



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Tests Helps to Keep Our Community Safe

We now expect all children to have a lateral flow test before they come to school every day.

If your child has any Covid symptoms, you must request a full PCR test and not send them in to school until you have a negative result back. We have a busy, fun few weeks ahead of us and we don't want to have to cancel any of the upcoming events.

Please ensure you have a stock of lateral flow tests at home so you can continue to test regularly. Tests can be ordered (for free) from the NHS, click on the following link to either have some sent to your home, or to be collected from a pharmacy near you: [Rapid lateral flow coronavirus \(COVID-19\) tests - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk)

With your continued support we hope to get safely through to the end of term!

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

We put great effort in to developing the cultural capital of the children through our broad curriculum.

- **Anti-bullying Week:** The theme of assemblies this week was celebrating diversity and accepting differences.
- **Year 3 Drama Workshops:** Workshops took place today called 'Hidden Figures – Black and British'. The children learnt fascinating stories of brilliant Black people, often omitted from our history lessons, who have shaped our country. These 'hidden figures' were used to entertain and inform discussions to give an insight into our history; a history that includes Black people as fundamental to creating the fabric of our society and the rich tapestry of who we are today.
- **Year 5 Drama Workshops:** The children enjoyed workshops in the morning where they met one of Henry VIII's wives, Catherine Parr, and learnt about the life of a soldier in Tudor Times. In the afternoon they had a visit from Henry VIII and learnt more about his many wives. The children experience Tudor music and dance and thoroughly enjoyed dressing up in Tudor costumes for the day. Well done everyone!
- **Year 4 Virtual Tour of Houses of Parliament:** The Year 4 children enjoyed a virtual tour of the Houses of Parliament today where they experienced an interactive presentation explaining how the House of Lords and House of Commons worked. They learnt how bills become laws. Finally, they took part in a mock debate.
- **Football:** The boys' team took part in a league match against Brooklands school and won 3-0. A mixed team also took part in a friendly match and drew 2-2. Well done everyone!

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>

Our Seasonal Decoration Competition

The entries for the competition are fabulous. Well done everyone! They are making the corridor look very festive. The winners will be announced next week.

The Year 3 Class Assemblies are at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on the following dates:

3J Tuesday 30th November

3G Tuesday 14th December

Parents are invited to attend their child's assembly.

HOLIDAY CLUB- Fun Time

Funtime will not be running over the Christmas break this year, and they will not be running in the afternoon of the last day of term.





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The Green

Some areas of Willifield Green have been reseeded, following damage caused by a maintenance vehicle. We have had a message from Highway Maintenance, asking children NOT to play in any areas of bare soil, and to avoid using the green space and keep clear until it is restored to its former glory.

Piano Concert - Mr Watsons's Pupils

Mr Watson is holding a concert for his pupils on Friday 10th December at 9:00am in the Junior hall. Parents are invited to attend.

Violin Concert – Miss Lodge's Pupils

Miss Lodge is holding a concert for his pupils on Friday 10th December at 2:30pm in the Junior hall. Parents are invited to attend.

Seasonal Fair: *Please continue to bring in your gifts!*

The fair is during the school day on **Friday 3rd December**. This is a wonderful fundraising event which is a highlight of the children's annual calendar! Thank you to all those who have already donated / volunteered to help. On the day of the fair children should bring their money to spend **(£15 max) in a labelled purse or wallet**. Please also ensure that your child brings a **labelled bag** in to carry their shopping on the day.

Save The Children- Wear your festive Jumper to School Again! Friday 10th December

We will be taking part in 'Festive Jumper Day' and collecting donations for save the children.

Seasonal 'Thank You' to our Support Staff

It has been our custom for many years for the children to say 'thank you' to our support staff, for all that they do for the school, by giving them a Christmas gift. These are invaluable members of staff whose dedication and hard work is often unseen. This includes our: meal time supervisors, kitchen staff and cleaning staff, caretakers Mr Adolphe and Mr Shepherd and the team of learning support assistants. We would be very happy to receive your donations – please send any donations, in a sealed envelope marked 'Support Staff Christmas Gifts' and ask your child to hand to their class teacher, by Friday 10th December, thank you.

Amazon Wish List: *There is still plenty of books left to purchase and we are adding to the list all the time.*

Thank you in advance if you are able to support us. Please visit the following link to visit our wish list:

<https://amzn.eu/7BUe39B>

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 27th November 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.

EasyFundraising

Please remember to sign up and use **EASYFUNDRAISING** when doing any online shopping. It is a really easy way for us to raise vital money for our school. Sign up now: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gsj>

Thank you everyone for supporting the PTA Krispy Crème Doughnut sale at the end of the day today. It sold out! 540 doughnuts were sold and £263.50 was raised! **Thank you PTA!**

Yours sincerely

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