



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Rosh Hashanah.** The children learnt about this Jewish festival in assembly on Friday last week.
- **Girls' Football.** A training match took place at Christ College last Friday in preparation for the start of the league today. The girls' first match is against All Saints School.

Black History Month

Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October. It happens because so often in the past, the contributions to the community made by black people were ignored or played down. Black History Month aims to address this unfairness, by celebrating the achievements and contributions of the black community over the years.

Next week all year groups will focus on an aspect of Black History:

Year 3 - Desmond Tutu who was once the curate at Golders Green Parish Church.

Year 4 – Ruby Bridges, the first African-American child to attend an all-white public elementary school in the American South.

Year 5 - Floella Benjamin's book 'Coming to England' and also 'The Windrush'.

Year 6 - Slavery and injustice.

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.

Secondary Transfer - Choice Advice Service

The Choice Adviser provides advice and assistance to parents when they are in the process of deciding which secondary school they want to send their children to. In particular, the purpose of the service is to provide advice and assistance to enable parents to express a realistic preference for a secondary school for their child. The Choice Adviser can also provide support with completing the Common Application Form.

The Choice Adviser, Joanna Zarkadoulas, will be in school on Tuesday 15th October. If you would like to make an appointment with her, please contact Ms Chalfen in the school office as soon as possible,

Please remember that the closing date for online secondary transfer applications to be submitted is Thursday 31 October 2019.

Harvest/Sukkot

All classes will be learning about Harvest and Sukkot over the coming weeks. As part of this focus we will be collecting food for Homeless Action Barnet (HAB). Please see below the types of food we are asking for. Food collected will be displayed in the main entrance until Friday 11th October, so please bring donations in next week.

The Food We Would Like:

Tins	Packets/Jars
Vegetables: potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tomatoes	Sugar, Rice, Jam, Cereal
Soup, Fish, Meat, Fruit	Coffee/ Teabags





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English Classes for Parents - Every Tuesday 9:15am-10:45am Infant Dining Room

Lessons are delivered by Melanie Bruck who is a qualified teacher of English (see attached flyer). The first trial lesson is free so come along and see what you think! These classes aim to:

- Improve your knowledge of the English language
- Improve your fluency
- Learn more about life, customs and culture in the UK
- Be enjoyable and meet new friends

PTA Annual General Meeting: Friday 1st November in the Junior Hall

There will be an Annual General Meeting of the PTA on **Friday 1st November**. At this meeting there will be a review of the year and a new committee voted in. Everyone is welcome.

Funtime Half Term Holiday Club

Funtime will be running their holiday play scheme again this half term for children in both the Infant and Junior schools. It will run every day from 8.30am until 5.50pm for £25 a day. Children can attend for half days (8.30am to 1pm or 1pm to 5.30pm) for a reduced rate of £15 per session. The children will participate in activities such as arts and crafts, team games, cooking, outdoor play and visits to a local park (weather permitting!).

Bookings must be made in advance as if the club doesn't have enough bookings they will have to cancel the play scheme. If you would like to book a place then please telephone/text Sharon on 07506 030 037 or pop in and see them in the dining room before 9am or from 3pm in the afternoon.

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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2019

Week Beginning 7 th October	Black History Week
Thursday 10 th October	Parent Teacher Consultations 4:15pm to 7:00pm (<i>by appointment</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
Friday 1st November	PTA Annual General Meeting 9:00am Junior Hall
Tuesday 5 th November	Year 6 Young Shakespeare Theatre Trip 'Macbeth'
w/c Monday 9 th December	Last week of Clubs
Friday 13 th December	Seasonal Fair- PTA Fund Raising Event
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.

