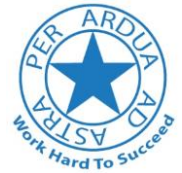


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1ST October 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Kindness** was the theme of assemblies this week. I particularly focused on how important it was that we use our words kindly to avoid hurting the feelings of others. Ask your children about the practical activities we did to illustrate the importance of how we use our words.
- **Online Safety:** I talked to the children about the importance of how we used our words online and through text messages. Children at primary school should not be using WhatsApp or other social networking sites. Please ensure that your children are not members of any group chats. They do not have the maturity to manage group chats and they can frequently be a vehicle for unkind words, unpleasantness and even bullying.
- **Curriculum Events:** Click on the link for more details of some of the curriculum activities that are taking place. <https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2>

Mobile Phones

Children are **not** permitted to bring a phone into school. In exceptional circumstances permission may be granted but a written request has to be made to the Head Teacher. Children should not be bringing smart phones into school that have access to the internet or a camera. 'Brick Phones' can be purchased at a low cost and are enough for communicating when travelling alone. Most secondary school are now banning phones - so do not think that you are preparing your child for secondary school by buying them a phone. Children's biggest way of pressurising parents is by saying 'my friends have one'. If as a community, you all resist the pressure to give your children a phone you will be helping each other.

Save the date for the Year 3 Curriculum Morning: Friday 15nd October 9:00am – 11:00am.

We are currently planning a curriculum morning for Year 3 parents on Friday 15th October 9:00am – 11:00am in the Junior School hall. In order to keep this meeting safe and limit numbers, will be inviting just one parent per family. No toddlers allowed. At this meeting will be giving an overview of the Maths and English curriculum and suggestions of how you can also support your child at home. More details to follow.

Parent/Teacher Consultations

We will be holding parent/teacher consultations in school on the following dates:

Tuesday 12th October 3:40pm-6:30pm

Tuesday 19th October 3:40pm- 6:30pm

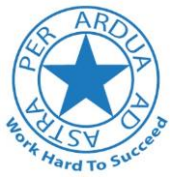
This will be an opportunity for you to have a 10-minute meeting with your child's class teacher and also to take some time to look through your children's books before the meeting outside the classroom. We are delighted that we are now able to invite parents into school for these very important meetings. More details of how to book your appointment to follow.

School Photographs

The individual and sibling photograph proofs have been sent home with the children today. If you wish to order copies, you need to log on to the website provided on the proof. Please ensure you use the access code provided for your child's class, then you can order and pay for copies you require. Photographs will be delivered back to school and then distributed. **The deadline for orders is Wednesday 20th October 2021.**

Any orders after the deadline date will incur a £2.95 P&P charge, and will sent to your home address.





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PTA Meeting

Please put these two dates in your diary:

1. PTA meeting at 9:00am on Thursday 14th October in the Junior Dinner Hall.
2. Annual General Meeting of the PTA at 9:00am on Friday 5th November in the Junior School Hall

Before the pandemic, PTA Class Representatives were meeting regularly to plan some lovely community events and fund raising initiatives for Garden Suburb Junior School. Class Representatives were also giving feedback on school policies etc. We would like to start meeting again. If you would like to be a Class Representative Please email your details (name and class) to the Chair of the PTA, Rachel Josephs gsjspta@yahoo.com
The Class Representative provides a link of communication between the school and parents/carers.

Thank you to those who have already emailed Rachel we still need Class Reps for 4S and 5S.

School Fund

Thank you very much to those who have already contributed. We do appreciate the contribution of £20 per family per year, towards the school fund. This money is spent in various ways for classroom extras. **You will find the item available to pay in your ParentMail shop under Donations > School Fund (Juniors).**

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 1st October 2021, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

Please check your emails and spam folders to see if you have won as there are 3 people who have yet to claim their winnings!

Second Hand Uniform Sale

The PTA would like to do a second hand uniform sale on Tuesday 5th October and Friday 8th October. They need volunteers. Please email your details to gsjspta@yahoo.com if you would like to help.

Have a lovely weekend

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

