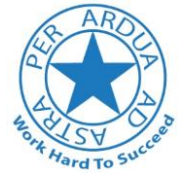


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2<sup>nd</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

## Seasonal Fair

The Seasonal Fair was a great success today. Thank you:

- to the team of parents who worked hard to plan and prepare this event
- for the donations of money and gifts
- to the parents who helped on the day
- for giving your children spending money on the day.

This was a magical event and we had a lot of happy children who enjoyed their shopping experience as well as meeting Santa, and his naughty elf.

## 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.

## Seasonal Post Box

Each classroom will have a post box if children wish to write cards to their classmates.

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

- **Christmas/Seasonal Jumper day:** Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December. Children can wear a festive or favourite jumper with the rest of their uniform. We will be taking part in Save the Children's 'Christmas Jumper Day'. Millions of people up and down the country will come together – at their workplace, school or with friends – to make the world better with a sweater. This year will be TWICE as good as before. Every time you donate £2, the UK government has totally promised to give £2 to Save the Children too. Children are invited to wear a seasonal/favourite jumper with their school uniforms and are encouraged to bring in a small donation. Where possible, please consider swapping jumpers with someone else, second hand purchases or reusing a jumper so we can lower our carbon footprint!
- **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.

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

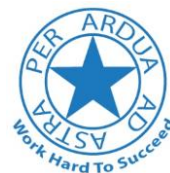
You could be the lucky winner at the same time as raising funds for the school! The next draw is this Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2022. Only £1 per ticket. Click on the link [Join GSJS School Lottery](#)





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**Spring Term 2023 - Extra-Curricular Activities will start week beginning Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.**

Look out for the emails with more details.

## After School Clubs

Football Year 3 and Year 4 Monday

Football Year 5 and Year 6 Tuesday

Taekwondo Year 3 and Year 4 Tuesday

Dance Club (all Year groups) Wednesday

High 5 (Netball) Year 5 and Year 6 Thursday

Spanish Year 5 and Year 6 Thursday

Gymnastics (all Year groups) Friday

## Lunch time clubs

Chess Club Advanced Monday

Chess Club Year 3&4 and Year 5&6 Thursday

Choir

Band

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **3J Class Assembly Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> December.** Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall Well done to 3G for their fabulous class assembly on democracy and the rule of law this week.
- **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.

## 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

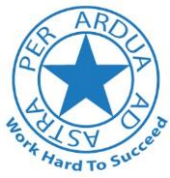
On the last day of term children do not need to wear their uniform.

**Year 3 and 4** – finish at 1.30pm

**Year 5 and 6** – finish at 1.40pm

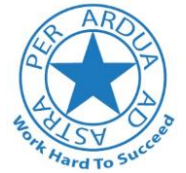
- We do not have an INSET Day in January 2022. School opens for everyone on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023.





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## 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.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar | Head Teacher

