

# The Gattons Infant School

We have had another busy fortnight at The Gattons with science week, Year 1 visiting Southway for a science experiment, a mobile farm visiting Reception as well as lots of you coming in for Easter egg hunts and maths games. Thank you for all your support coming into school. It really does have such an important impact on your child's learning to have you involved. It was lovely to see so many of you at parents evening last week as well. I hope you enjoyed hearing about how well your children are getting on. If you weren't able to make it, please contact the office or your class teacher to arrange another time to meet.

On Wednesday evening I had the privilege of accompanying a group of 20 of our Year 1 and 2 children to The Dome in Brighton for Let's Dance. The children have been rehearsing in the mornings this term and put on an amazing performance. A huge thank you to Mrs Field and Mrs Anderson for their hard work putting our dance together. We were all so proud of them— what an experience for the children to dance at The Dome!

## Dates to remember

**Tuesday 24th March**  
Reception Library Visit

**Thursday 26th March**  
Year 1 Library Visit

**Monday 30th - Friday 10th April**  
Easter Holidays



As we come to the end of Ramadan, we would like to wish all our Muslim families, Eid Mubarak. We hope you have a wonderful time celebrating together.

Have a lovely weekend.  
Sarah Gospel  
Headteacher

## OPAL

Please can you check at home if your child has accidentally brought home any small world toys. Lots of our small world characters have gone on an adventure. I have spoken to the children and asked them to have a check and just bring them back for everyone to play with. Thank you! Alternatively, if you have any small world toys that you are no longer playing with, please send a photo to Mrs Gospel before bringing them in.



## What have we been doing in school!

The children in Year 1 have been learning about Easter. Rev Jules came in to teach us the Easter story. We opened lots of eggs to help us to understand the different important parts. The children all did actions to help them remember the story. The children have also been learning about Ramadan and Eid.

Year 1 also really enjoyed sharing maths games with their parents/carers. They are a great way to learn maths facts and have fun playing with numbers.



This week the children in Reception had a visit from Sherwood Mobile farm. The children learnt about what happens on a farm and had the opportunity to ask lots of questions. They were then able to stroke the animals. It was a wonderful morning and the children all listened so carefully and were kind and gentle to the animals.

The children also had a visit from Megan the vet (thank you to Ivy's mum), and her dog, Basil. The children learnt how to care for a dog and keep it happy and healthy.

Year 2 had a very fun Science week. We visited each class across the year group to answer some big questions around STEM learning. A highlight was asking, 'What is the best design for a paper aeroplane?' Children made different models of aircraft and tested them to see which one flew the longest, furthest or highest.



## Science Week at The Gattons

Year 1 took part in lots of exciting investigations during science week last week. We looked at the weather charts in our room to see if we could see any patterns in the weather over the year. We recorded the animals and mini-beasts we found on the field and in the woodland areas. We were all so excited to find them. We found many more in the woodland area. We took a long time talking about habitats and how each creature needs a different home. We also went to Southway to take part in an investigation. 'Does toast always fall butter side down?' We found that the answer was, sometimes but not always. Thank you to all of the parents and grandparents that came to help walk us there. We could not have done it without you.



## Multi Skills Day

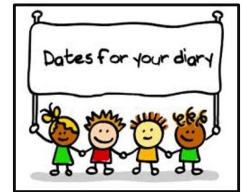
Children in all year groups enjoyed taking part in our termly multi skills day on Tuesday with all the children taking part in various activities and games. Year 1 especially loved the noodle relay race where they had three children working as a team to move along a line to collect their next team member.

## Lost property

We have a large amount of lost property which we will be putting out in front of the main entrance on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon. If you have lost anything, please take a look and see if it is there. Any unclaimed items will be disposed of.

As we come into the Summer term, please remember to name all items of clothing, especially sweatshirts and cardigans as this is the term when most items go missing as they get left around the school when the children get hot and take them off. If you have been donated any uniform, please remove the previous child's name so that we return items to the correct child. We will return any named items to the child's class. Thank you for your support.

## Diary Dates



### March

Tuesday 24th  
Thursday 26th  
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Friday 27th  
Monday 30th - Friday 10th April

Reception Library Visit  
Year One Library Visit  
FOGS Discos - all year groups  
Last day of the Spring Term  
Easter Holiday

### April

Monday 13th  
Tuesday 14th  
Thursday 16th  
  
Monday 27th - Thursday 30th

First day of the Summer Term  
Year Two Library Visit  
National allocation day for starting school and junior school places  
Bikeability for Reception children

### May

Monday 4th  
Tuesday 5th - Friday 8th  
Thursday 21st  
Friday 22nd  
Monday 25th - Friday 29th

Bank holiday  
Bikeability for Reception children  
Year 1 Trip - details to follow  
INSET Day - school closed for children  
Half Term

### June

Tuesday 2nd  
Friday 5th  
Monday 8th - Friday 12th  
Friday 12th  
Sunday 14th  
Monday 15th  
Thursday 18th  
Friday 26th  
Saturday 27th

Mini Marathon - Times TBA  
Reception trip to Amberley Museum  
Year 1 Phonics Screening  
Non Uniform day for Summer Fayre  
Burgess Hill Summer Parade  
Class Photos and Year 2 Leavers Photos  
Sports Day - Times TBA  
Non Uniform day for Summer Fayre  
FOGS Summer Fayre

### July

Thursday 2nd  
Thursday 9th  
Monday 20th  
Wednesday 22nd

Reserve Sports Day  
FOGS Discos  
FOGS Ice Lolly sale after school  
Last Day of the Summer Term

### September

Tuesday 1st  
Wednesday 2nd

INSET Day - School closed for children  
First day of the Autumn term for children in Y1 & Y2