



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 23rd February 2024



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Welcome back! We really do hope that you were able to enjoy some rest over the half term. The children have come back looking smart and keen ready for the run up to Easter. We have welcomed Mrs Vicky Wake to our teaching team—she has felt warmly welcomed already and has enjoyed getting to know all of the children.

You will have seen a number of important School Ping messages this week. The bookings for parents' evening are filling fast so do have a look at School Ping to ensure you get the most convenient time possible. Details of the school book fair are included in this newsletter—it opens on Tuesday after school and will continue both before and after school until Monday 4th March. As long as it is dry, it will be held on the KS2 playground so any KS1 parents, do remember to walk round to the other side of school so as not to miss out!

To help with your plans for the rest of 2024 please find details below of the INSET dates for the next academic year.

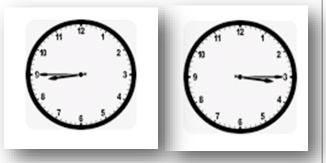
INSET days for next year 2024/2025:

Monday 2nd September, Tuesday 3rd September, Monday 4th November, Tuesday 22nd April 2025, Friday 13th June 2025

Attached with this newsletter is a list of all the term dates for next year. The information is also available on the school website.

Important Notice:

This is official notice that the **times of the school day** will be changing from **September 2024**. The school day will begin at **8:45am and end at 3:15pm** for all children. This brings us into line with the government expectation that schools should be open for 32.5 hours each week. Further details about the routines for each morning will be published in due course. The timings for the remainder of this year remain the same as they are currently.



Diary Dates for this term:

Wed 28th Feb—Tues 5th March	School Book Fair	Wed 28th Feb	Book bank in the library (see advert on p4)			
Monday 4th March	KS2 author visit—David Fuller					
Mon 4th & Wed 6th March	Parents' Evenings 3:30pm—6pm Don't forget to get booked in quickly!					
Thurs 7th March	World Book Day (Dress as a book character or pjs and BRING A BOOK showing your character)					
Fri 15th March	YR trip to Goodwood Farm					
Mon 18th March	Open Classrooms 2:45pm—3:30pm					
Fri 22nd March	Easter discos					
Summer Term—key dates:			PTA Event Dates:			
Mon 22nd—Fri 26th April	Y6 Bikeability week		Fri 22nd March - School discos Sat 18th May - Car boot sale Fri 21st June - Summer Fair			
Mon 10th June	Open Classrooms 2:45pm—3:30pm					
Fri 21st June	Summer Fayre 3:15pm					
Thurs 4th July	Sports Day (KS1 am / KS2 pm)					
Tues 9th July	Y6 Production 1:30pm					
Thurs 11th July	Y6 Production 6pm					
Mon 22nd July	Y6 Presentation Evening 6pm					

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1LG	Oliver M	1KD	Eli C-D	
2CA	Penny B	2EH	Hermione H	
3ER	Libby P	ЗКС	Rosiee W	
4RD	Elena S-R	4TF	Dulcie G	
5HC	Howie B-T	5CT	Josh W	
6BA	Pelin C	6HB	Layton C	

Our annual school <u>book fair</u> will be in school from after school on <u>Tuesday 27th February until Tuesday 5th</u>

March. As in previous years there will be a wide varie-

ty of books on sale for all levels of readers. Payment can be by card or cash. The £1 book tokens are also valid to use on books over £2.99.





The annual WBD falls on <u>Thursday 7th March</u> this year and once again we are inviting the children to dress up if they would like to. They have a choice of <u>dressing as a book character</u> (and bring the book in with the character in it) or <u>come in pyjamas/</u>

dressing gown (bringing a favourite bedtime story book). There will be an extra focus on books and reading in school that week as part of our book week, however, as you know, reading is a high priority for us in school year-round.

Perhaps you could think of something to do that week to raise the profile of books at home. A trip to the library? Read an extra story at bedtime? Read to your child? Download and listen to an e-book? Tell friends about a great book you have read.

Your child will have brought home their annual £1 book token this week. It may be in their book bag so do look carefully as they have monetary value! They can be used in exchange for one of the new £1 books available in Waterstones and Sainsburys or used as a £1 token towards the cost of other books.



Attendance:

The class with the highest attendance this week: **6HB 99%** (they get the chance to have 15 minutes extra choice time next week).

The child with 100% attendance this week: **Elsie-Rose B 2EH** chosen by a random generator: she gets to choose a book from Miss Bowers' selection of prize books.

Housepoints: 1st Bramber 2nd Lewes

3rd Arundel 4th Amberley

KS2 Author Visit:

As KS2 parents will have seen in the recent 'School Ping' we have an author, **David Fuller**, visiting the children on Monday 4th March. He is offering his books for sale at a discount (see the ping for details of how to order them). During the day he will spend time with the children talking about how he became a writer, the struggles he overcame to follow his passion and where he gets his ideas from for his stories.







Year 4 Mummification:

Year 4 have had an exciting week beginning with designing and making a torch in DT/science. Also we had a lesson in how the Ancient Egyptians mummified their loved ones. We now know the bodies were preserved in natron (salt) and the bodies were covered in a black tar-like substance called 'mummia' - hence the word mummification. The visuals were great, however, the smell of some of the body parts weren't so pleasant!



