



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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25<sup>th</sup> November 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## Absence from School- Polite Request

Please do not send absence requests via 'Showbie' or to the class teacher's email.

Mrs Morgan-Chiswick manages attendance and she should be informed by email

[welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net), before 9am, if your child is not well enough to attend school.

Please also email the school, in advance, should you need to request absences for any other reason e.g. for religious festivals, school visits and medical appointments.

## Please note:

- Any absence from school that extends a school holiday will usually not be authorised.
- Last day of Term Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December - Early Closure  
On the last day of term children do not need to wear their uniform.  
**Year 3 and 4** – finish at 1.30pm  
**Year 5 and 6** – finish at 1.40pm
- We do not have an INSET Day in January 2022. School opens for everyone on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

## Funtime/Childcare

Funtime will be open for breakfast club on the last day of term, Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December but will not be open after school. The club will open again on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.

## Governor Recruitment - Do you, or anyone you know, have skills to offer our Governing Body?

Following the election of our two parent governors, Daniel Asher and Luisa Pettigrew, we are now looking to co-opt some additional governors. It is possible that further vacancies may arise in the future.

As a governing body, we are particularly keen to speak to candidates with the following skills:

- Finance and fundraising
- HR/recruitment
- Legal
- Property management/health and safety

Co-opted governors do not need to be parents; indeed, it's important that we have a good balance on the board between parents and the wider community.

So if you, or someone you know, has the skills we need, and would be interested in becoming a governor to help our schools deliver the best educational experience for our children, please contact the school office via email: [office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)





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## Dates for your diary when children can wear their festive or favourite jumper

- **Seasonal Fair:** Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December. The PTA set up the hall for a festive shopping extravaganza. Children can wear a festive or favourite jumper with the rest of their uniform.
- **Christmas/Seasonal Jumper day:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear a festive or favourite jumper with the rest of their uniform.
- **Children's Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December. The teachers sit with the children to eat their lunch. All of the children enjoy a cracker in their classroom before they have their school lunch/packed lunch. Children can wear their festive/favourite jumper, with the rest of their uniform, to school again on this day.

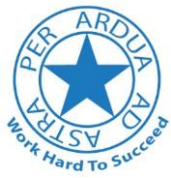
## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Road Safety:** The theme of assemblies this week has been road safety. The Travel Ambassadors have presented an assembly to their classes today and announced a competition.

I am disappointed to report that I observed many parents dropping off children dangerously by stopping on the double yellow lines on Finchley Road. The best way for children to learn about anything is by observing good role models. It is a parent's responsibility to always show by example how to behave, particularly when it comes to safety issues.

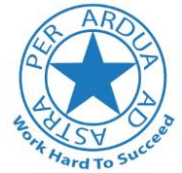
- **Y5 Visit to Hampton Court:** The Year 5 children are studying the Tudor period in History. They enjoyed an engaging trip this week and were lucky not to have any rain on the day! It is especially important that we bring our history curriculum alive to enhance the children's 'cultural capital'. Immersion in a history topic like this develops understanding, enhances remembering of learning and develops children's historical skills and vocabulary. The children behaved well on the day and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you to the many parents who helped on the day too.
- **Seasonal Decoration Competition:** We had a good response to the seasonal decoration competition and the entries are now hanging in the corridors. Well done to everyone who took part. The year group winners will be announced in assembly on Monday.
- **Seasonal Fair Seasonal Fair:** *Please continue to bring in your gifts!*  
The fair is during the morning on **Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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** to carry their shopping in on the day.
- **Year 3 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on the following dates:**  
**3G Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November**  
**3J Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December**





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- **Piano Concert Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2:30pm.** The concert, in the Junior Hall, is for parents of the children who have lessons with Mr Watson.
- **Violin Concert Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2:30pm.** The concert, in the Junior Hall, is for parents of the children who have lessons with Miss Lodge.
- **Winter Concert Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2:15pm.** Children who attend choir and band will be performing for their parents. More details to follow.

## **You could win £25,000! - GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY - You've got to be in it to win it!**

Click on the link and take a look. You could be the lucky winner at the same time as raising funds for the school! The next draw is this Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2022. Only £1 per ticket.

[Join GSJS School Lottery](#)

## **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 9<sup>th</sup> December. Thank you.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

