



Gosforth Park First School

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End of Year Reports

As advised in previous newsletters, you will receive your child's end of year report at the end of the day, today, Friday 12th July. The reports are for Nursery to Year 4.

We would be grateful if you could share the report with your child at home and send back the reply comment slip in an envelope to your child's teacher by Thursday 18th July. If any parent needs to discuss a matter in their child's report, teachers will be holding **drop-ins in class on Thursday 18th July from 3:45 – 4:45.**

Last Week of Term

Next week is our last week of the academic year. It seems incredible how the year has flown by. The children have had a very productive and successful year!

Leavers' Show and Awards

Our YR4 Leavers' Show and Awards will be taking place on Thursday morning next week. Parents and grandparents are invited (no preschool children).

There will be a party in the afternoon (children only) and children will be given the opportunity throughout the day to have their t-shirt and/or jumper signed by staff and friend. Year 4 staff will be sending out information.

*Approximate timings below

- 9:10 Coffee/Tea
- 9:30 Leavers Show
- 10:20 Break
- 10:45 Awards
- 11:20 Finish

Last Day of the academic Year Friday 19th End of the School Day = 3.30pm as usual



ParentPay

Thank you for your patience as we move over to the Parent Pay system. The technical staff from the LA are working directly with Parent Pay to sort out the issues.

If you haven't done so already, please use your unique code to sign up to Parent Pay. From September **all texts, emails, consent forms and payments** will be done through Parent Pay. We will no longer be using the T2P system. We currently only have 56% of parents signed up.

Thanks for your support
Mrs Carrick and Mrs Eltringham

Book Bags

Either the book bag or satchel below is recommended for use in school (from Tots to Teams). Teachers prefer the smaller (cheaper!) version as these fit more easily into class trays. We would kindly ask parents **not** to buy large back packs as we simply do not have the space to store these safely.

Thanks

Mrs Lamb



Price From: £6.00

Price From: £8.34



First Day Back

On the morning of the first day back, Tuesday 3rd September, we will be holding a coffee morning in the school hall from 9 – 10. This will give current parents a chance to catch up after the holidays and new parents a chance to meet new friends. We hope to see you there.

Mrs Lamb



Miss Walsh picked up this wonderful award on Friday last week. Yes it's official – Miss Walsh is Newcastle's PE Lead of the Year 2018 – 2019!
Huge congratulations!



Meet the Teacher

How do we best help the children to make the best start in their new class? How can we have fun and learn? How can we make the best **team** around your child?

Please come along to meet your child's teacher!

We want an informal session where we can work together. We'll explain a bit about the Key Stage Two curriculum but we'll also have some informal time when we can sit and chat so that we can listen to you!

We want to make the best team around your child where parents and staff give your child the best possible start.

Please come along to your child's class at **3:45pm** (for about 30 minutes) on the dates below.

We know that this may be tricky so if you have children with you, Mrs Lamb will look after them one of the other classrooms.

Please don't worry if you can't make it. We'll send out a flyer with information discussed after the event.

To help us with arrangements, we'll be sending our reply 'slips' via Parent Pay in September.

<i>Tuesday 17th September</i>	<i>3:45 KS1 Parents (Green, Orange, Yellow)</i>
<i>Wednesday 18th September</i>	<i>3:45 Reception Class Parents</i>
<i>Thursday 19th September</i>	<i>3:45 KS2 Parents (Indigo, Violet, Blue)</i>



Gosforth is Great!

In September, Gosforth Park First School will be starting our first new topic: Gosforth is Great!

This geography-based topic will teach our children about their own locality through fieldwork, maps, aerial photographs and much more. From a historical perspective, we will also be looking at some of the changes that have occurred within our locality from within and beyond living memory.

For your child's holiday homework, we would like them to research an aspect of Gosforth's geography or history so that they can present their findings to their new class or join in a class discussion about what they already know.

You could:

- Go for a walk in Gosforth
- Ask an elderly relative about their memories of Gosforth when they were growing up
- Write a list of human and physical features in Gosforth
- Design a brochure about things to do in Gosforth
- Draw a map of your area
- Make a PowerPoint presentation about an aspect of Gosforth that you have researched
- Research famous people from Gosforth

(p.s. We appreciate that the holidays are a busy and exciting time for everyone and no child will be penalised if they are unable to complete a piece of work/research)

Thank you for your continued support

The GPFS Team



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 97.2%, the same as last week and still better than last year (96.5%)

We had 9 lates this week (8 families) which is an improvement on last week. Let's see if we can do even better next week!

Thank you so much for your support.
Mrs Lamb



Our Mathletics trophy goes to **Yellow Class** again this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Magnus Goulty** and **Jamie Watkins**
Well done!



Well done to Jessica Waters who has achieved the Level 7 Gymnastics proficiency award.



