

Georgian Gardens Primary School

Newsletter Friday 20th May 2022

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Another great week in school has seen preparations for our jubilee day in full swing. Each year group is busy learning a song to perform to the rest of the school on Thursday afternoon. Remember that they can wear red, white and/or blue on the day. Year 2 children have worked hard on their special booklets this week and should be proud of their efforts. Across the whole school there have been some lovely, creative lessons from clay work to sketching rainforest creatures to cooking and gardening. It certainly creates a fantastic atmosphere around the school.

Reminder: we break up for half term on Thursday, 26th as there is an INSET day on Friday.

Sporting Success:

Some of our Y5 and Y6 children took part in a quad kids tournament this week and we are delighted to be able to report that one of the teams came first meaning that they go to the area finals. Miss Chambers reports that all

of the children who took part worked really well in their teams.

Go team GG!



Class photos:

Please can all children have their school jumper with them on Wed 25th May, thank you.

These are being taken on Wednesday. As Y4 have swimming that day, 4RD will have their photo done at the very start of the day with 4BA having theirs done last in the morning. It is important that 4BA bring a brush or comb—the Y4 team will do their very best to make sure that the children brush their hair and look tidy after swimming.

Here are some key dates which are coming up

Wednesday 4th May (for 10 weeks)	Y4 swimming
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Wednesday 25th May	Class photos
Thursday 26th May	Jubilee Day
Tuesday 7th June	Y5 field trip to the beach
Thursday 9th June	Y6 walk to local church (am)
Tuesday 14th June	Y1 walk to the beach/Rustington
Friday 24th June	Summer fair 3:30—5:30pm
Thursday 30th June	Sports day (KS1 am KS2 pm)
w/b Mon 11th July	Y6 production
Mon 18th July	Y6 presentation evening 6pm

Jubilee Celebration

We can now confirm that we shall be holding a celebration day at school on

Thursday 26th May.

The whole school is preparing an act per year group to perform to the rest of the school.

Children are invited to come dressed in **red**, white and blue for the day.







Ice creams:

On the following dates Y6 will be selling ice creams to raise funds for their summer production:

Thursday 19th May, Friday 20th May, Thursday 26th May.

In more exciting ice cream news, the PTA have arranged to sell ice lollies after school on every Friday after half term.

Parking:

We are really concerned that one of our children may get injured through inconsiderate parking both in and out of the school grounds.

Please **do not drive into the school car park area** if you do not have a permit from the school. We do not have a drop off facility for the start and end of the school day.

Please consider parking a short distance away and walk the last part of your journey—this would have many benefits, not just to our parking issue.

You will have seen a police presence outside school this week—they have been requested to attend as we do not wish any of our children to be hurt on their way to or from school.

If you witness any dangerous driving you can report it to www.operationcrackdown.org

Volunteer readers:

Do you have a spare hour or two in the week? Do you value the importance of learning to read? If you feel that listening to children read in school is something you do, please contact either the office, Mrs Trahern or one of the Y4 staff and they will be happy to talk you through the role.

Cricket Success:

Having played cricket in school last year, Jessica (Y6) now plays for her local team. At the week-end she was awarded the player of the match chosen by her team mates.

Well done Jessica.









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Y5 Rainforest Work:

The children in Y5 have been researching rainforest animals and used their findings to create non-chronological reports. Here are some examples of their hard work. It doesn't stop there, however, as these information sheets will be used as part of their guided reading sessions next week.



PTA News:

We are extremely grateful to the companies who have already donated to our Summer Fair raffle: The Dragon Restaurant, Howdens and Littlehampton Wave. If you or someone you know is able to donate a prize please do either leave the prize/voucher at the front office or contact our chair of the PTA, Mrs Godley (class TA in Y1).

Here is a photo of Mrs Godley trying out our new stocks. Save up the pennies to be able to throw a wet sponge at unsuspecting school staff!



School Hot Meals:

Please note that on the first Monday after the half term holiday, the meal will be a jacket potato with baked beans or tuna mayo.









Attendance:

Attached with this newsletter is the full document from our locality group of schools, which details reasons for good attendance at school—we request that you read it carefully. Whilst we recognise that our school attendance data will obviously have been impacted by Covid this year, we are now falling below the average attendance of other schools nationally.

A number of families are requesting holidays in term time. Please be aware that such unauthorised absences can be subject to a fixed penalty notice which is centrally administered by WSCC, not from the school. No money from these FPNs comes to school at all. As a school we are very aware that all pupils are still catching up from missed learning and every day really does count.

We will not:

- Authorise any holidays in school time except in the case of exceptional circumstances (this does not include rescheduled holidays)
- Authorise any day trips during the school term (including trips for birthday treats etc)

We will shortly be sending out a notification to any families where school attendance is below 95%. This is to help you to be aware of your child's current attendance.

Where attendance falls significantly short of expectations you may be invited in to have a conversation with a senior member of staff to discuss ways in which we can support your child in improving their attendance.

School Attendance Every school day counts

Every single day a child is absent from school equates to a day of lost learning. Attendance percentages can be misleading.

100% Attendance	0 days missed	Excellent
97% Attendance	5 days of Absence 1 week of learning missed	Good
95% Attendance	9 days of Absence 1 week and 4 days of learning missed	Satisfactory
90% Attendance	19 days of Absence 3 week and 4 days of learning missed	Poor
85% Attendance	28 days of Absence 5 week and 3 days of learning missed	Very Poor
80% Attendance	38 days of Absence 7 weeks and 3 days of learning missed	Unacceptable