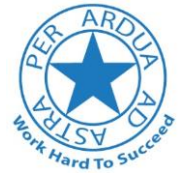


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10th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

COVID UPDATED GUIDANCE:

Following new guidance from Barnet Public Health, these are the measures we ask families to take, to keep our school community safe:

- Please carry out regular lateral flow tests on Sunday and Wednesday evenings at the least.
- If someone in the family has a positive result, all those in contact are strongly advised to take a PCR test and **not to attend school while waiting for the result**. Keep the school informed on welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net
- If we have a positive case in a class, we will inform parents in the class and ask them to carry out lateral flow tests with the family and to repeat these more frequently for 10 days. Your children are still allowed to attend school if these tests are negative and they are symptom free.
- If your child develops any symptoms OR has a positive lateral flow test, you should request a PCR test immediately, and they should not attend school until they have a negative result.

Health and Safety Notice: Safe Parking

Thank you to the parent volunteers who monitor the parking on the Willifield slip road. We also have our 'Little People' signs to discourage parking in this area. It was disappointing to hear that a member of our community ignored the signs and was extremely impolite to our volunteers this week. It is never acceptable to park in the area around the car park and the footpath, even if you are late! We have children who travel alone who are put in danger if you park or drive in this area at drop off and pick up times.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

Disability Awareness

The theme of assemblies this week was 'Disability Awareness'. The children learnt about a range of disabilities, learning differences and medical conditions to encourage understanding and inclusion, both at school and in the wider world. They learnt how everyone should be treated respectfully.

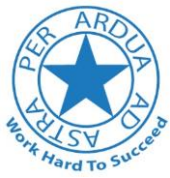
Jeans for Genes Day – Friday 17th September

On Friday 17th September, we will take part in Jeans for Genes day. Children should come to school wearing a pair of jeans and their school tops. As it is a Year 6 PE day, please ensure that all Year 6 pupils bring their PE kit with them so they are able to take part in their PE lesson. Donations for the charity will be collected at the door.

Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs

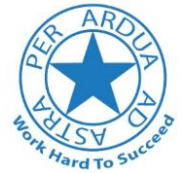
Funtime is open for both breakfast and after school club. Due to the fact that we have to limit our group sizes, all places MUST be booked in advance. For more information please contact Sharon on 07506 030 037 or email Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com





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Health and Safety Notice – We are a nut aware school.

We have many children who are allergic to nut products and ask that snacks and packed lunches do not contain nut products. This includes Nutella and peanut butter which has been in some of the children's packed lunches. Please check that any food brought into school is nut free.

School Lunches

Mrs Morgan Chiswick, our Welfare Assistant administers school lunch monies:

- Payment must be made online through your ParentMail account (Payments>Shop)
- Lunch money should always be paid in advance. Credits are made to your account if your child is absent from school.
- Parents are politely requested to ensure that they do not allow their lunch accounts to fall into arrears. The cost of school lunch is **£11.70 per week**
£86.58 for the first half of the Autumn Term £166.14 for the full term
- Free School Meals: If you think that you are eligible, please contact Ms Bailey in the school office to apply.

Y6 School Journey

The current situation with Covid-19 is still very uncertain with increased infection rates both in Barnet and nationally. We have decided that the risks associated with taking the children on a residential trip in October 2021, whilst also keeping the rest of school open for all of the other year groups, are too great. We have therefore re-arranged the trip. I am pleased that the Kingswood Centre have been able to offer an alternative date and hope that the risk assessment nearer the time allows for the trip to take place. The date of the trip has been rearranged to **Monday 16th May to Friday 20th May 2022**. This is the week after SATS and will be a lovely event for the children to look forward to.

School Fund

A reminder to both existing and new parents who have not yet contributed this year: 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 11th September 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

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

