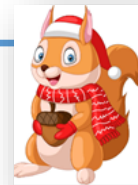




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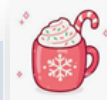


It does not seem possible that we are at the end of term—it only seems five minutes ago since the children all came back from the summer holidays! It certainly has been a bumper term with so many exciting events and activities. Even this week we have the Christmas lunch and jumper day which was a huge success, the children had an afternoon of Christmas singing and some games on Tuesday and Y4 had Harry Potter day.

All of the staff would like to say a huge thank you for the lovely gifts and cards which they have received this week—your kindness is much appreciated.

School returns on Monday 6th January and we look forward to seeing you all then. All that remains is to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year from all of the staff.

Hot chocolate and biscuits with Miss Bowers for having the tidiest cloakrooms this term.



Uniform:

A gentle reminder for the holidays that the children should come back to school in January in **full uniform**—black shoes, not trainers and no larger hair attachments.

P.E. kits are also needed in school from the very start of term. Every child is expected to have their full kit in school every day please—we have had an increasing amount of children leaving kit at home. There is a very limited amount of spare kit in school and the items which are here are not very fresh!

We are a 'no nut' school.

There are children in school with allergies to nuts and in particular, one with a severe, airborne allergy to peanuts.

Please do not send your child to school with any food containing nuts Thank you for your co-operation with this.

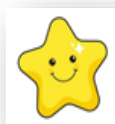
Diary Dates:

Key dates for next year			
Parents' Evenings 3:30—6pm	14 th / 16 th October 2024	26 th / 27 th Feb	
Open Classrooms 2:45—3:30pm	25 th November 2024	31 March 2025	23 rd June 2025
Sports Day (am KS1 pm KS2)	Thursday 5 th June 2025		
Summer Fair 3:15pm	Friday 27 th June 2025 tbc		
Y6 production	w/b 14 th July 2025		
Y6 presentation eve	Monday 21 st July 2025		

This week's star of the week winners:

1LG and 1LN The whole year group for being so amazing on their walk to the post box on Thursday.

2CA Celia	2LD Jesse
3KC Thomas	3VW Niamh
4RD Chloe	4TF Flo G and Violet
5HC Sienna	5CT Beesley
6BA Jasper	6HB Filip



Housepoints: **1st Bramber 2nd Arundel 3rd Amberley 4th Lewes**



Attendance:

The class with the highest attendance in the last week:

4RD 99% they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week:

Lacey C 5HC chosen by a random generator: —she gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

This term: **4RD and 5HC 97%**

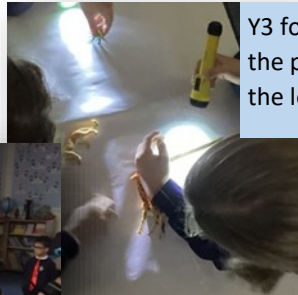
Overall PE Stars of the term: **Chloe H and Andreas J**

Tidiest Cloakrooms: **2LD and 6HB** (hot chocolate and biscuits with Miss Bowers)

Snapshot of the week:

Y4 Harry Potter Day—full of science experiments and fun learning.

Y3 found patterns with shadows and how the position of the light sources changes the length and size of the shadow it casts!



Year 6 used plaster of paris and plasticine to create their own fossils. Once the plaster was set, the children had to effectively dig out their fossils by removing the dried or plasticine. They have had great fun unveiling their designs.



Parent Survey Feedback:

'The school supports my child's wider development.'

You said... 81% of you agreed with this, however, 14% felt that you did not know.

We are pleased to see that a significant majority of parents feel positively about the support provided for their child's holistic development. At Georgian Gardens, we believe that education extends beyond academics, encompassing social, emotional, and physical growth.

We will always...

- We are passionate about developing 'the whole child' meaning that not only do we strive for excellence in their academic work but we value all aspects of our children's lives and health.
- We have a strong team in our 'hub' offering learning mentor support, speech and language sessions and a family support manager who works to help any of our families in times of need. Other agencies are signposted to all parents.
- Our 'E4S' (PSHCE) curriculum was developed for use across West Sussex by a former member of staff which means that we have had high quality training and access to resources ensuring our teachers are in the best position to deliver the sessions which support children's wider development.
- We are one of a few 'Thrive' Schools in West Sussex who have staff. Thrive is an evidence based programme which enables us to support pupils' social and emotional development, ensuring they feel safe in school, supported and ready to learn.
- We offer many forms of support to our families including access to our food pantry, second hand uniform supplies and access to family support.
- We work closely with agencies including the NHS to ensure that pupils with high levels of medical needs get the support that they require.

Thank you to the 97% of you who said you would recommend our school to another parent. Your continued support means a great deal to us as we all work hard to provide the most valuable opportunities for our children.

Sports News:

Last week saw the first of two Santa Dash's (Angmering Mile/Half Mile). The first one was KS2. Students showed enthusiasm and creativity in their festive attire!

Congratulations to everyone who participated - you've brought some festive spirit to school sport!

Last Thursday was netball and football fixtures. This was an action packed and successful afternoon of Sport! The football team showed outstanding skill and teamwork, dominating the second half with impressive passing and finishing. A fantastic win of 5 - 0! The netball team also deserves a big congratulations for their determination and teamwork, especially with last-minute challenges like team members falling ill. A 3-2 victory is a fantastic result and highlights their improving skills and perseverance. Well done to all the players for a great afternoon of sport.

This week saw the second of the Santa Dash's. This time it was the turn of KS1.

Firstly, a big congratulations to Reuben for winning the best-dressed medal as Spider-Man Santa - what a creative outfit! A huge well done to all who participated in the Santa Dash. It was a fabulous event and such a cheerful way to celebrate the end of the Christmas term. Special congratulations to Max for coming first overall, Hannah for being the second girl back, and the girls' team for finishing first in the locality. Great performances all around!





'Christmas Day':

The children looked fantastic and festive in their jumpers, lunch was delicious and a surprise visitor bearing gifts in the afternoon all added together to make a super day! Very many thanks to everyone who played a part in creating the magic. And yes, Father Christmas did arrive on a mini moke!

