



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

3rd November 2023

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

Wednesday 8 th November	Y5 Visit Hampton Court
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Charity Day
Friday 24 th November	PTA Meeting Join Mrs Bhavsar to discuss the homework policy and future fund raising events
4G Tuesday 28 th November 4S Tuesday 12 th December 4J Tuesday 19 th December	Year 4 Class Assemblies Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall
Friday 1 st December	PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair
Friday 8 th December	Seasonal Jumper Day
Thursday 21 st 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

Second hand Uniform Sale – Wednesday 8th November 3:00pm

There will be a second hand uniform sale on Wednesday 8th November from 3:00pm in the playground.

Class Assemblies

All Y3, Y4 and Y5 classes will be presenting a class assembly to their parents over the year. The Y6 children will be performing their Y6 production at the end of the summer term.

This Year we are starting with the Y4 classes. The dates for the other year groups will be published in the Spring term. Please see below the dates for the **Year 4 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend at**

2:30pm in the Junior Hall:

4G Tuesday 28th November

4S Tuesday 12th December

4J Tuesday 19th December

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

See our latest news for more information about our engaging curriculum.

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

- **Seasonal Decoration Competition:** This is a traditional event that we all look forward to. Children should make their decoration at home. See the information below on how to submit your child's entry and see flier attached:
 - It must be able to hang - it **can't be too heavy** and **needs a loop at the top**
 - It can be made from **any materials** – paper, felt, tissue paper, pipe cleaners, pom poms, papier maché, recycled materials are perfect.
 - It must be labelled with your child's **name** and **class**
 - Please bring the decorations in on **Monday 20th November** (no sooner as they may get damaged before they can be hung up around the school)

The decorations will be judged by the school council on **Monday 27th November**. There will be a winner in each year group!





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- **Shakespeare Workshops:** Today the Y6 children enjoyed workshops on Romeo and Juliet
- **Staying safe by telling a trusted adult:** In assembly on Thursday I reminded the children of the importance of telling a trusted adult if anyone says or does something that is rude, unkind or causes upset. I also talked to the children about the importance of telling their parents if they felt that they could not discuss a problem with a member of staff. Parents can then contact the school.

Barnet's Active and Creative Holidays (BACE) Information Winter 2023/2024

Bookings are now live for parents and carers to apply for places for children and young people to attend our BACE holiday camps.

We know the school holidays can be challenging for some parents and carers because of work and other commitments. Our holiday club provides a range of activities from sports to performing arts and much more for children and young people from the ages of Reception to Y11 (4-16). All children also receive a healthy free meal during the day.

To attend the holiday camp, children and young people must be registered to receive benefits related free school meals and need to use the 16-digit e-voucher code provided by the school to apply for a place. All spaces are funded through the department for education.

Parents and carers not eligible for BACE camps can access our Positive Activities Holiday Provision, funded by the council, for all children and young people who attend a school or live in the Borough of Barnet.

Visit barnetyouth.uk/Term-Time--Holidays for more information

Height and Weight

Every year in England, children in Reception and Year 6 have their height and weight measured as part of the National Child Measurement Programme (NCMP). Your child's class will take part in this year's measurement programme in school on **Friday 17th November 2023**.

Please use the link below to register your child on the **Thomson portal for Height and Weight Measuring**. By registering, you will be able to see your child's measurements on-line, as letters will not be sent out. Once registered, you will also be able to OPT-OUT for your child should you wish.

PLEASE NOTE: You will need to access the link via CHROME.

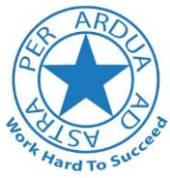
<https://app.schoolscreener.com/Portal/#/Solutions4Health/p/S4H256/101281>

Please note some general information below.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar
Head Teacher





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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	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

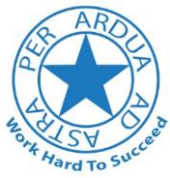
Year 5 Tuesday and Thursday

Year 6: 6G Wednesday and Friday

6S Wednesday and Friday

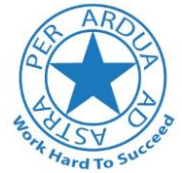
6J Thursday and Friday





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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

Senco Support: Mrs Goldman - senco@gsjs.barnetmail.net

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

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

Fees

3:20pm - 5:50pm £12

3:20pm - 4:30pm £6:00

Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00

