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Georgian Gardens

Dates for the Diary

Dear Families,

Well, it certainly has been another fabulous week at GG. The children are now settled in to the routines of their new year groups and the teachers are looking forward to meeting you at the parents' evenings next week. It has been wonderful to see so many children using the class iPads to compete in 'Times Tables Rockstars' during the week as well as taking quizzes on the super books that they have read.

There have been two trips this week with Year 6 spending time at Worthing Museum on Monday and Year 3 at Amberley Museum on Wednesday. Both year groups had wonderful days and the children were a credit to our school. Year 5 and 6 fielded two football teams on Thursday in a home match against St John the Baptist, Findon. Despite losing one match, the other team won and both teams were credited for their excellent play and attitude.

On Friday, many of the school had a special assembly to launch this year's '7 Billion Ideas' design competition. Expect your child to come home asking what invention you would like to see in the future.

As always, thank you for your continued support in ensuring that your child has the correct uniform and PE kit.

Tuesday 1st October	Parents evening Y1-Y6
Wednesday 2nd October	Year 3 Swimming
Thursday 3rd October	Open day for 2020 Intake Parents Evening Y1-Y6
Monday 7th October	Harvest Festival Assembly
Wednesday 9th October	Year 3 Swimming
Friday 11th October	KS2 Interhouse sports
15th October—18th October	Year 6 at Lodge Hill
Tuesday 15th October	Year R local area walk
Wednesday 16th October	Year 3 Swimming Year 1 Hawking about visit
Friday 18th October	Mufti Day 1 —Children to bring in toiletries
Monday 21st October	School Photos with Yellow
Tuesday 22nd October	Open day 2020 Intake Year 4 Harry Potter Day
Wednesday 23rd October	Year 3 Swimming Year R 6 Weeks in Year R Bedtime Stories
Friday 25th October	Year R Teddy bear picnic Mufti Day2 – Children to bring in new toys.

Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November

HALF TERM

Monday 4th November	Inset Day
Wednesday 6th November	Year 3 Swimming
Friday 8th November	YR Maths Meeting (2.15pm-3.15pm) Mufti Day 3 —children to bring in Chocolates Firework Evening
Saturday 9th November	Open day for 2020 Intake
Monday 11th November	Flu Vaccination's YR—Y6



Star of the week— 20th September



Name	Class	Reason for achieving star of the week
Louie	1NY	Trying really hard all week.
Filip	1ER	Making a good start at GG.
Bella-Coco	2AL	Marvellous Maths and wonderful writing.
Violet	2HB	Always being ready.
Lola	3CA	Brilliant Poetry
Maddilyn	3FM	Brilliant Poetry
Abigail	4AL	Good effort
Lucas	4KT	A positive start and fantastic attitude.
Harry	5BA	Hard work in Maths.
Alexandra	5GS	Being amazing and helpful.
Faith	6LP	Always trying her hardest
Emily	6TF	Dedication to writing.

On Thursday 3rd October all schools are required to complete a census. The number of children taking a hot meal on this day is reflected in our funding for the next academic year. Chartwells are providing a special 'Children's Choice' theme lunch of beef burger in a bun/ veggie nuggets served with chips, tomato ketchup and either baked beans or salad. Desert will be a Chocolate Pastry Parcel and drinks will be Blackcurrant squash, milk or water.

We will be providing this to all our children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. If your child usually has a lunchbox and would prefer this option then please provide one, however they will still be able to sample a hot meal as well.

YEAR 2—YEAR 6 INFORMATION

At Georgian Gardens reading has always been an area of the curriculum which the children have enjoyed and we place high value on the benefits of reading. We are very fortunate to have an excellent library facility and a wide range of high quality texts. Once again, this year, in years 3, 4, 5 and 6 we shall continue to use the programme 'Accelerated Reader'. Year 2 will begin to use the programme in the coming months.

All of the children in Key Stage 2 have been assessed using an online tool called 'star reading'. This has provided us with an initial assessment of their reading ability and gives us a ZPD (zone of proximal development) range. Accelerated Reader works by directing children to read books which fall within their ZPD range. In school we are ensuring that children dedicated reading time each day. Research shows 30 minutes a day to be the minimum amount of time needed to ensure maximum progress.

We want all children to enjoy reading a variety of books, but we also want to make sure that they are understanding what they read. So, each time the children complete a book they take a quiz to check their understanding. As a school we have a target of 85% as a pass rate for each quiz. Initially we have set children at the lower end of their ZPD ranges which will enable them to complete books quickly and achieve success.

