

Garden Suburb Junior School

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20th September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

- **Secondary Transfer and School Journey** – Thank you to all of the Year 6 parents who attended the meeting on Thursday. It is also advisable for Year 4 and 5 parents to start familiarising themselves with the secondary transfer process. Please see the school website for more information on Secondary Transfer. <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250>
- **Jeans for Genes** – Well done to everyone who supported this event today and thank you for your donations to the 'Jeans for Genes' charity.
- **Black History Workshops** – over the next couple of week all classes will be taking part in History workshops. Year 3 classes had their workshops today (year 4 were last week). Talk to your children and ask them what they learnt about black women throughout history.

Photographs – Monday 23rd September

The photographer will be in school on Monday to take individual photographs. Please ensure that your child looks neat and tidy in the correct school uniform. Long hair should be tied back.

Curriculum Meeting Friday 11th October - Year 3 Parents

There will be a curriculum meeting for Year 3 parents on Friday 11th October at 9:00am-11:30am. At this meeting we will give an overview of how literacy and numeracy are taught in the junior school and how parents can support their children in these areas.

PTA Meeting – We need your help!

There will be a PTA meeting on **Friday 27th September at 9:00am** in the Junior Dinner Hall. At this meeting we will be discussing the fund raising for the year and looking for new members to join the PTA committee.

This year we would also like every class to have at least one 'Class Rep' who will attend monthly meetings to discuss school events, fund raising and school policies.

Being part of the PTA is a lovely way of being involved in the life of the school and raising much needed additional funds. Please attend the meeting if you can - everyone is welcome.

Bike to School Week

Next week Garden Suburb Junior School will be taking part in 'Bike to School Week'. 'Bike to School Week' is a great opportunity to promote the positive impact that an active lifestyle can have on pupils' wellbeing and health. During Bike to School Week we will be encouraging pupils, parents and staff to cycle to school. Children cycling to school should be accompanied by a parent. For health and safety reasons, please ensure that your child gets off their bike and pushes it on Childs Walk and Childs Way and that they do not cycle in the playground.

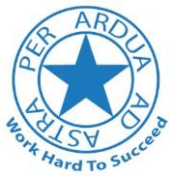
PE Kit

Physical Education is an extremely important part of our curriculum. Please ensure that your child has their kit in school at all times. Please take it home to wash each Friday, and return it with your child each Monday.

School Fund

A reminder to parents who have not yet contributed this year: we do appreciate the contribution of £20 per family per year, towards the school fund. This money is spent in various ways for classroom extras. **Please make your donation online on ParentMail**, or, until we go fully cashless, using the slip below





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Extra-Curricular Activities

There are still places in Year 4 chess on Friday lunch times – contact the office for more details.

Punctuality is Important- All children must be in the building by 8.55am.

Many children are arriving late for school.

- In the morning the **playground is supervised from 8.40am** and children should **not be** in the playground unsupervised before this.
- **The doors will open at 8:45am** and your child will be welcomed into the building and go to their cloakroom to put their bags and coats away.
- They will then go straight to their classroom where they will be directed to an activity. **Registration will be at 8:55am.**

8:55am is the official start of the school day. The name and time of arrival of any child arriving between 8:55am and 9:30am will be noted. The number of late arrivals for each child is included in their annual report.

Please ensure that you are on time for **pick up at 3:25 pm**. If there is a change to who is collecting your child, this must be put in writing and your child should give the letter to their class teacher. For unexpected change of pick up during the school day, or to tell the school that your child has been unexpectedly booked into FunTime, **please phone (selecting Option 1) or email Mrs Morgan Chiswick at mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk** .

Health and Safety at the Beginning and End of the School Day

Please ensure that you are supervising your children at the beginning and the end of the school day.

The play equipment is only to be used during school playtimes. The Junior School children know that they are not supposed to play on the equipment but younger siblings will need to be monitored closely to ensure that they do not climb on the equipment. *Please support the school policy on this by ensuring that your children do not use the equipment.*

Community Relations

We wish to remind EVERYONE, who either drops off or collects children, not to drive up to or park on Childs Way and the slip road next to the Green. Children tend to use this as a footpath and there have been a number of very near misses by cars manoeuvring or driving too quickly along these roads. Children's safety is the responsibility of us all and their safety should not be put at risk for the sake of convenience. **Thank you for your co-operation.**

School Lunches

Mrs Morgan Chiswick, our Welfare Assistant administers school lunch monies. Payment must be made online through your ParentMail account. Please note that we are in the process of moving towards cashless payments, as this will reduce administration for the school and is a safer payment method.

Free School Meals- If you think that you are eligible, please contact Ms Chalfen in the school office for more details about how to apply.

Please see the diary dates for the autumn term. Please note that these will be updated regularly in the weekly newsletter.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher





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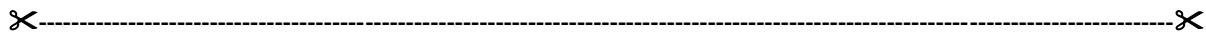
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Diary Dates Autumn Term 2019

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| Monday 23 rd September | Photographer in school- individual photographs |
| Tuesday 24 th September | Year 6 Visit to Kenwood House |
| Friday 27 th September | PTA Meeting 9:00am-10:00am |
| Wednesday 2 nd October | Parent Teacher Consultations 3:40pm to 6:10pm (<i>book on ParentMail</i>) |
| Friday 4 th October | Year 4 Trip to Verulamium Museum |
| Week Beginning 7 th October | Black History Week |
| Thursday 10 th October | Parent Teacher Consultations 4:30pm to 7:00pm (<i>book on ParentMail</i>) |
| Friday 11 th October | Year 3 Curriculum Talks 9:00am- 11:30am |
| Monday 14 th – 18 th October | Year 6 Residential trip to The Isle of Wight |
| Half Term | |
| Monday 21st – 25th October | |
| Monday 28 th October | INSET DAY ~ School closed |
| Tuesday 29 th October | Back to School |
| Tuesday 29 th /30 th October | Year 6 Theatre Shakespeare Workshops |
| Tuesday 5 th November | Year 6 Young Shakespeare Theatre Trip 'Macbeth' |
| w/c Monday 9 th December | Last week of Clubs |
| Thursday 19th December | End of Term School closes at 1.30pm |

Please note that dates may be added to this calendar over the next few weeks



School Fund Slip 2019-20 (Cash or Cheque)

Please enclose your contribution in a sealed envelope labelled 'School Fund' and return to the school office or class teacher.

Please find enclosed a voluntary contribution to school fund. Amount enclosed:

Childs Name..... Class.....

Signed.....

