

Garden Fields School Newsletter



Autumn Term Newsletter No 1
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Happy, Caring, and Inspiring!

Roll up! Roll up!

Hello and may I wish a warm welcome to all of you, whether you have a child attending Garden Fields for the first time this term or if you are returning after the summer break.

It was great to see all of the children looking so smart this week and also to see that the sunshine is still with us!

I would like to wish all of you and your children a happy and successful new academic year for 2018/19.

I am sure that there will be many magical moments and indeed **next week we have our first 'wow week' when we have a special circus themed week** entitled:

Let the Magic Begin!

Our themed weeks are all about inspiring our children in their learning and what better starting point to start the year with, than beginning with the magic of the circus.

Next week the children will participate in a number of circus skills workshops.

We look forward to seeing what they produce in the forthcoming **weeks as next week acts as a 'springboard' for circus themed** English, maths, art, music and topic work.

Next week will also culminate in a real circus live at Garden Fields School!

Tickets Update

Tickets for both the 3.45pm and 5.00pm circus shows have sold out but we have now put in a third show at 6.15pm.

A few tickets are still left. All you have to do is fill in a form at: <http://www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/event/pta-pop-up-circus/> and then return in the PTA mailbox outside our main school office.

Many thanks to Miss Cole and our PTA for organising such an amazing event with which to begin our new school year!

Curriculum Meetings

As advertised in the summer term, we have a number of curriculum information meetings scheduled for the start of term- one for each year group - over the next fortnight. This is a chance to find out useful **information about each year group's routines and key learning for the year.**

For further information including the venue please see our website:

<http://www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/events-list/>

Year 6 Secondary School Information

Thank you to all of those who attended our Year 6 curriculum meeting yesterday. There were some questions regarding the process. Basically you will have received an information leaflet regarding secondary school open evenings back in the summer term.

Another leaflet that gives further information regarding the actual process for applying to secondary schools will be sent out imminently. It can also be found on the school website— [Event/Monday 3 September](#)

It is an online process and the period for making online applications has begun but does not close until 31st October.

More information can be found at:

<https://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/services/schools-and-education/school-admissions/secondary-and-upper-schools/secondary-and-upper-school->

Reminders

Many of our after schools clubs begin again from Monday and a few started this week. Please can you ensure that during clubs siblings are supervised and that they do not play on our apparatus, with sports equipment or cycle on our running track.

Also, please can you ensure that any children who attend our clubs have been signed up on the school gateway and been paid for.

If we don't have your consent via the gateway then we cannot be sure that you know where your children are.

Also, please can you make sure that your children have water bottles and PE kits in school and if they are either scooting or cycling to school then they should be wearing helmets.

Many thanks in advance for your consideration.





Academic Performance 2018

At the end of the summer term I wrote about tremendous performance in national testing last year!

Below is a summary of our Key Stage 2 SATs which were taken by last academic year's Year 6.

The children take a reading comprehension test paper, a combined grammar, punctuation and spelling test and three maths papers. Their results in each subject are converted into a scaled score - which is a scoring system in which 100 is the expected standard of the test. Those who achieved a scaled score of 110+ are deemed as working at the higher level.

You can find out more at:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/scaled-scores-at-key-stage-2>

In writing, the children's written class work is assessed by the teachers in order to determine their competence. Those **who are working at the higher standard in writing are described as working at 'greater depth'**.

On the next page we also have our Key Stage 1 (end of Year 2) and EYFS attainment information which are teacher assessed, although in the case of Year 2, tests are taken to help inform teacher judgement.

National and county data for last year were unavailable at the time of writing and so I have used last year's figures instead.

KS2 Assessment	School 2018	National (2017)	County (2017)
<i>% achieving expected standard in all of Reading, Writing and Maths</i>	86.7	61.0	65.1
<i>% achieving higher than expected standard in all of Reading, Writing and Maths</i>	23.3	8.7	12.4
<i>KS2 Reading % at expected+</i>	95	73.1	75.7
<i>Reading At Greater Depth</i>	56.7	24.2	30.2
<i>Reading Average Scaled Score</i>	110.5	104.0	105.3
<i>KS2 Writing (Teacher Assessed) % at expected+</i>	91.7	74.6	76.6
<i>KS2 Writing (Teacher Assessed) % at greater depth</i>	31.7	17.8	23.8
<i>KS2 Grammar Punctuation and Spelling (GPS)</i>	91.7	76.8	79.4
<i>KS2 GPS At Greater Depth</i>	58.3	30.6	34.2
<i>KS2 GPS Av. Scaled Score</i>	110.4	105.9	106.6
<i>KS2 Maths % at expected+</i>	95	74.6	76.6
<i>KS2 Maths At Greater Depth</i>	40	22.3	26
<i>Maths Average Scaled Score</i>	108.1	104.1	104.7



KS1 Assessment

KS1 Assessment	School 2018	National 2017	County 2017
<i>KS1 Reading % at expected+</i>	77.5	75.6	79.3
<i>Reading At Greater Depth</i>	32.6	25.2	31.8
<i>KS1 Writing % at expected+</i>	80.9	68.2	71.5
<i>KS1 Writing At greater depth</i>	29.2	15.6	20.9
<i>KS1 Maths % at expected+</i>	84.3	75.1	77.4
<i>KS1 Maths At Greater Depth</i>	30.3	20.5	25.1

EYFS Assessment

KS1 Phonics Screening	School 2018	National 2017	County 2017
<i>% Children working at the expected standard</i>	85	81.4	83.5



Reception Parents' Information

On Tuesday 11th September
from 6:45 p.m we have our

New to Reception Curriculum Evening
in our Lower School Hall.

The meeting will be combined with our
**PTA Annual
General Meeting.**

We look forward to seeing many of our new
Reception children's parents!

NEW DIARY DATES

We have lots of new diary dates on our website for the new
academic year. Please do take a look!

<http://www.gardenfields.herts.sch.uk/>

Have a great weekend everyone!