



Garden Suburb Junior School

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9th December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Seasonal Fair

I am pleased to report that the Seasonal Fair raised £3,943. Thank you everyone for supporting this PTA fund raising event.

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 Monday 12th December. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

- **Children's Christmas Lunch:** Wednesday 14th 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.
- **PTA Annual General Meeting Friday 13th January 9:10am– All Parents are invited to attend**
- **Year 5 and Year 6 Curriculum Talk - Monday 16th January 6:00pm**
At this meeting the expectations of upper school will be discussed including information on the Year 6 End of Key Stage 2 SATS tests taken in May. In order to prepare for this, we would like to invite you to an information evening on Monday 16th January at 6pm.

Spring Term 2023 - Extra-Curricular Activities will start week beginning Tuesday 3rd January 2023.

Look out for the emails with more details. We still have spaces available in the Spanish Club and High 5/Netball.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- 'Save the Children': Assemblies this week have focused on this charity and the very interesting history of how it began. 'Save the Children' was started by sisters Eglantyne Jebb and Dorothy Buxton. In 1919, Jebb was arrested for distributing leaflets, in Trafalgar Square, with shocking images of children affected by famine in Europe following the impact of World War I. Jebb was tried for her protest and found guilty. However, the prosecuting counsel was so impressed with her that he offered to pay the £5 fine himself. Later that year the sisters founded the charity, that now supports children impacted by war, famine and disasters all over the world.

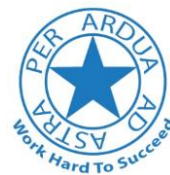
Thank you for the donations for the charity today. Nationally the Day is called 'Christmas Jumper Day' but as I explained to the children, in our community, we don't all celebrate Christmas. The children enjoyed wearing their favourite /seasonal jumpers today. Thank you for the donations for the charity that you sent in with your children.





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- **Well Done Musicians:** The violin and piano concerts took place last week and it was wonderful that we could give the children the opportunity to perform to an audience. Well done everyone and thank you Miss Lodge and Mr Watson for preparing the children.
- **Winter Concert Monday 12th December 2:15pm.** Children who attend choir and band will be performing for their parents.
- **3J Class Assembly Tuesday 13th December.** Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall

Absence from School- Polite Request

- Any absence from school that extends a school holiday will usually not be authorised.

- Last day of Term Friday 16th 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 3rd January 2023.**

Funtime/Childcare

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

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 3rd December 2022. Only £1 per ticket. Click on the link [Join GSJS School Lottery](#)

Yours sincerely

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