



Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 8th September 2023

www.georgiangardens.co.uk

Dear families,

Welcome back to the new school year and a very warm welcome to all of the new families that are joining us in reception class and across the school. We are also welcome three new teachers to our school: Miss Denney (Y1), Miss Bailey (Y3) and Miss Clarkson (Y5).

I hope that you have had a relaxing summer break, the children certainly seem to have come back with a great deal of enthusiasm for their learning this week. It has been great to see everyone getting to know their new teachers and sharing stories about what they have got up to over the summer.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and hope that you can join us for the meet the teacher events that are happening at the times shown below. This is an opportunity for you to find out more about what the pupils will be learning during the year.

Miss Bowers

Colours of the Ocean Day – Friday 15th September :

Just before the summer we shared the very sad news with you that our business manager Mrs Stables passed away after a short battle with cancer. On Friday 15th September we are holding a 'colours of the ocean day' in school to remember Mrs Stables. All staff and children are invited to wear sea colours (Mrs Stables absolutely loved sea swimming!). We will be collecting donations at the start of the day if anyone wants to make a small donation to St Wilfred's hospice who looked after Mrs Stables so amazingly well. This will be donated as a gift 'from the children of Georgian Gardens'.



Here are some key dates which are coming up: **note change of dates for meet the teacher sessions from the last newsletter**

Friday 15th September	Colours of the ocean day (See above)
Monday 18th September 3:20pm	Meet the teacher Years 4,5
Tuesday 19th September 3:20pm	Meet the teacher Years 1,2
Thursday 21st September 3:20pm	Meet the teacher Year 3
Monday 25th September 3:20pm	Meet the teacher Year 6
17th and 19th October	Parent's Evenings
27th November	Open Classrooms
4th, 5th, 6th December	Nativity

This week's star of the week winners:

1LG Dera B
2CA Sonny G
3ER Armin P
4RD Arthur B-A
5HC Eden M
6BA Gracie-Mae C

1KD Aeron M
2EH Niamh D
3JB Oliver W
4TF Cassidy J
5CT Luke C
6HB Louie C-D





Important Reminders—please read:

Please ensure your children **stay on the path** with you when lining up in the morning and do not run over the grass areas. Please do not allow your child to go under the low hanging tree at the front of school.

Children are **not allowed to play on the play equipment** before or after school during drop off and pick up.

Please **park courteously** around the school, making sure that none of our neighbours are blocked in. and keep your speed low as there are lots of children walking to school. (Parents are not permitted to park in Woking court at the back of the school and may face a fine if they do so).

The children have been looking really smart since coming back to school and we remind you to continue sending them in wearing **black shoes**, no trainers please.

If children wish to have a snack at break it needs to be **fruit** please. A number of children have been eating parts of their lunch at breaktime so it may be worth asking if they need a little extra (fruit) for the morning. KS1 children are offered fruit in school.

Do you know any children due to start school in 2024?:

Here are details of our open events for next year's starters.

Georgian Gardens Community Primary School
Open Events



"Parents... feel that their children are known, nurtured, respected and valued" Ofsted, March 22

If you have a child starting school in **September 2024** then we'd like to invite you to visit Georgian Gardens and see what our friendly and vibrant school can offer your child. You are welcome to come to one or all of the events, please let us know you'd like to attend by contacting our school office on 01903 771555.



Stay & Play family session Saturday, 7th October 9.30am—11.00am
An opportunity for your child to take part in fun activities and explore our Early Years setting. Visit as a family, meet our Headteacher and Early Years team.

Open Events— Wednesday 18th October @ 1:30pm Tuesday 14th November @ 9.30pm and Tuesday, 14th November @ 6pm
Starting with a short presentation by our Headteacher, Miss Amie Bowers followed by a chance to visit Early Years and the rest of the school. The morning and afternoon events give an opportunity to visit during the school day and a chance to talk with pupils.

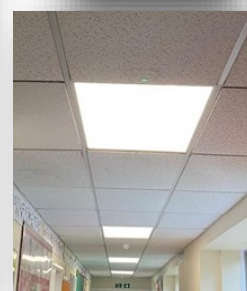


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Summer Building Improvements:

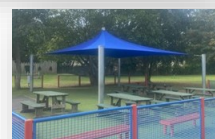
In a constant bid to keep our school in the best condition possible we strive to undertake larger projects each summer. We were fortunate to receive funding this year from the local authority to replace sky lights, windows, doors, lighting and blinds. The new windows will keep the school much more secure and energy efficient, the blinds will really help when using the interactive screens in classrooms and the lighting will have a real benefit to the quality of light in school—the old strip lights are no more. The school is certainly looking even smarter thanks to these changes. Many thanks to Mr Greener, our premises manager, who has project managed all of this work over the summer.



