



What a wonderful start to the academic year we have made here at South Gosforth First School! The whole school is already a hive of activity and full of enthusiastic children and staff—I feel very lucky indeed to be the new Head Teacher at such a special place.

In this newsletter, I have included a brief outline of some of the fun and interesting things that each year group has been up to so far—I hope that this gives a flavour of things to come this academic year.

The upcoming term is going to be jam packed with activities for both pupils and families—we will make sure to keep everyone updated via our newsletter and website page about these various events.

Lastly, may I just say a massive thank you to the amazing children, staff, governors and families at South Gosforth First School who have all been so warm and friendly and made me feel so welcome here. It really is a pleasure to work alongside all of you.

Mr Adams

Reception

We are so proud of the children and how they have settled into school life. We have had a lovely first few weeks getting to know each other, making new friends and enjoying exploring and discovering new things every day. This week the children were so excited to take home their first reading books and treasure chest of tricky words and we have had fun learning our Jolly Phonic songs and actions for our new sounds.



Year 1

We are so proud of all our friends in Year One who have settled so well into their new classes.

We have had a very exciting first few weeks with being weather watchers, learning new tennis skills and creating self portraits.

We have also enjoyed reading and writing about Mr Bump and Mr Grumpy and have had great fun learning new songs during our singing lessons.

Year 2



Year 2 have been learning all about habitats and have had great fun exploring the habitats around school. They investigated the micro-habitats in the school nature garden and were delighted to find all kinds of mini beasts living there, including some rather large spiders. (The teachers might not have been as keen on that find!) They have left behind a Bug Hotel in the gardens and are looking forward to checking back on it soon to find out if their predictions were right about the types of animals who have made their home there.

Year 3



In Year 3 we have been learning about hunter gatherers in the stone age. We did a hunting lesson in the hall where

there were cones and crisps scattered on the floor and the children had to get as close as possible to the elk without being discovered and then throw their missiles at it! Really 'scary' stuff, but lots of fun! We then did a gathering lesson outside where Mr Crown had hidden different plant pots which contained cards to represent different things people might have gathered a long time ago. The children had to look at the name of the plant and then decide if they wanted to take it or not - most of the children understandably left the 'Death's Cap' Mushroom!

Year 4

Year 4 have been very busy already across all of our subjects. In English we have been looking at 'War Game' by Michael Foreman and writing diary entries as World War One soldiers. In Maths we have been making timelines outdoors to practice Roman numerals and played lots of games to help practice our understanding of place value. In our History lessons, we learned all about Athenian democracy through role play and drama. In Science, we have identified the differences between solids, liquids and gases and acted out how particles move in each state. Our Art lessons have focused on North East artist Norman Cornish and the children created beautiful charcoal portraits based on his work.

In the coming weeks we will be studying some Greek artefacts borrowed from the Discovery Museum to see what they can tell us about life in Ancient Greece. We are also excited about a community project we are involved in which will see the Year 4 children visit a local nursing home to meet some of the residents and talk about some of their experiences face to face—we are also going to learn a few songs that we will sing to the residents!

Key dates to remember...

October		
Tue 8 th	'Bike-it' Breakfast	8.15 – 8.55 am
Wednesday 9 th	Harvest Festival Assembly for parents and children	9.10 am
Tuesday 15 th	Prospective Parents Tour	9.10 am
	Family Consultation Evening	3.30 – 6.00pm
Thursday 17 th	Family Consultation Evening	3.30 – 6.00pm
Mon 21 st	SATS Information Evening for parents	6.00 pm
Tuesday 22 nd	SATS Information Morning for parents	9.05 – 10.00
Weds 23 rd	SEN Drop In Sessions for Parents with JF	AM
Friday 25 th	Training Day	
HALF TERM - Wk. beginning 28.10.19		
November		
Week beginning 04.11.19	'AWE & WONDER WEEK'	N/A
Wednesday 6 th	Prospective Parents Tour	9.10am
Thursday 7 th	Y2 Coffee Morning for parents and children	9.10am
Friday 8 th	Flu Immunisations	Whole school
Thurs 14 th	Prospective Parents Tour	9.10am
Fri 15 th	Book Look – English and Maths	RA, JW, CB and NR
	Children In Need	N/A
Thursday 21 st	Reception Coffee Morning for parents and children	9.00 – 9.45am
Mon 25 th – Wed 27 th	Y4 to go to Robinwood	
Wednesday 27 th	Prospective Parents Tour	9.10am

December		
Wednesday 4 th	Prospective Parents Tour	9.10 am
Friday 6 th	Reception Performance	1.30pm
	KS1 Performance	1.30pm
Tuesday 10 th	KS1 Performance	9.15am
	Full Governors	5.30pm
Thursday 12 th	KS2 Performance	1.30pm
Friday 13 th	Christmas Jumper Day	
	KS2 Performance	9.15am
Monday 16 th	Year 3 Christmas Party	pm
Tuesday 17 th	Year 2 Christmas Party	pm
Wednesday 18 th	Year 1 Christmas Party	pm
Thursday 19 th	Year 4 Christmas Party	pm
	Prospective Parents Tour	9.10am
Friday 20 th	Reception Christmas Party	am
Friday 20 th	Songs in the Playground	1.30 for parents to gather 2.00 Singing
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS – Wk. beginning 23.12.19		

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We welcome the views of our families, so if you have any ideas or suggestions regarding life at South Gosforth First School, please email:

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