



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

15<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> September</b> 6:00pm-7:15pm Junior Hall	<b>Meeting for Y6 Parents - Secondary Transfer and School Journey</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> September</b> 3:40pm- 6:00pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>Photographer in school to take individual photos</b>
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Y6 Visit Kenwood House</b>
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Y4 Visit Verulamium</b>
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9:00am- 11:00am Junior Hall	<b>Curriculum talks for Y3 and Y4 Parents</b>
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Y5 Drama Workshops on Wind Rush</b>
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b> 3:40pm- 6:00pm	<b>Parent/Teacher Consultations</b>
<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Y6 Residential School Journey to the Isle of Wight</b>
<b>Half Term</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October- Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October	
<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>INSET DAY – School closed to the children</b>
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b> Junior Hall	<b>Y6 Shakespeare Workshops</b> Romeo and Juliet
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y5 Visit Hampton Court</b>
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children in Need Charity Day</b>
<b>Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair</b>
<b>Friday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Seasonal Jumper Day</b>
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day of term – Non uniform Day</b> <b>Early Closure</b> 1:25pm Y3 and Y4      1:30pm Y5 and Y6
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Start of the Spring Term</b>

### Meeting for Y6 Parents: Secondary Transfer and School Journey 6:00pm-7:15pm in the Junior Hall

There will be a meeting for parents to discuss the residential school journey to the Isle of Wight. There will also be a talk on the secondary transfer process.

### Curriculum Talk for Y3 and Y4 Parents- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October 9:00am- 11:00am in the Junior Hall

We will be holding a meeting for parents on the Lower School Curriculum with guidance of how parents can support their children at home.

**Second Hand Uniform Sale: Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September 3:00pm:** We will be holding a second hand uniform sale after school next Wednesday in the front playground – come along to pick up good quality uniform for only £1 per item!!! *If you are able to help out at the sale, please contact the school office and we'll pass your details to Natalie who organises the Sale*





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**World Car Free Day:** On Friday 22nd September, Garden Suburb Junior School are encouraging all families to go car-free to mark World Car-Free Day. On this day, people all around the world make the decision to find alternate travel methods for their daily commutes. This is to encourage more active travel and to provide streets free of motor traffic. Last year, over 100 families joined us in our pledge to go car-free and we would love to surpass our target. A pledge has been sent home with your child today. If you would like to pledge towards going car-free for the day, please return this completed slip to your child's class teacher.

**Attendance: Polite Reminder, Punctuality is important!**

**School starts at 8:55am and your child is late if they arrive after this time.**

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.

**The end of the school day:**

Y3 and Y4 – 3:20pm

Y6 and Y6 – 3:25pm

**Late collection is upsetting for your child and causes inconvenience to staff.**

**Assemblies and Curriculum Events**

- **Jeans for Genes:** Assemblies this week focused on the work of the charity 'Jeans for Genes'. The children learnt about genetic conditions and the challenges that they can bring. We also focused on the importance of respecting difference.
- **Producing quality work:** Upper school assembly focused on the importance of the quality of work rather than rushing to finish first. We also discussed all of the resources and prompts that their teachers provide for them to use to help them to do their best work.

**Health and Safety Notice: We are a nut aware school.**

We have children with allergies to nuts and we also have a child with a severe allergy to sesame seeds. We politely ask parents to ensure that snacks and packed lunch items do not include these items.

**Mid-Morning Snack and Water Bottles**

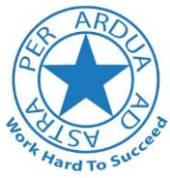
Please remember to send your child to school with a healthy mid-morning snack (fruit or veg) as well as a refillable water bottle.

**Please note below some general information below:**

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar  
Head Teacher





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## Extra- Curricular Activities

Extra-curricular Activities will start week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September 2023 (please check booking information)

Football Year 3 and Year 4	Monday
Football Year 5 and Year 6	Tuesday
Taekwondo (all year groups)	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 clubs, Choir.

## PE Kit – It is important you make a note of your child’s PE days

When your child has PE, **they need to come into school wearing their PE kit**. They will wear it for the whole day. If you have not yet purchased the new PE Kit, please ensure that your child wears plain blue coloured track suit bottoms (no branded kit). Our aim is that over time everyone will purchase the new kit, as they will get a lot of wear out of it.

**Year 3** Monday and Thursday

**Year 4** Tuesday and Wednesday

**Year 5** Tuesday and Thursday

**Year 6: 6G** Wednesday and Friday

**6S** Wednesday and Friday

**6J** Thursday and Friday

**ParentMail – Keep informed!** *If you need any help activating or logging in to your account, please contact Ms Bailey in the school office as soon as possible.* Newsletters will be sent electronically **every Friday by email** - please look out for them! ParentMail is used for all other communication from the school, including emergency messages regarding school closures etc., either by text, or by email. It is your responsibility to keep your ParentMail account updated with any contact detail changes by logging into your ‘Settings’.

**Please remember to also notify the school office with changes in contact details for our own records system.**

## Making contact with the school

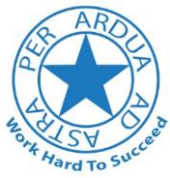
We always like to hear from parents and carers in our community but would ask that all **non-urgent** messages be sent to the school by email and directed to the following contacts below:

**Welfare, attendance, absence, pick-up arrangements** Mrs Morgan Chiswick, [welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs@barnetmail.net)

**Senco Support:** Mrs Goldman - [senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

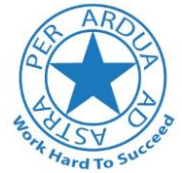
**Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -**  
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## Class teachers

Miss Hovell **3J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss Clarke **3S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Ms H Vitow **3G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Mr J Morrissey/ Miss Childs **4G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Ms N Aziz **4S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss N McKenna **4J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Mrs Margolis **5G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Ms James **5S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Mrs S Solden (formerly Miss Levin) **5J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss J Gardner **6G**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss Miss Quinn **6S**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss H Buck **6J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

## Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs (ChildCare)

Funtime is open for both breakfast and after school club. Due to the fact that we have to limit our group sizes, all places **MUST** be booked and paid for in advance. For more information please contact Sharon on 07506 030 037 or email [Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com](mailto:Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com)

## Fees

3:20pm - 5:50pm £12  
3:20pm - 4:30pm £6:00  
Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00

