



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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28<sup>th</sup> February 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

## Coronavirus Update

I would like to reassure you that we have not been made aware of anyone in our school community who has travelled to infected areas nor who has been exposed to the virus. I will keep you updated if the situation changes. Meanwhile, we will continue to follow Public Health England guidance and we urge you to do the same: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-information-for-the-public> Good hygiene is being encouraged at school, and we ask you to also talk to your children about the importance of hand washing and disposal of used tissues.

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Year 6 SATS Meeting for Parents:** Thank you to the parents who attended the presentation last night. We were encouraged by the high turn-out. The presentation will be put on the school website. <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Assessment&pid=397>
- **Mobile Phones:** We have recently had to remind children and parents about being involved in WhatsApp groups. Children do not have the maturity to be part of these groups and inappropriate language and bullying has recently been a problem. This is all happening at home and should be monitored by parents.  
**In line with many other schools (including secondary schools), we have reviewed our mobile phone policy for lone travellers: from the beginning of the summer term, lone travellers will not be permitted to bring smart phones or smart watches into school. Children will only be allowed to bring 'brick phones' which have no access to the internet / any social media. These can be purchased for as little as £15 (Tesco/ Argos). If your child already owns a smart phone, this can be purchased as a second phone / second number just for lone travel to and from school. Parents need to have this in place by Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April 2020 please.**
- **'Bling your Bike, Sparkle your Scooter':** well done to the children who took part in the competition. We had some very creative entries.
- **Girls' Football:** Ten girls took part in a football match against St Agnes' Catholic Primary School on Wednesday. The team had been focusing on positioning in training and it was great to see this was evident in their performance. They now have one match remaining to finish the season.

## World Book Day Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March

### Dressing up as a book character

Children are invited to dress as a character from a book of their choice. However, if they need some inspiration, they can dress as a character from a book that they will be studying in class:

Year 3 – The Egyptian Cinderella by Shirley Climo or any historical figure from Ancient Egypt

Year 4 – Alice's Adventures in Wonderland by Lewis Carroll or any jungle/rainforest animal

Year 5 – Treason by Berlie Doherty or any Roald Dahl character

Year 6 – Carrie's War by Nina Bawden (dress as an evacuee) or Kensuke's Kingdom by Michael Morpurgo (jungle animal, sea captain or sailor)

## Scholastic Book Fair

We will be holding our annual Scholastic Book Fair during the week. Purchases made will help us to raise money to spend on new books for the school library.

On their day, each class will visit the book fair and children will have the opportunity to purchase a book of their choice.

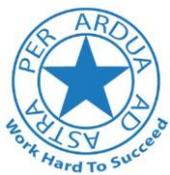
- Children will be issued with their £1 World Book Day voucher on the day to put towards the cost of their book.
- Books range in price from £2.99 to £12.99, so we ask that children bring in no more than £13 in a named purse or envelope on their day:

**Lower School (Years 3 and 4) – Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**

**Upper School (Years 5 and 6) – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March**

- On Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March, the book fair will also be open after school in the School Hall for parents to attend.





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## School Uniform

Anyone considering purchasing the new PE Kit is advised to wait and purchase it from April 2020 (**please see second hand uniform sale dates below**). We are moving our uniform suppliers to the local shop, just on the Finchley Road, 'Uniform 4 Kids'. We have taken the opportunity to review our uniform and have introduced an updated PE kit. However, we do not expect parents to renew until your current kit is out grown. The new PE Kit is on display in the main entrance.

**Second Hand Uniform Sale in the Playground** - Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March and Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March from 3:10pm. Items cost around £1 each and are clean and of good quality. Please do come along! All proceeds support the Infant and Junior PTA.

## Class Assemblies

Please see the dates below. The assemblies will be in the Junior Hall. Parents and younger siblings are welcome to attend. Parents wishing to bring Infant siblings need to inform the Infant School in advance and follow guidance from them regarding registration. **All assemblies will be at 2:30pm.**

### Year 4

Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	4S
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	4G
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	4J

### Year 5

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	5G
Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	5J
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	5S

## Fairtrade Week: Garden Suburb Junior's Big Fairtrade Breakfast ~ Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March 2020

We are organising a 'Big Fairtrade Breakfast' next Friday 6th March at the start of the day in our classrooms. The Fairtrade foundation is about better prices, decent working conditions, local sustainability, and fair terms of trade for farmers and workers in the developing world. We are asking children to contribute to the breakfast by bringing in a Fairtrade product (e.g. Fairtrade fruit, jams, locally produced pancakes, bread and juice. Please see the letter attached for more details, and recipe ideas.

## PTA Garden Suburb School Lottery .....you've got to be in it to win it!

If you haven't signed up yet, visit our lottery here for your chance to win £25,000:

<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>

Good luck everyone!

Please see the diary dates below for the Spring Term; **additional dates have been added this week.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

## Diary Dates Spring Term 2020

Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> / Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Scholastic Book Fair: Lower School / Upper School</b>
Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>World Book Day</b> - children are invited to dress as book characters
Week beginning 9 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Science Week</b> – more details to follow
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>Year 6 Trip</b> – RAF Museum
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm – 6:00pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b> – booking details nearer the time
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 9:00am- 10:00am</b>	<b>PTA Meeting</b> – Class Reps meeting with Mrs Bhavsar
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> March 5:00pm- 7:00pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b> - booking details nearer the time
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> April- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Easter Holidays</b>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Back to School   Start of the Summer Term

