



Gosforth Park First School

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Parent Consultations

Thank you so much for taking the time to come and join us for parent consultations this week in the cold weather. We had a fantastic turn out (96% attendance)!

We really appreciate the feedback you have left us on your parent surveys. We will be collating all of the information and we'll report back on our findings soon. If you would like to fill in a parent survey but have not had the chance yet, copies can be obtained at the school office. Please return these by no later than Wednesday 27th November.

Thanks
Mrs Lamb



Individual school photos and photos with siblings were taken today. Proofs should be in book bags tonight. Class photos will be taken later on in the year.

Staff News

We are delighted to be welcoming Mrs Dodds to the staff team on Monday as our new Nursery Nurse working in Nursery and Reception. We know you will give her a warm GPFS welcome.

Christmas Parties

On the day of the Christmas Parties children can bring their party clothes in a bag to change into on the afternoon. In the afternoon they will have some games and dancing in the hall followed by some party nibbles which are kindly being provided by the PTA.

The dates are:

Monday 16th December PM KS2 Party

Tuesday 17th December PM KS1 Party

Wednesday 18th December Nursery Parties AM/PM

Thursday 19th December Reception Party

Oh Christmas Tree...

On Monday 2nd December we will be inviting all of our children in school to bring in one small decoration to hang on our school Christmas tree. This can be something old, something new or something handmade. It will be lovely to have all of our families represented on the tree, it really did look beautiful last year!

Scholastic Book Fair



Thank you so much to all of our wonderful PTA helpers who gave up their time this week to run the book fair after school. We hope you enjoyed shopping for lovely books!





Classes of the Week!



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

Our attendance this week was 97.3% which is down on last week and last year. We know we have some nasty coughs and colds going around at the moment and hope you're feeling better and are back with us soon

We had 31 lates this week (21 families).

This is a slight improvement on last week but I know we can do better!

Mrs Lamb



Congratulations to the following children who were selected, because of their super behaviour at lunchtime, to join Mr Hindess for lunch on The Golden Table!

Lauren Foley, Lucy Scott, Daniel Irving, Daniel Craig, Grace Richardson and Hunain Hashim.



Our Mathletes of the week this week are Omar Albaity and Hania Pervez. Well done!

Our class of the week is **Orange Class!**



Congratulations to Jacob Mancini who has achieved his 25metre swimming award!

Advent Calendar Donations

When December arrives, children across the country will be opening the first doors in their Advent Calendars in the traditional countdown to Christmas. However some children are not as lucky and we would like to help.

Would you be able to donate Advent Calendars for a local food bank? We will collect from now until the end of November and then will take them to a local foodbank so that fully more children will be able to join in with the Christmas Countdown.

Thank you

Mrs McClurg and Mrs Lambert



Reception Christmas Craft Morning!

On **Thursday 19th December (9:00 - 10:30)**

we would like to welcome you in to class to participate in a variety of Christmas craft 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. Everyone is welcome to wear their Christmas Jumpers to get into the festive spirit (Parents/Carers included). We look forward to seeing you all then.

Thank you,

The Reception Team



We are very much looking forward to this year's panto, *Cinderella*, at The Exchange Theatre in North Shields.

The trip is planned for the morning of **Wednesday 11th December for Key Stage 2** and **Thursday 12th December for Reception and Key Stage One**

We will be travelling by coach, setting off just after registration, and will return in time for lunch at school.

Your child will need to be in school uniform for this visit.

The cost for this visit will be £5. PTA are subsidising the cost of the trip by paying for transport. Contributions are voluntary and no child will be excluded from the visit if parents are unable to contribute, however if not enough funds are collected then unfortunately the visit won't be able to go ahead. Please consent and send your contribution via Parent Pay by Monday 2nd December. Contributions are non-refundable if your child is sick or absent from the trip.

We will also need lots of parent helpers – please let the office know if you can help and on which day.

Thank you
Mrs Lamb



Nursery will be having a special visit from Zoolab on Wednesday 4th December which is kindly being paid for by the PTFA.



Our children are doing a fantastic job of dismounting from cycles and scooters before they come through the school gates on a morning. Please can we ask parents and carers to do the same on the way out, including on the internal road that runs along to St Oswald's, so that parents and toddlers leaving the site are safe. Many thanks

Mrs Lamb

Fit for Life Festival!

On Thursday afternoon a group of children went to Benfield School to take part in a range of activities. They learnt a variety of new exercises to bring back to school for us to do during the school day.

"Today we went to Benfield Sports Centre and did fun fit festival. We had these sheets to mark how good you felt after the activity. The first activity was weight lifting with Mat, then we did some lunges with Miss Ginns. Then we did some squats, running between cones and start jumps. Then we did some 'Down Ups' which was the last activity. We got a drink then left. My best activity was the first one and my hardest one was the 'Down Ups'." Lauren Schofield

"Today I went to Benfield Sports Centre for the sports festival. My favourite activity was 'Down Ups', it is a backwards burpee, it was very hard I was tired and hot but I still enjoyed it. All my friends did as well." Samuel Schofield

Miss Walsh



Diary Dates

Please see changes/new additions in red

Monday 25 th November 7:00pm	E-safety evening at Gosforth East Middle
Tuesday 3 rd December 9:30am	Early Years Christmas Dress Rehearsal
Wednesday 4th December	Zoolab visiting Nursery
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
Wednesday 11th December	KS2 Cinderella Theatre Trip
Thursday 12th December	Reception and KS1 Cinderella Theatre Trip
Friday 12 th December 9:30 am	Early Years Christmas Production
Friday 12 th December 2:00 pm	KS2 Christmas Production
Monday 16th December PM	KS2 Christmas Party
Tuesday 17th December PM	KS1 Christmas Party
Wednesday 18th December AM/PM	Nursery Christmas Party
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 18 th December	Christmas Lunches
Thursday 19th December 9:00 – 10:30	Reception Christmas Craft Morning
Friday 20th December	Last day of term
Monday 6th January	Training Day
Tuesday 7th January	School re-opens



D.I.S.C.O!! – THIS SUNDAY!!!!

The PTFA Disco is this Sunday, 3-4:30pm. It's not too late to buy your tickets if you haven't got them yet. You can buy online at ParentPay or on the door on the day. Tickets are £2.50 per child (3yrs +) and will include entry for each child into our prize draw. Accompanying adults are free. Reminder, all children who attend this event must be supervised by an adult.

Buying your Tickets:

PARENTPAY

You can buy your tickets online via ParentPay. If you chose to pay online you will not receive a physical ticket, just let the volunteer on the door know your child's name and they will check them off the list. Your child will still be entered in the prize draw as part of their entry fee.

On the Door

Tickets are also available, as normal, on the door. Just remember to write your child's name and class on the ticket and hand in for the prize draw on your way into the disco.

At the disco there will be Tea/Coffee, Cakes, Crisps, Pocket Money Stall and Face paints, plus lots of dancing!! If you would like to donate some cakes (nu free) please bring them along to school on Sunday afternoon, thank you.

We need more volunteers so if you can help at the Disco please contact your class rep and let them know your availability.

Christmas – What's coming up!

The Christmas productions are fast approaching, we will be holding a raffle and will be serving tea and coffee at each of the productions, but not at the dress rehearsals. In the coming weeks we will be asking for donations of chocolates, bottles or gift sets to use as raffle prizes. We will let you know when you will be able to send in your donations.

Have a fabulous weekend,

The Friends of GPFS Committee

