



Gosforth Park First School

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SPECIAL ASSEMBLIES

Friday March 10th = Indigo Class

Friday March 17th = Violet Class

Friday March 24th (Mother's Day) = Morning
Nursery 10.40am teas etc children in for 10.55am

Friday March 24th (Mother's Day) = Afternoon
Nursery, teas etc 2.15pm children in at 2.30pm

Friday May 5th = Blue Class

Friday May 12th = Reception 1 & 2

Parents and carers will be invited to the School hall for 2.20pm to have a chat and a cup of tea or coffee. The children will come in at 2.40pm to showcase their talents. Fundraising will take place with the sale of cakes (nut free please), raffle etc. This will be to support the class with buying some little extras and to help raise money for our school charity The Ghanaian Children's Trust. We will let you know via the newsletter how the children have decided to spend their class money.

Indigo Class Special Assembly Friday 10th March

If you can help, please speak to
Mrs Thorpe or Miss Cogdon.

Please send any donations of nut free cakes in on the morning of the assembly and remember to bring some change for raffle tickets.

Illness

Illness - We really appreciate that children want to come to school when they are ill because they love school. Unfortunately, this is not helping to contain the number of bugs and viruses which are doing the rounds in Nursery and Main School. As a staff we commend parents for doing the right thing and trying to keep their child's attendance at an acceptable level but if children are not at all well they shouldn't be in school. If you are not sure please contact the School Office who will seek advice and get back to you.

First Aid

First Aid – All of our Support Staff are qualified First Aiders. We have three members of support staff who have the enhanced qualification and can deal with more complicated situations. The staff are Mrs Wilson, Mrs Hall and Mrs Tudor. If your child has hurt themselves or had an accident this is dealt with by our First Aiders and a form given to inform you of treatment etc. If they have a bumped head, then a bumped head sticker will be given as well. However, parents are called in depending on the individual child's need. We encourage the children to let us know if they have hurt themselves, bumped into someone etc. so that the situation can be dealt with immediately. We do remind them about this. All Staff are as vigilant as they can be. First aid bags are used outside at playtimes/lunchtimes by support staff. Anything else which requires more assistance than the child/ren are brought into school.



WORLD BOOK DAY



2017



This day will take place on **Thursday 2nd March** and the children (and staff) can come to school dressed as a character from a story on that day. All children will receive a £1 book voucher. They can spend this at our **Book Fair** the following week **6th March to 10th March** – held each day in the library from 3.30 pm until 4 pm. Please note – There will not be a session in the Hall during this week.
Mrs Renwick

Urgent Half Term Reminder

School closes for the half term on **Friday 17th February** and **reopens for the children on Tuesday 28th February at 8.55am**. We have a staff training day on **Monday 27th February**. Please remember to inform family, child minders etc that school is closed to the children on the 27th.

Thank you.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Well done to **Oliver Thompson (Nursery)** who has achieved his **Stage 2 swimming award** and **Daisy Wrigley (Violet)** who has achieved her **Stage 6 swimming award**.



Congratulations to **Jacob Butterworth (Yellow)** on winning the **Mini Red Tennis Winter League** with the **South Northumberland Churchill Team!**

DATES FOR YOUR CALENDAR

WHAT'S GOING ON AT GPFS

Previous notice of dates, trips etc have been put on the calendar on the school website. During the course of the term and year there will be additional dates as staff are busy organising curriculum link visits; we will also have visitors in to talk to the children-topic linked etc. Mrs Hall has kindly put the dates on the school website calendar and she will update the website calendar on a weekly basis

- Next FGPF meeting Wednesday 1st March 7.00pm in school, all welcome
- Thursday 2nd March = World Book Day event in school. Children and staff come dressed as a story book character
- KS1 Thursday afternoons for 6 weeks – PE enhancement training 'Enjoy a Ball' with an external PE specialist Mr A. Coleman. Starting on Thursday 2nd March, PE kits needed
- Book Fair week Monday 6th March to Friday 10th March {more information nearer the time}
- Red Nose Day charity event Friday 24th March (more information nearer the time)
- Year 4 residential visit to Robinwood Activity Centre on Wednesday 29th March to Friday 31st March
- FGPF Easter Fun Morning = Thursday 6th April
- KS1 topic themed visit to Alnwick Castle on Friday 7th April

CRACKING CEILIDH

Eleven of our Year 4 children were lucky enough to have a go at the 'Gosforth Pyramid Ceilidh' held at Gosforth Central Middle School yesterday. A few of the other First Schools within the Gosforth Trust also took part.

They were accompanied by the huge Ceilidh band and managed to complete four dances and ended up with bright rosy cheeks.

Great fun was had by all the children as they tried to avoid getting themselves tangled up in knots and treading on each other's toes. I do believe Mrs Thorpe's feet took a bashing on several occasions!

Mrs Wilson

Parent Consultations

On Monday 6th March parents of children from Reception to Year4 will be sent a letter inviting them to their child's Parent Consultation. The letter will explain the procedures. The appointments are for 10 minutes only and if you feel you will need longer then please contact me as this will have to be done at another time. I will also be asking to see some parents to chat to them about their child.

Please note that on Monday 3rd April, parents/carers will have an opportunity to look at their child's work with them and talk about their learning. It also gives you the opportunity to raise any questions with your child's teacher.

This will be in the School hall, library area and KS2 parents may use the ICT suite as well.

Morning session = 9.05am – 10.20am (after registration)

Afternoon session = 2.30pm – 3.15pm. The OSC will need access to the hall hence 3.15pm end time (parents will be permitted to take their child home afterwards)

Attendance News

Our figure for school attendance to date this term is 97.0% - up from 96.6% last year! Well done!!

Please remember that the school doors close at 9am and children arriving after this time will receive a late mark on the register.



Attendance – Classes of the Week!



The attendance cups for this week's best attendance were won by **Green** and **Violet** classes. Well done to everyone!

Mrs Lamb

Parking around School PLEASE READ

For some time now we have been reminding parents to park considerately and safely around school at drop off and pick up times each day. We have no control over the parking, or any matter off our school site, however, I would hope that parents and carers would take notice of what we have to say and trust that we would only repeat this message because we have genuine concern for the safety of the children and their families.

We are still hearing reports of people parking on the zig zag lines, parking where there is no parking bay, parking in the disabled bay, parking across residents' drives and so on. We have also been informed that when cars are parked on the bridal path/road to the Golf Club, emergency vehicles cannot gain access to houses and the club. This is a private road and is for access only, please refrain from parking there.

The benefits of cycling, walking and scooting to school are many and I would urge you to do so if you are able to. If you do need to use the car, then you could consider parking at the Three Mile or Asda and walking for the remainder of the journey.

Given the recent concerns over pollution and the danger to children especially, if you are using your car, please turn off your engine as soon as your car is stationary. As well as posing a threat to health, it is an offence to have your engine running unnecessarily while your vehicle is stationary on a public road.

Northumbria Police have told us that we should urge you to contact them on 101 if you see anyone driving/parking illegally. I hope that you will all support us in improving safety for our children and everyone in our school community.

Thank you.

School Calendar

2017-2018

The school calendar for 2017 – 2018 is now on the school website and will sent to all parents via email. The training days have been agreed with the other Gosforth Trust Schools and Governing Bodies.



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