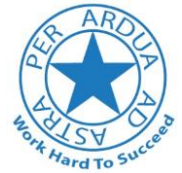




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29th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers

Flu Vaccine – important notice

The flu vaccines (nasal spray) are being administered in school this Monday 2nd December to those children for whom consent has been given. If your child has become wheezy or had their asthma medication increased since you returned the consent form, please contact the NHS healthcare team on 07811 369 731.

Uniform Online Sale:

We are in the process of transferring the sale of our uniform from our current online suppliers, PMG School Wear, to Uniform 4 Kids who are based locally in Temple Fortune. **PMG School Wear have reduced some of the items on their website** to reduce their stock, so do visit the PMG website and see if there is anything you would like to buy at the reduced rates: <https://pmgschoolwear.co.uk/school/gardensuburbjuniorschool>

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Sports Festival:** we were delighted to welcome children from Brookland, Moss Hall and Queenswell this morning to take part in a bocchia festival. Bocchia is an inclusive target game that requires careful accuracy and control. All children showcased excellent skill and sportsmanship. Thank you, in particular, to four of our sports ambassadors in Year 5 who officiated the event, ensuring it ran smoothly and fairly.
- **Anti-Idling Campaign 2019:** as Garden Suburb Junior and Infants are sustainable and active travel schools, we are working hard to improve the quality of air around our schools in order to protect our health. Last week we undertook a survey to see just how many cars were idling outside the school gates. The number was significantly high, particularly during 8:45am and 9:00am. In order to prevent this from happening, we have decided to run our very own anti-idling campaign. Our school will establish a No Idling Zone to improve air quality and create a healthier environment for students, teachers and parents. This zone is an area where all vehicle owners are asked to turn their engines off whilst they wait. So, if you are going to be sitting still for more than 30 seconds, please remember to turn your car's engine off. You will not only improve our air, you will also save money in fuel and vehicle wear and tear costs!

Our Junior Travel Ambassadors (JTAs) have been working incredibly hard to promote an anti-idling environment. Please support our children during our campaign on **Monday 2nd December at 3-3:15** by the green by not idling your cars. Idling harms our health and especially affects children, who breathe more and at a faster rate than adults. Please turn off your engines and stop polluting our air!
- **Parking Poster Competition 2019:** alongside our anti-idling campaign, we are running a parking poster competition. The children are aware of this, as it was our assembly feature today. If your child would like to participate, please return your posters **by Friday 6th December 2019**. Please include pictures and words to encourage people to park safely. The winning posters will be displayed outside the school.





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PTA Initiatives and Events

Garden Suburb Schools Lottery

**The Infant and Junior School PTAs are launching this exciting new fundraising initiative
Ready to combat the January blues, the first draw will take place on Saturday 25th January 2020**

A ticket costs £1 per week and all funds raised go directly to our school. Each ticket will also enter you in TWO draws:

1. A jackpot prize draw for £25,000.00.
2. A local draw with a guaranteed prize for one of the supporters of our school. The size of the prize will depend on the number of tickets bought for the school that week.

You can pass this link onto your family and friends - anyone and everyone can sign up and be in with a chance of winning. The more people who sign up, the better the prize each week and the more the school raises.

Where does your £1 ticket money go?

- 40p** directly to the schools
- 36p** towards lottery prizes
- 20p** lottery administrative costs
- 4p** VAT

The lottery is a fun and effective way to raise money to improve our schools. But we need your help to make the lottery the best it can be, so please support the lottery today - and who knows, maybe you'll be the next £25,000 winner! Click on the following link to sign up: [Click to Sign Up to Garden Suburb School Lottery](#)

Follow the PTA: **Face Book** GSJSPTACOMMUNITY (in Groups) **Instagram** @gsjsptacommunity

- **Krispy Kreme Doughnut Sale:** we raised £171.50 - *thank you for supporting this event and well done PTA!*
- **Raffle Tickets** for the children's raffle will go on sale in the playground from Monday 2nd December at pick up **Tickets cost 20p each or £1 for a book.** *The draw will take place in assembly on Wednesday 18th December.*

- 1st Prize** Huawei Mediapad T3 8 Tablet
- 2nd Prize** Smart Watch
- 3rd Prize** One full week space at Rising Stars Holiday camp 2020 for one child

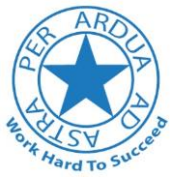
Seasonal Fair: **Please bring your gifts in from this Monday 2nd December!**

The fair is during the school day on Friday 13th December 2019. This is a wonderful fundraising event which is a highlight of the children's annual calendar! Letters with a reply slip went home last week (and attached again). Thank you to all those who have already donated / volunteered to help.

Seasonal Fair Timetable:

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| Monday 2nd - Wednesday 11th December | Bring in your bought/homemade gifts |
| Thursday 12th December 10am - 3pm | Volunteers needed to sort gift and decorate hall |
| Friday 13th December 9am - 3pm | Volunteers needed to run the stalls and help on the day |





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• **An 'Astra Textiles Recycling Bank' is arriving in the playground next week**

Astra help raise vital funds for schools, community groups, clubs, churches and scout groups through a textile recycling service. Astra is on a mission to get everyone recycling their textiles! Over 200 schools across the South have an 'Astra Textile Recycling Bank'. There is no cost involved - the recycling banks and collection service are free.

Children, parents and staff can donate unwanted textiles, which will then be sent to poorer communities across Eastern Europe, Africa and Asia or recycled into industrial cleaning wipes and insulation materials. T

- Astra will pay 0.20p per kilo for textiles collected, raising extra funds for the school
- A full bank can raise £40! Collections are made every 2 weeks.
- Please place all items in a bag BEFORE you put them in the recycling bin, thank you.

Astra will accept the following items:

- ✓ All men's, ladies and children's clothing (except school uniform with a logo)
- ✓ Paired Shoes
- ✓ Handbags, bags, ties and belts
- ✓ Bed clothes, towels, soft toys

Astra Recycling CANNOT accept the following items:

- ✗ Pillows & cushions
- ✗ Duvets
- ✗ Carpets & Rugs
- ✗ Soiled or wet clothing
- ✗ Workwear
- ✗ Shredded or mutilated textile material
- ✗ Textile off cuts, yarns or threaded material

Please Respect Our Neighbours

Residents of The Pantiles, the block of flats next to the school, are concerned about the number of parents using the driveway behind the block (on Crispin Mews). This is making it extremely difficult for residents to access and park in their driveways during school drop off and pick up hours. There has also been some aggressive behaviour from parents who do not wish to move their cars to allow residents to get in. A number of parents are also using the driveway as a cut through to access the school on foot. The driveway is narrow and with vehicles coming and going it is dangerous to have children walking through the area.

Crispin Mews is private property and should **not** be used as a parking area or a cut through for school drop offs and collection. Thank you for your consideration.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2019

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| w/c Monday 9 th December | Last Week of Clubs |
| Friday 13 th December 9:30am until 2:30pm | Seasonal Fair- PTA Fund Raising Event |
| Monday 16 th December 2:30pm | Violin Concert |
| Thursday 19th December | End of Term School closes at 1.30pm |