As their confidence grows and their target is met they will move quickly on to more challenging texts within their range. To recognise and celebrate success children will be given a raffle ticket if they score 85% or more on a quiz with regular raffle draws for prizes with 100% resulting in being given a star for the 'Hall of Fame' display board. Termly, we will give prizes for classes that read the most words and year groups that receive the most stars.

In order to complete the online quiz, all children have the opportunity in class at the start of the day, guided reading time and times convenient to the teacher, to use the iPads or class pc. At present, quizzes are unable to be taken at home.

In addition to the Accelerated Reader scheme, reading remains at the heart of the curriculum with each topic being based on a high quality key text. The teaching of reading in group and whole class situations will continue as an important part of our week in class. We also strongly encourage all children to read at home and greatly appreciate your help in supporting your child with this.

If you have any questions regarding this reading programme, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Mrs P Trahern

Assistant Headteacher

PTA newsletter

Georgian Gardens Parent Teacher Association

Newsletter September 2019

Firstly THANK YOU to everyone in our wonderful community for supporting our PTA in all of our events. The money YOU raise goes a long way in enriching all of our children's school lives. We have some new and exciting events coming in the year ahead. Ranging from sponsored walks, art exhibitions and most impressively of all, the **circus** is coming to Georgian Gardens. Please save the dates for the events below:

Sponsored event	24 th October 2019
Fireworks	8 th November 2019 - Tickets on sale from 15 th October
Non uniform day 1	18 th October 2019 -children to bring in toiletries for fireworks event
Non uniform day 2	25 th October 2019 -children to bring in new toys for fireworks event
Non uniform day 3	8 th November 2019 - children to bring in chocolates for fireworks event
Art exhibition	21 st November 2019
Disco's	13 th December 2019 13 th February 2020 10 th July 2020
Film night	27 th March 2020
Easter money boxes	1 st April 2020
Circus	3 rd June 2020
Sports day	19 th June 2020

Further details of events will follow soon.

Club changes

Unfortunately Creative Writing on Monday 30th September has been cancelled. Also due to parents evening on Tuesday and Thursday next week, choir will be cancelled on Tuesday 1st October, all other clubs will run as normal but please be aware that for Archaeology on Tuesday and year 3/4 football on Thursday, parents will need to collect their child from the studio.

Other reminders/Information

Flu letters need to be returned by Monday 30th September to the school office, if you have lost your form, then please collect a new one from the school office.

Can families please be mindful when parking around the local area. Cars should not be parked on the pavement in Epsom Gardens. We currently have an agreement with the residents association that allows us to use the Epsom Gardens car park, this may be at risk if any further complaints are made. Also please be aware that there is no parking on school grounds, only people with a valid blue badge or prior arrangement may drive into the school and when doing so please adhere to the 10mph.

If anyone is having any problems with using School Ping, please can you pop into the school office and speak to Mrs Hall. Please be aware that there has been a few issues with the App and that you can log in via the website on the following address: georgiangardens.wsussex.dbprimary.com

Please return your data collection sheets by Monday 30th September, this is to ensure we have up to date information for your child.

School Term/Holiday Dates 2019/2020

As you know regular, full-time attendance at school is very important for your child's education. To help you plan any holidays please find below holiday dates for 2019/2020.

Autumn Term 2019

Mon. 2nd Sept. – Fri. 25th Oct. (1st half of Autumn Term)

Mon. 28th Oct. – Fri. 1st Nov. (half term)

Mon. 4th Nov. – Fri. 20th Dec. (2nd half of Autumn Term)

Mon. 23rd Dec. 2019 – Fri. 3rd Jan. 2020 (Christmas Break)

Spring Term 2020

Mon. 6th Jan. – Fri. 14th Feb. (1st half of Spring Term)

Mon. 17th Feb. – Fri. 21st Feb. (half term)

Mon. 24th Feb. – Fri. 3rd April (2nd half of Spring Term)

Mon. 6th April – Fri. 17th April (Easter Break)

Summer Term 2020

Mon. 20th April – Fri. 22nd May (1st half of Summer Term)

Fri 8th May (Bank Holiday)

Mon. 25th May – Fri. 29th May (half term)

Mon. 1st June – Mon. 20th July (2nd half of Summer Term)

INSET DAY DATES - (School closed for children)

Monday 2nd September 2019

Monday 4th November 2019

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

Monday 20th July 2020