

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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27<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

## Industrial Action – School Closure Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February

You will no doubt have heard on the news about planned strikes in the UK, by the National Education Union (NEU). The first is due to take place next week on **Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February**.

You may not realise that these strikes are about the issue of funding for schools, as well as school teacher pay. These are both issues that have had a major impact on our school, and our school teachers.

**I am sorry to inform you that Garden Suburb Junior and Infant School will be closed to the children on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> February.**

We have not taken this decision lightly but we are unable to make the necessary plans to open safely.

We are working closely with our staff union representatives to keep up to date with the situation, and I will inform you as soon as possible if arrangements change further.

## PTA Meeting

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting today.

We would really like to have a Class Rep for each class. Please email Andrew Mc Herron : [gardenjpta@gmail.com](mailto:gardenjpta@gmail.com) if you are willing to be the Class Rep so that an up to date list can be created. A Spring disco is planned for the last week of term (See dates below). Please email Andrew if you are happy to be on the disco planning team.

**The next PTA meeting is Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February.**

## Half Term Child Care

If you require child care over half term Funtime is running. For further information or to enquire about a place please email Funtime directly at [shaz.funtime@outlook.com](mailto:shaz.funtime@outlook.com) or telephone on 07506 030 037.

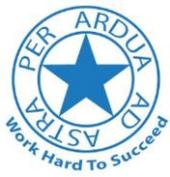
## Litter in the Playground

We are noticing an increase in the amount of litter in the playground. Please ensure that you and your children are careful at the end of the day.

## School Uniform

Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform. Trainers and other footwear should be plain in colour (Black or blue or shoes). Please avoid brightly coloured and patterned trainers. Please check that long hair is tied back before leaving the house





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## Dates for your diary

➤ **Year 4 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend.**

Over the course of the year all classes will have an opportunity to perform to their parents.

The Year 4 Class Assemblies are at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall on the following dates:

**4J** Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January      **4S** Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February

➤ **Art Exhibition – Parents invited to attend**

Years 3 and 4 Exhibition: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Years 5 and 6 Exhibition: Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

➤ **Parent/Teacher Consultations- Save the date**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> March      3:40pm - 6:30pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March      3:40pm - 6:30pm

All parents are expected to take advantage of this opportunity to meet with their child's teacher and look at their child's work.

Booking will be through ParentMail and an email will be sent on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> February to inform you that booking is open.

➤ **Spring Disco**

Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm - 5:00pm: Y3 and Y4 Lower School Disco

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> March 3:30pm - 5:00pm: Y5 and Y6 Upper School Disco

**More details to follow-** Please email [gardenjpta@gmail.com](mailto:gardenjpta@gmail.com) if you can help.

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

We engage and motivate your children with a wide variety of events that enrich their learning experiences across the curriculum. We put a lot of emphasis on developing the children's 'cultural capital' this way. In addition, these events also support remembering of their learning.

Please see the 'Latest News' on our website for more details on our curriculum events

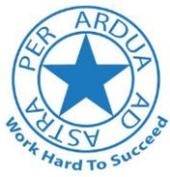
<https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2>

➤ **Maths week will be taking place next week. An email with all the details was sent last week**

Children may bring in a donation on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> February of up to £5 to donate towards the NSPCC/School fund.

All children will receive a cake to enjoy at playtime.





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- **'Mathematical Bake-Off' On Friday 3rd February:** We will be holding a whole school 'Mathematical Bake-Off' competition. All children and their families are invited to take part. We kindly ask children to make cakes, cupcakes, tray bakes, biscuits or any other baked goods decorated with a mathematical theme. Any cakes/biscuits must be brought into school during soft start on the morning of Friday 3rd February and placed on the tables in the entrance.

All entries must be nut free and pre-cut into slices before being brought into school. **If you make cakes that are egg free, gluten free, vegan or dairy free please label them clearly.** Any leftover cake will be sold after school in the playground.

The School Council and Year 6 House Captains will judge the winners of the bake off based on the mathematical creativity of the decoration/design (1 winner will be chosen from each class). Bake off winners will receive a maths themed prize.

With kind regards,

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar  
Head teacher

## Other PTA Fund Raising initiatives:

**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 28th January 2023. Only £1 per ticket. Click on the link [Join GSJS School Lottery](#)

## Looking for Name Labels?

[Click here to order Stikins® Name Labels](#) and raise money for the school - just remember to fill in the school's unique code **7729**.

## Shopping Online?

We need your help! If you shop online, please could you sign up to **easyfundraising** to support Garden Suburb Junior School - Childs Way? It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 4,000 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. When you make a purchase, **the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.**

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