



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Newsletter 16/2020

17th December 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

This is the last newsletter of 2020 and the term ends tomorrow. Please see the details below of the pick-up times for your child's year group. As usual at the end of the term we are closing early.

I would like to thank and congratulate our whole school community on their positive and supportive attitude throughout this term. We have come through this difficult period together and I am extremely proud of everyone.

The children have been 'stars' and have managed all the restrictions that we have had to put in place to make school a safer place to be.

The staff have been positive and committed to making our school a happy and engaging environment to learn in.

Your commitment, as parents/carers has been, amazing - thank you! You have trusted us with the care of your children - our attendance has been outstanding. You have also been both extremely supportive and safe - keeping your children at home when necessary and communicating with us effectively.

Together we have made this difficult situation work for the good of everyone but most importantly, the children. I am delighted that we have been able to provide the routine and social interaction that school brings.

The staff have also worked hard this term to ensure that we are able to provide the 'blended learning offer' should children and/or staff have to self-isolate. I am pleased that in the last few weeks all class teachers have been given new laptops with all the necessary audio visual applications needed for home learning. We have also worked hard to ensure that our new platform 'Showbie' is now up and running.

Home Learning Policy

Attached to this letter is our new 'Home Learning Policy' for your consultation. This policy has been approved by the Governing Body and in January we will contact you, to seek your feedback.

Covid-19 Cases During the Holidays

If your child comes down with Covid-19 symptoms within **48 hours of being in school** (up to Sunday 20th December for most children), you must notify the school. The school will be closed so we will not be taking phone calls, so please email us on welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net

When communicating with the school - Please ensure that you include the full name of your child and their year group and class.

The email will be checked daily. If you get a positive test result within the first six days (until 24th December), we will need to inform any contacts that they should isolate (this could be a whole class). Communications will most likely come via Parentmail.

After this initial period, you must inform NHS Test and Trace. A Parentmail will be sent out separately with more details.





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If your child does develop symptoms, 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 the school of any test results on the email address: welfare@gjsjs.barnetmail.net

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Seasonal Class Presentations** - Recordings have been made and the final editing is taking place today. The link to watch them will be uploaded onto your child's Showbie account by tomorrow and it will remain live until 4th January 2021.

Thank you to Miss Baker, our music co-ordinator, who has worked so hard to ensure that music takes place under the current restrictions. It is lovely to see children playing their instruments together in year group bands!

- **Class parties** – the children have enjoyed their parties and festive fun this week
- **'Save The Children'** – we collected £216.96. Thank you!

Seasonal 'Thank You' to our Support Staff

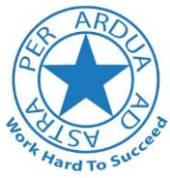
Thank you very much for the generous donations for our all of our support staff.

PTA Notices

- **PTA Seasonal Collection** - Thank you to those who have made a contribution to the PTA fund raising seasonal collection. The amount raised so far is just under £2,500. We haven't reached our target yet...so please keep the donations coming in.
- **PTA Lottery - You have got to be in it to win it!**
Congratulations to Mrs B 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 19th December**.
<https://www.yourschoolottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior> Good luck everyone!
- **Discounts for Parents/Carers - Support small businesses and help support GSJS PTA fundraising.** The PTA are delighted to be able to offer you the following discounts from these fantastic two companies who are helping to support our PTA.
- **Christmas Trees** - Holidays are coming 🎄👶🎄. Get a discount when you buy a gorgeous real Christmas Tree and help to raise money for our school. Please use the code **'GARDEN'** to get your discount.
Buy your tree here: <https://christmastreeexpress.co.uk/>
- **Wooden Gifts** - www.esjaylondon.co.uk Use Discount code: GARDEN10
- **PTA Face Book Page** - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/GJSPTACOMMUNITY/>

Thank you to our PTA for all of their hard work with fundraising this term and a special thankyou to our Chair Rachel Joseph.





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Funtime Club/Child Care

On the last day of term, breakfast club will be open as normal. However, after school club will be closed. Both clubs will be open again from Tuesday 5th January.

Last Day of Term – Friday 18th December

The last day of term will be a mufti day and children will not be required to wear uniform.

Year 3 and 4 – finish at 1.30pm

Year 5 and 6 – finish at 1.40pm

Please ensure that you make the necessary arrangements to collect your child on time.

School opens to the children next year on Tuesday 5th January 2020.

Happy holidays, greetings of the season.... and stay safe!

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

