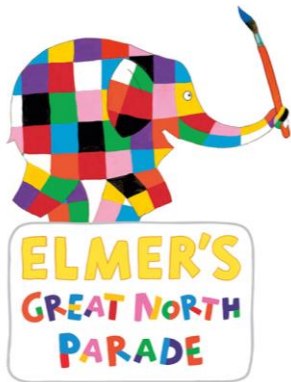




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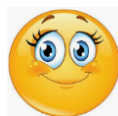
Open Day

We hope you all had a fantastic time at Open Day! It was a sunny afternoon, both in terms of the weather and the wonderful atmosphere around school.

The children and staff have been working very hard to showcase our talents at GPFS. It always amazes me when the hall is transformed with the beautiful and creative art work and writing, showing the progression from Nursery to Year 4. Thanks to all of our PTFA members for organising refreshments and stalls and to our parents and families for supporting our fundraising. We have a wonderful school community and a day like today always leaves us with a warm glow (even if a little exhausted!). I'd like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful children – we are so proud of you all! And, a great big thank you to all of our amazing staff who made today a very special GPFS family event.

Thanks to our families for the wonderful comments you have left for us.

Mrs Lamb



What a great idea! Lovely community feel and it was really nice to spend time with our children in the school environment. Thank you for organising. We were also impressed to see the teachers walking around and speaking to children and parents.

Great fun sticking and messing with Elmer. Lovely activities. Staff have been wonderfully friendly and helpful.

Superb touch by the school to share our children's work. Well done.

The nicest thing about this school is the pride and sense of community. Thank you so much for all your effort in organising such a fantastic day.

Fabulous weather for a lovely family picnic and plenty of messy fun! Another great Open Day! We're all looking forward to meeting Rainbow.

Great atmosphere and team work amongst kids and parents. Wonderful idea - kids loved the saws!





On Thursday afternoon Key Stage Two were joined by volunteers from the Wellcome Centre for Mitochondrial Research. Children took part in a range of activities linked to health, fitness and wellbeing. We learned about what mitochondria is and why it is important for our bodies. We made mitochondria models, tested different liquids for their sugar content and designed our own healthy plates! I would like to thank Mrs Butterworth and the researchers for all of their hard work to create a memorable and exciting event for our children.

Mr Hindess and the KS2 team

Year 4 Leavers

Our transition activities are well under way for our children moving to middle school after the summer break.

Some of our parents have arranged a **Year 4 Leavers Party** on Friday 19th July 5-7pm St Aidan's Community Centre, Brunton Park. Tickets are £6 per child (siblings £3). Please see Caroline (Lucy's Mum), Claire (Archie's Mum), Nicola (Matthew's Mum) or Anna (Elizabeth's Mum) for tickets.

Thank you very much.

Caroline (Lucy's Mum)



Thank you for your patience as we move over to the Parent Pay system. Office and technical staff at the LA are working hard on ironing out any technical issues.

Sports Days

We are hoping that the weather will be good to us during Sports Week. Our Key Stage Sports Afternoons are as follows

KS2 Monday 1st July from 1:30

KS1 Tuesday 2nd July from 1:30

Reception Wednesday 3rd July from 1:30

Nursery Wednesday 3rd July from 10:45

Nursery Thursday 4th July from 2:15

Please see the Sports Week letter (attached) for more information.

Miss Walsh

The Big Gig

Our KS2 children made us very proud on Tuesday! After a busy morning of rehearsing, the whole Key Stage performed their recorder pieces. The children did a brilliant job and were thrilled to have such a large and receptive audience. Thank you to those of you who were able to attend and support.

Mrs Lamb



Packed Lunches

It's super to see such a variety of fruit and vegetables in the children's packed lunches. Please remember that grapes, cherries and cherry tomatoes must be cut in half as they pose a choking hazard.

Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

End of Year Reports

As advised in the Dates for your Calendar section, end of year reports will be sent out on Friday 12th July. If parents do not live together and require a copy each, please let the school office know and they will make sure each parent receives a copy of the report.

Mrs Carrick and Mrs Eltringham



Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 97.2%, down on last week (97.3), but still better than last year (96.6%)

We had 19 lates this week (9 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 **Violet Class** this week and our Mathletes of the week are **Harry Brown**, and **Rory Watt!**
Well done!

Homework

Class	
Green	English – prefix Maths – position and direction pirate map
Orange	Maths – weight activity English – Punctuation
Yellow	English – Punctuation Maths - capacity
Indigo	Mathletics Spellings
Violet	Spellings Maths – Ordering money
Blue	Time Worksheet (We haven't started this in class yet so don't worry if it's too tricky!)



Well done to Elizabeth Muldoon-Smith who has been awarded her 400m swimming badge!

Advanced Notice of Dates

Monday 24 th June	Year 2 Trip to Safety Works (afternoon)
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 4 Trip to Safety Works (afternoon)
Wednesday 26 th June	Author Visit, Guy Bass, for Year 3
Wednesday 3 rd July	Year 4 Transition day at GEMS
Mon 1 st July – Friday 5 th July	Sports Week
Monday 1 st July	KS2 Sports Afternoon from 1:30
Tuesday 2 nd July	KS1 Sports Afternoon from 1:30
Wednesday 3 rd July	Nursery Sports Morning from 10:45
Wednesday 3 rd July	Reception Sports Afternoon from 1:30
Thursday 4 th July	Nursery Sports Afternoon from 2:15
Thursday 4 th July	Year 4 Transition day at GEMS
Thursday 4 th July	In school transition – children meet class teachers for September
Friday 12 th July	End of Year reports out to parents
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

GPFS Open Day



We hope you had a fab time at the Open Day.

The friends of GPFS would like to thank the following companies for their very kind donations to our Open Day Raffle and Silent Auction.

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A special mention to **Al and Keri Walker** for their kind donation of the chocolate hamper, and for keeping us well stocked up on paper cups for the refreshments. We would also like to give a huge thank you to **Joanne and Matthew Flinders** for organising the raffle prizes from Durham Cricket and Bar Luga, as well as silent auction prize for Close house, which was kindly donated by Ascot Care.

Thank you to all of our volunteers who gave up their time to help us on our stalls. Without the help of our volunteers we wouldn't be able to do the fundraising we do.

Thank you to everyone who donated a cake for our cake stall and thank you to everyone who spent some money at one of our stalls. Your money will help us help our school.

We are still counting up so will let you know next week how successful today has been.

Winners

The raffle, Teddy and the silent auction were drawn after the Open Day; winners will be notified on Monday. An email will be sent out to all parents with a list of winners. Prizes will be available from the school office to collect so keep a hold of your raffle tickets a little longer!

PTFA Meeting

Our next meeting is on Tuesday 2nd July 2019 at 7pm in the school hall. This will be our last meeting before the summer holidays, as always everyone is welcome.

Have a great weekend!!