Thank you PTA:

In addition to the internal work done over the break, we now have a brand new canopy over the quiet area. It has certainly been a welcome addition to that space this week with the hot weather. We are grateful to the PTA for funding this canopy (they cost more than you'd think!) and extremely thankful to all of you who have ever spent any money at a PTA event as it is the proceeds from such occasions which are used for spending such as this.

The PTA can only function with your support and we urge you to offer to help at events or even offer to come to the PTA meetings at which the events are planned. Many hands make light work. The PTA are a friendly bunch and would welcome you with open arms.



Reading:

Your child will be bringing home a reading diary once again this year. **Every child in school is expected to read at home on a daily basis and record it in their diary.** The older children may wish to write in their diary themselves but we would appreciate it if an adult can counter sign at least once a week. Class teachers will be monitoring the reading diaries this year to encourage the children in their good reading habits.

Along with this newsletter is a list of top tips on what to talk about with your child when reading at home.

There are lots of videos online which give tips on how to read at home successfully—here is one which gives some great ideas on how to read a story to your child making it as exciting as possible.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m_knEh11hc4



Family THRIVE:

This incredible programme has been a real success this year with every parent who has taken part saying that they have learnt a lot, family life has changed for the better, that they have learnt new skills and added ideas to their tool kit. Every family needs support in so many aspects of family life and this amazing opportunity allows parents the chance to learn, talk and build confidence in how to approach those issues which we all face.

Dates: Tuesday September 12th, 19th 26th, 3rd 10th and 17th October 9.15-11.15 Book early to avoid disappointment. Contact Miss Lewry for further details.



Harry Potter Day:

Year 4 have had a magical start to the year. They have boarded the Hogwarts Express and headed off for the new term.





Clubs:

Our external club providers have let us know that they have some spaces left for this term - karate, bee-fit r+b dance, premier sports...contact them should you wish to book a place (we are not able to book these through school).

ANGMERING SCHOOL

Open Evening & Open Mornings 2023

Open Evening : Thursday 28th September
4pm - 6pm

Open Mornings : Tuesday 3rd October,
Wednesday 4th October & Thursday 5th October

Slots must be pre-booked using our online google form. Scan the QR code to book your slot.

Ofsted Good Provider

Bookings

DAVISON C.E. High School for Girls

Come and have a look at our school

OPEN MORNINGS 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th September 9.00am - 11.00am

OPEN EVENING 3rd October 5.00pm - 7.30pm

Presentation and Headteacher talks 5.30pm - 6.30pm

For further details: www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk

We are delighted to be able to invite you to our forthcoming open events for admissions in September 2024

Please come along and have a look at our school, the preferred date for families of your primary school to attend the Open Morning is **Tuesday 26th September** and there is no need to book.

Please see the link below to our e-prospectus for more information:
<https://www.davison.w-sussex.sch.uk/admissions/prospectus/>

We are very much looking forward to meeting you.

Davison CE High School for Girls

See the attached letters regarding applications to high schools:

These letters were also sent out via 'Ping' on Monday. Contact school if you require a paper copy or some help.

Apply online at:
westsussex.gov.uk/admissions

Is your child due to transfer to secondary school in September 2024?

Apply online!
It's simple, convenient and time-saving.
If your application is received after the deadline, your chance of securing a place at one of your preference schools could be seriously affected.

You can apply online from **Monday 4 September 2023**.
If you would like further advice or information, phone: **03330 142 903**.

Deadline: Tuesday 31 October 2023

2023—2024 Term Dates:

INSET DAYS ~~1st September 2023, 4th September 2023~~, 20th October 2023, 15th April 2024, 3rd June 2024

5.9.23 First day of autumn term	23.10—27.10.23 half term	15.12.23 Last day of term
2.1.24 First day of spring term	12.2—16.2.24 half term	28.3.24 Last day of term
16.4.23 First day of summer term	27.5— 31.5.24 half term	23.7.24 Last day of term