



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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8<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Installation of new Interactive White Boards (IWBs):** I am pleased to announce that, thanks to your great support and generosity, we have been able to purchase four new boards, using £12,000 of PTA funds. They were installed over half term and they are fabulous! Interactive whiteboards are an essential teaching tool which we would not be able to afford without the PTA funds. We have five more to purchase (£15,000) over the next year and this is what we will be fundraising for over this year. Thank you everyone for supporting our PTA events!
- **Sportshall Athletics:** Children from Years 5 and 6 took part in a Sportshall Athletics competition yesterday at QE girls. The event consists of a variety of indoor track and field events with each child's scores added up to create a team total. I'm delighted to say that our school finished in first place.
- **BREAKING NEWS...**the boys' football team started the season this afternoon with a 4-1 victory against St Mary's. Well done!
- **Remembrance:** Today there was a special assembly about why we wear poppies for remembrance. We will be respecting the silence at 11:00am on Monday. Please talk to your children about this over the weekend.

## Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) Meeting for all parents Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 9:00am-10:15am

We will be holding a meeting for **all** parents on our RSE scheme of work on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November at 9:15-10:15am. Much of the work that is covered in the RSE programme is also part of the science curriculum.

We have been delivering this curriculum for 5 years and there will be no changes this year. The details of our policy and scheme of work is on our website.

<http://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Sex+and+Relationship+Education&pid=314>.

We will be reviewing our policy next year ready for implementation in 2020-21. Before any changes are made to our policy we will be consulting with parents. More information to follow next term.

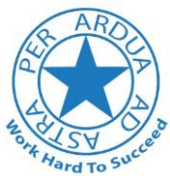
## Maths Week England on TT Rock Stars 11<sup>th</sup>- 16<sup>th</sup> November 2019

As part of our commitment to make Maths exciting and high profile in our school, we are taking part in a competition next week that is part of Maths Week England. It's called 'Rock Out 2019' and is all online via play.ttrockstars.com.

For every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, your child will earn their class a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours). Winning classes in the school and in the country as a whole will be the ones with the highest average.

All game modes (Gig, Garage, Studio, etc.) will count but only from games played between 7.30am and 7.30pm on Monday 11<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>, Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 16<sup>th</sup>. In the spirit of the competition, ***please do not play on your child's behalf***. By all means encourage and support them to the extent that it does not cause high stress levels or impact on family plans. We suggest a limit of half an hour a day outside school hours – some will play more, some will play less. Many thanks for your support.





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## Children in Need - Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November



We will be celebrating and supporting the charity 'Children in Need' on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November. To raise money, we are going to have a **'Wear Your Spots'** non-school uniform day. Children are being encouraged to be creative in the following ways:



- Wear spotty clothes or add spots to their clothes
- Use face paint to create a spotty look
- Use hair spray paint to create a spotty look

In return for the pleasure of having a fun non-uniform day, the children are asked to bring in a donation to 'Children in Need' – suggested donation £1.

## PTA on Social Media

- Our PTA now have a fun and informative page on Facebook. Just search for **GSJSPTACOMMUNITY in Groups** and click join
- You can also follow us on Instagram **@gsjsptacommunity**

## Looking for Name Labels?

Name labels are the latest initiative from our PTA Community. Garden Suburb Junior School is registered with Stikins, a family owned business, which promotes a school fundraising scheme through which the school can receive up to 30% commission on every order placed quoting the school reference number **7729**

Stikins® name labels are made of an advanced material; all you have to do is stick them onto the wash-care label of clothes. They are a one-size, multipurpose label, which can also be used on school items such as shoes, plastic boxes, water bottles, pencil cases etc.

**Help Your School** - Just remember to fill in the School's unique code **7729**.

[Click here to order Stikins® Name Labels](#) and raise money for the school

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

Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> November 9:00am- 10:15am	Relationships and Sex Education (RSE) - Meeting all parents
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Children In Need Day- wear spots to school!
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Year 5 Hatfield House Trip
w/c Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> December	Last week of Clubs
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> December	Seasonal Fair- PTA Fund Raising Event
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>End of Term   School closes at 1.30pm</b>

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

