



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

Last week, we launched our first seasonal coding competition. Children wishing to enter should use Scratch (<https://scratch.mit.edu/>) to create a seasonal animation card. Their animation could have a winter or religious theme. Please search 'misslar' in Scratch to see Miss Larsen's example.

The deadline for entries is **Wednesday 11th December** and your child can submit theirs either by a labelled USB stick to Miss Larsen (4J) or they can create a Scratch account and make their animation public (we recommend turning the comments off). Children can give Miss Larsen their username so she can search and view the animation. We are looking forward to seeing exciting code!

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://pmsgschoolwear.co.uk/school/gardensuburbjuniorschool>

Seasonal Fair: *Please continue to bring in your gifts!*

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 month (and attached again). Thank you to all those who have already donated / volunteered to help.

Seasonal Fair Timetable:

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

On the day of the fair children should bring their money to spend **(£12 max) in a labelled purse or wallet**. Please also ensure that your child brings a **labelled bag** in to carry their shopping on the day.

Seasonal 'Thank You' to our Support Staff

It has been our custom for many years for the children to say 'thank you' to our support staff, for all that they do for the school, by giving them a Christmas gift. These are invaluable members of staff whose dedication and hard work is often unseen. This includes our: meal time supervisors, kitchen staff and cleaning staff, caretakers Mr Adolphe and Mr Shepherd and the team of learning support assistants.

We would be very happy to receive your donations – please send them to the school office in a sealed envelope marked 'Support Staff Christmas Gifts' by **Friday 13th December**, thank you.

Junior Siblings attending Infant Shows next week (Monday 9th / Tuesday 10th December)

Junior children should first go to their class to be registered and their parents should go to Junior Reception to collect them and sign them out. After the show, parents should bring their children back to Junior Reception and sign them back in.





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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](#)

- **Raffle Tickets** for the children's raffle will be on sale in the classrooms next week. They will also be on sale at the Seasonal Fair on Friday. Children are permitted to bring in money next week to buy tickets.

Tickets cost 20p each or £1 for a book. *The draw will take place in assembly on Wednesday 18th December.*

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| 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 |

- **Our 'Astra Textiles Recycling Bank' has arrived - the green bin in the Junior playground!**

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.

- 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.

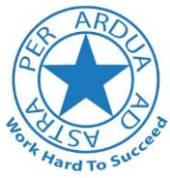
Astra will accept the following items:

- ✓ 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





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'Wear Your Seasonal Jumper to School' Friday 13th December – suggested donation £1

We are taking part in this fundraising day for 'Save the Children'. This is a non-uniform day and the children are invited to bring a donation in for the charity.

FunTime: FUNTIME is unable to accept any children into the club unless previously agreed with Sharon.

Due to limited space, Funtime cannot always accommodate last minute bookings. They have a few spaces reserved which are given on a first-come-first-served basis, arranged directly through Sharon on 07506 030 037.

In particular, please ensure you have organised your childcare in advance for the week beginning 16th December, when the after-school sports and Spanish clubs have ended.

Please see the attached letter for more details, and Funtime's opening hours over the holidays.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

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Diary Dates Autumn Term 2019

w/c Monday 9 th December	Last Week of Clubs
Friday 13 th December	Seasonal Jumper Day – bring in a £1 donation for 'Save the Children'
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

