



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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## Newsletter 09/2020

Dear Parents/Carers

The re-opening of school in September has been a challenge and I am relieved to have now made it to the half term holiday. I would like to thank everyone in our school community for their positivity during this very difficult time. In particular, I would like to congratulate the children for their resilience. They are all tired now and in need of a well-earned holiday.

Thank you everyone for your vigilance and support with monitoring your children's health over this half term. Our attendance this week was 97% which is excellent. I am proud of what we have managed to achieve. No positive Covid-19 tests have been reported within our community this week.

**If your child does develop symptoms in half term. 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 ensure that you follow all advice regarding testing and self-isolating** and inform Mrs Morgan Chiswick of any test results on the new welfare email address: [welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

### Secondary Transfer Information for Year 6 Parents

Information about Secondary Transfer can be accessed on our website.

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

Please remember that the deadline for submitting applications is **31<sup>st</sup> October 2020**.

### School Photographs

An individual 'proof copy' was sent home a couple of weeks ago and you will be able to purchase your child's school photograph directly from the photographer. Orders can be made up until **Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> October 2020**.

### Curriculum Events and Assemblies

- **Showbie - Please look at your child's account to see work that they are proud of.**

A guide for parents is 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 by email. The class teacher's emails are detailed on the school website:

<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/page/?title=Contact+details&pid=238>

- **Holiday Revision Homework** – all children have been given a paper copy of a holiday revision homework booklet. Ask your child to show you the pack and support them with completing some of this work next week. It is voluntary but it would be worth everyone having a go.
- **Year 6** enjoyed workshops on Tuesday delivered by Victoria Gordon, a representative from English Heritage based at Kenwood House. She talked to the children about the history and geography of the house and local land. In addition, she shared information about some of the famous paintings on display at Kenwood. This replaced our annual trip to Kenwood House in Hampstead.





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- **Year 4** were visited by a Roman centurion, on Wednesday, who helped the children learn about their Roman topic. He showed each class his shield and explained about the tactics that made the Roman army so successful. The children's engagement and participation was excellent.

## PTA Lottery- You have got to be in it to win it!

Congratulations to Mrs M who is our latest Garden Suburb School Lottery Winner. If you haven't signed up yet, visit our lottery here for your chance to win £25,000. Next draw takes place this **Saturday 24th October**.

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

Good luck everyone!

From the PTA

## Attendance and Punctuality: Please note that your child should arrive at school by between 8:40am and 8:55am.

If your child arrives after 8:55am they are late. Please ensure that you supervise your child in Childs Walk, before school starts, in order that they maintain a social distance from other children. If your child is a lone traveller (Y5 and Y6 pupils only) talk to them about coming straight to school and not to wander around the shops on the Finchley Road.

## Making contact with the school

We always like to hear from parents and carers in our community but would ask that all **non-urgent** messages be sent to the school by email to the following contacts below.

- **Class teacher:** Various | ([class number](#))@gsjs.barnet.sch.net
- **Welfare and Attendance:** Mrs Morgan Chiswick | [welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net)
- **Other messages:** Ms Bailey | [office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)
- **Senco Support:** Mrs Goldman | [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

There is an INSET day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November and the **school is closed to the children**.

School opens for the children after the holiday on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November.

Enjoy the holiday and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