A huge well done to all of our swimmers who have achieved the following awards

Stage 4 Matthew Lazenby

Stage 7 Aurelia Garvey

Stage 8 Isabel Gent

Puffin Hamna Pervez

10 metres Daniel Waters, Cole Coulter, Hollie Flevill and Scott Sidney

25 metres Benji Lawrence

50 metres Aurelia Garvey

100 metres Aurelia Garvey

200 metres Jacob Butterworth, Rhys Watkins, Ryan Middleton and Jamie Watkins

400 metres Iris Bollado, Stefan Miladinov, Jack Herschel, Livvy Chard, Lawan Mohamad, Ziggy Rawling, Fraser Seccombe, William Handyside and Sam MacLannahan and Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith

600 metres Anahita Baigi, Mandan Baigi, Lexi Eastham, Alfie Harwood, Sam Tristram, Imogen Young, Matthew Davies, Hayden Fahy, Millie Hunter and Harry Brown

800 metres Elizabeth Graham, Martha Graham and Nina Gumbrill

1000 metres Archie Wells, James Taylor, Joshua Mancini and Rohan Gent

Advanced Notice of Dates

Thursday 18 th July	Year 4 Leavers Assembly (am approx. 9:15 – 11:20 details TBC)
Friday 19 th July	Break up for Summer Holiday
Monday 2 nd September	Training Day
Tuesday 3 rd September	School reopens
Tuesday 3 rd September	9:00 – 10:00 Coffee and a Catch up for parents in the school hall
Tuesday 17 th September	3:45 KS1 Parents - Meet the Teacher
Wednesday 18 th September	3:45 Reception Class Parents - Meet the Teacher
Thursday 19 th September	3:45 KS2 Parents - Meet the Teacher



Fundraising 2018/19

We've had a very busy year! From the Autumn Fair, to the Open day, discos, Christmas parties, class assemblies and not forgetting Santa visiting! Here is an overview of how much we have raised this year:

Autumn Fair (September 2018) £1670

Autumn Disco (November 2018) £656

Refreshments at Class Christmas Productions and Raffles £755

Santa's Grotto £99

Uniform Sales £250

Open Day (June 2019) £494



We have also received funds from companies through competitions and match funding:

Asda Community Coins (1st Place) £500

Benevity £780 – Matched funding for our Open day and both discos.

Easyfundraising £184

Stampstastic £11

(If your company has a match funding scheme please feel free to sign us up!)

And here is how the money has been used in school:

- Elmer Purchase Price £ 420 (plus contribution of £360 from Kitwave)
- Rainbow Seating (plus £500 from Asda Community Funding)
- Nursery Trip (June 2019) £152
- Year 1 Trip to Alnwick Castle
- Author Visit to School
- Reception Trip to Whitehouse Farm
- Playground Equipment £250 (all sales from Preloved uniform goes on playground equipment)
- Subscription to Oxford Reading Online for each child £750 (coming soon to parents)
- New books for library and Guided Reading £789
- Keyboards for music lessons £408
- STEM week Prizes £203
- Christmas Parties £44
- Athletics Subscription for all children £1200
- Purple Mash Subscription for all children £600
- Reward Prizes (Raffle Tickets) £560
- Christmas Tree £95



Our events earn us large chunks of money which is, as you can see, put to very good use. Unfortunately, the number of volunteers has not been as high as we had hoped for at our last couple of events. We cannot stress enough that, **in order for these events to go ahead we need more people to spare a little of their time to help us.** The Committee members are all very dedicated and help at all of the events, as well as doing the necessary prep and planning work too. The events and fundraising are only possible with the continued support of all our families in the GPFS community.

Match Funding

We wanted to take this opportunity to remind you about the Match Funding scheme and how a little bit of your time could raise double the funds for the PTA.

If you work for an organisation that has a match funding policy, any money you raise could be matched by your employer. Companies may match the fundraising total for an event, or for the stall that their employee is working on. Usually, the employee will need to supply them with a letter from the PTA detailing the date and nature of the event, together with the total raised.

We understand that the high street banks, building societies, supermarkets and large corporations are likely to do match funding, but these schemes are not exclusive to the major corporate giants. If you work for an independent company, they may be interested in charitable giving through match funding too.

We would be grateful if you could see if your employer has a match funding scheme, or if they are willing to match fund any of our events. If you can't help out this time, but you know the company you work for has a match funding policy, please let us know. This could be a really large source of income for the PTA and help us raise money for The Friends of Gosforth Park First School.

If you are able to help us this way, please let one of the committee members or the school office know and we can discuss your companies' requirements.

Thank you to everyone who has helped us this academic year. Whether it be volunteering, donating a prize or cake or just supporting us by turning up at an event. We really do work hard to ensure we make the events as fun and exciting for the children, and hope you have all enjoyed attending.

From all the committee members of The Friends of GPFS

Upcoming Events

Tuesday September 4th 9:00 – 10:00 Coffee Morning in the school hall

A chance to meet new parents or to catch up with playground friends! Tissues will be on hand for new parents dropping their little ones off at Reception for the first time.