



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

29th September 2023

## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

<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>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9:00am in the Junior Hall	<b>PTA Meeting</b> <b>everyone who is interested in being involved is welcome to attend.</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>

## Seasonal Flu Immunisation

If you haven't already registered your child for the flu immunisations please do so as soon as possible, the more children in our school who are immunised the less likely we are to have an outbreak of flu.

These are taking place at school on Tuesday 10 October 2023. The consent process is electronic. In order to access the online consent form, please click on the following link: <https://clchschoollimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu>

You will need to enter the unique code for the Junior School. The code is CL101281

## Parent Teacher Consultations

Please see the dates for consultations above. Booking information has been sent out via Parentmail.

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

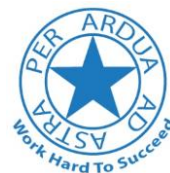
We will be holding a meeting for parents on the Lower School Curriculum with guidance of how parents can support their children at home. At this meeting there will be information on the English and Maths curriculum and inform





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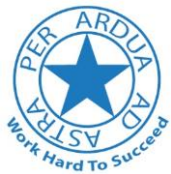
## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Air Pollution:** Lower school assembly focused on air pollution and the reasons why encourage alternative forms of transport to cars.
- **Politeness and Respect:** The upper school assembly focused on the importance good manners.
- **Pupil Voice Activities:** We provide a variety of opportunities for pupils to make contributions and influence in the life of the school. This includes having a say in the decisions made within the school that will affect their learning and education. In the Junior School we have a wide variety of opportunities for including pupils in school based decisions:
  - **House Captains:** The 'houses' are Barnet, Unwin, Coates and Melvin. Year 6 house captains lead assemblies and meetings and have responsibilities/jobs around the school. Today we held our first house assembly and the house captains introduced themselves to their houses and gave motivational presentations.
  - **The Digital Leaders:** The children carry out various duties involving completing the class floor book to evidence what they have learnt in Computing lessons and helping their peers on the iPads and laptops. They are very excited about their new role as the 'digital experts' for the class. Miss Gardner will meet with the Digital Leaders on a regular basis to monitor the progression of skills in Computing.
  - **School Council Representatives:** Judge competitions, lead discussions in class on school issues, give feedback on the curriculum
  - **Travel Ambassadors:** Promote walking and carbon neutral travelling, take part in special projects eg creating a map of walking routes, introducing competitions and judging them
  - **Book Worms:** Promoting reading and monitoring reading areas in the classroom
- **Harvest/Sukkot**  
As part of our focus on Harvest/Sukkot this focus we will be collecting food for **Homeless Action Barnet (HAB)**. Please see below the types of food we are asking for. Please bring donations into school next week. Food will be collected in the main entrance from Monday 2nd<sup>th</sup> October

## The Food We Would Like:

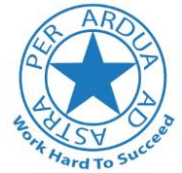
<u>Tins</u>	<u>Packets/Jars</u>
Vegetables: potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tomatoes	Sugar, Rice, Jam, Pasta Cereal
Soup, Fish, Meat, Fruit	Coffee/ Teabags





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## PTA

Thank you to everyone who attended the PTA meeting today. We discussed the fund raising events for the term. After half term we will be having our Annual General Meeting where the accounts for the year will be presented and the new committee elected - more information to follow.

**Our next PTA meeting is Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 9:00am- everyone who is interested in being involved is welcome to attend.**

Please note below some general information below:

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar  
Head Teacher

## Extra- Curricular Activities

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)	Monday/Friday

## Lunch time clubs

Chess club -Thursday

Lower School Choir - Tuesday

Upper School Choir - Thursday

## 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





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**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: -**  
[office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

## 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 **6J**@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk  
Miss H Buck **6S**@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

