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Dear Parents/Carers

20th October 2023

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

Half Term	
Monday 23 rd October- Friday 27 th October	
Details of our childcare club Funtime are listed below for those who need child care during the half term.	
Monday 30 th October	INSET DAY – School closed to the children
Friday 3 rd November	Y6 Shakespeare Workshops
Junior Hall	Romeo and Juliet
Wednesday 8 th November	Y5 Visit Hampton Court
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Charity Day
Friday 1 st December	PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair
Friday 8 th December	Seasonal Jumper Day
Thursday 21st December	Last Day of term – Non uniform Day
	Early Closure 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6
Tuesday 8 th January	Start of the Spring Term

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

See our latest news for more information about our engaging curriculum. <u>https://www.gardensuburbjunior.co.uk/news/?pid=258&nid=2</u>

- Understanding the importance of how we use our words: Upper school assembly focused on understanding how words can hurt feelings and that feelings can sometimes take longer to recover. I also discussed with the children why I am asking parents to avoid, where possible, letting children have mobile phones. The impact of mistakes when using online chats is something that is a cause for concern at Garden Suburb. I am not able to monitor phone use and online activity but parents should be. Please see the link below to a very useful site to support parents. https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/
- **Mental Health:** Lower school assembly focused on mental health and the importance of telling a trusted adult if feeling unhappy.
- Y6 Residential School Journey: The children returned from the Isle of Wight today. Reports throughout the week have been extremely positive. The staff are proud of how all of the children have managed themselves during this trip. They have participated with enthusiasm and enjoyment and have been excellent ambassadors for Garden Suburb Junior School. Well done everyone!
- **Poetry Writing Competition:** Write a poem with the theme 'Refuge'. The deadline is Friday 3rd November. There will be a prize for a winner in each class. This would be a lovely project for half term.

















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We are proud of the children and how they have all settled into the new academic year. Everyone is now ready for a well-deserved break for half term. School opens to the children after the holiday on 31st October.

Please note some general information below.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar Head Teacher

Online Safety

It is essential that parents are aware that children need to be protected from viewing inappropriate material online. This also includes, news channels, Youtube, Tik Tok and Instagram. **Children should never have unsupervised access to anything online. Lone travellers who may have a mobile phone should not have access to viewing material online. Parental controls must be used to protect children.** Please see the link below to a very useful site to support parents.

https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/

Amazon Wish List: Please see the link below for our Amazon Wish list. We would be so grateful if you could purchase one of these books for your child's class. The list features lots of high-quality, age-appropriate books which reflect diversity in genres, authors and characters.

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/24AGPETJO56RO

Extra- Curricular Activities Football Year 3 and Year 4 Football Year 5 and Year 6 Taekwondo (all year groups) Dance Club (all year groups) High 5 (Netball) Year 5 and Year 6 Spanish Year 5 and Year 6 Gymnastics (all Year groups)

Monday Tuesday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Thursday 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.

















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- 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, <u>welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net</u> Senco Support: Mrs Goldman - <u>senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net</u> Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -

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

















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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 <u>Shaz.Funtime@outlook.com</u>

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











