 th December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Friday 6 th December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Monday 9 th December 9:30 am	KS1 Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday 10 th December 2:00 pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Friday 13 th December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Production
Friday 13 th December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunches



Healthy School

The Change4Life campaign is still very much focused on swapping unhealthy snacks for healthy ones. It can sometimes be hard to encourage our children to choose a piece of fruit for example. Make it easier for them by having it in view at home time. If you keep fruit in the fridge, take it out 15 minutes before serving to improve the taste and make sure it is nice and ripe and juicy. Employ stealth mode by cutting it up and placing on a plate next to them while they are relaxing so they can nibble at will

1 WEEK TO GO!!

Our Sizzle and Bake event is on **Saturday 5th October, 2-3:30pm**. There will be a BBQ (so fingers crossed the weather cooperates), pizza, hot dogs, samosas, cakes, drinks and lots of games including everyone's favourite... The Tombola! We would love to see as many of our school community there as possible, so make sure to pop along.

Volunteers: We would like to give a huge thanks to all our amazing staff members who have signed up to volunteer at the event! It's amazing to have so many offer their time to come in and help us. We still need more volunteers too, so if you can spare some time please stop and speak to one of our committee members next week and sign up.

Donations: We need lots of donations for the chocolate and bottle tombola. From Monday 30th Sept there will be boxes at each entrance for your child to drop off a donation. Please give generously.

We will also be asking for any nut free cake donations, store bought or homemade, to be handed into school on Friday 4th October.

Our events help raise large sums of money which is used in school to purchase much needed equipment such as the shiny new sound system which we will be borrowing at the event. We rely heavily on the generosity and support of all our families to ensure these events continue to be successful, so thank you in advance.

Sage Employees

Thank you to all of our parents who work at Sage and have completed their charity donation for us. The Sage Benevity fund has been a massive extra source of income for the PTFA and the money has been wisely spent by Mrs Lamb and the faculty.

If your company/employer offers a similar matching scheme please get in touch as every penny counts.

Have a great weekend,

The Friends of GPFS Committee