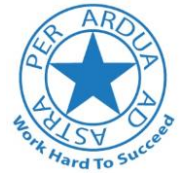




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Newsletter 05/2020

25th September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

The good news is that there have been no positive tests within our community this week.

What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, your normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

If your child does develop symptoms, please do not bring them to school. You must seek advice from NHS 111 <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/> or you can speak on the phone by calling 111. They will advise you if you should book a Covid-19 test. To book a test you can also call 119. Please inform Mrs Morgan Chiswick of any test results by email: mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Home Learning

Well done to all of those who have managed to access 'Showbie' at home. It is really important that everyone engages with this resource as in the event of a school closure or need to self-isolate, from October onwards, 'Showbie' will be used. An email and paper copy of a guide for parents was sent home last week and is also available in 'Home Learning' on the website.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Home+Learning+Zone&pid=323>

If you have any further questions, or if your child has difficulties accessing their account, please contact your class teacher using your class email.

Communication with Teachers

This year we are continuing to use the class teachers school email boxes, for parents to communicate directly with their class teacher regarding any issues you need to share about your child. We cannot guarantee these emails are read on a daily basis.

These emails are detailed on the school website: <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+details&pid=238>

Urgent messages should be sent to the School Business Manager, Ms Chalfen / Ms Bailey in the school office office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

All attendance and welfare issues must still be directed to Mrs Morgan Chiswick at mchiswick@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

Secondary Transfer Information for Year 6 Parents

Information about Secondary Transfer was sent home this week to Year 6 parents. This can also be accessed on our website.

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Secondary+Transfer&pid=250>

There will be a Zoom meeting for Y6 parents on Monday 5th October 7:00pm – 7:45pm

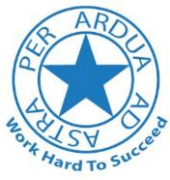
The zoom link will be sent to you next week.

Most secondary schools are now offering virtual open evenings. We are forwarding details of zoom open evening meetings as and when we are informed of them. However, not all schools are informing us. It is therefore recommended that you visit the websites of the schools that you are interested in, as soon as possible, to find out more details of their open evenings.

Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs

Funtime is open for both breakfast and after school club. Due to the fact that we have to limit our group sizes, all places **MUST** be booked in advance. For more information please contact Sharon on 07506 030 037 or email Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com





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Meet the Teacher Appointments

We are providing an opportunity for you to have a one-to-one meeting with your child's class teacher in school. The meeting will focus on the emotional health and wellbeing of your child during the lockdown period as well as how they are feeling now about being back at school. The meetings will take place in the main hall and there will be six class teachers in the hall at any one time.

Year 3 and 5 meetings will be on either of these dates.

Tuesday 29th September 2020 @ 3:45pm - 6pm

Thursday 1st October 2020 @ 3:45pm - 6pm

Year 4 and 6 meetings will be on either of these dates.

Tuesday 6th October 2020 @ 3:45pm - 6pm

Thursday 8th October 2020 @ 3:45pm - 6pm

You were sent a ParentMail notification to book an appointment on Wednesday, so please check your email.

Catch-up Curriculum

I am aware that parents are concerned about gaps in learning resulting from the school closure. We are currently in the process of assessing any possible gaps in learning through, a range of strategies such, flash backs at the start of lessons, revision quizzes, formative observations and assessments. Teachers will be making assessments of academic achievement at the end of this half term and we will be planning a curriculum that will focus on the identified needs of groups and individuals. More details of how we will approach this will follow after half term after we have completed these teacher assessments.

Bike to School Week

On Monday 28th September - Friday 2nd October, we will be taking part in 'Bike to School Week' to promote the many benefits of cycling to school. We have given each of the children a 'Dr Bike' checklist' so they are able to check that their bike is safely set up, ready for them to ride. Children will be rewarded with house points and stickers for cycling to school and there's even an opportunity for one lucky pupil to win a fabulous prize. Check out the competitions page in the Pupil Learning Zone for more information.

House Captains

In order to give opportunities for children to be recognised as role models, the teachers select eight different Year 6 children each term to be House Captains. They carry out a range of duties and responsibilities. During their term of office, the house captains will have the opportunity to take on responsibilities and to work together to create presentations to deliver to their house. House points, certificates and stickers are awarded to children to recognise positive behaviour.

Coats

The weather has changed and become unpredictable. Please ensure that your child brings a coat into school everyday

Staffing

Mrs Houghton, our Inclusion Manager, will be retiring on Wednesday 30th September. Mrs Houghton has worked at Garden Suburb Junior School for 20 years and will be greatly missed. I would like to thank her for her hard work and support throughout her time at the school and wish her well in her retirement. Mrs Goldman, who has been working closely with Mrs Houghton this month, will be our Acting SENCO.

Today is Mrs Chalfen's, last day. Ms Bailey will be our new Administrator/Business Manager from Monday.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

