



# Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

10<sup>th</sup> November 2023

## Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>Children in Need Charity Day</b> Children are not required to wear their uniform and we would like to invite them to wear their own spotty outfits
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> November	<b>PTA and Class Reps Meeting</b> Join Mrs Bhavsar to discuss future fund raising events we will also be discussing the homework policy
4G Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> November 4S Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December 4J Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Year 4 Class Assemblies</b> <b>Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall</b>
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair</b>
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Seasonal Jumper Day</b>
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	<b>Last Day of term – Non uniform Day</b> <b>Early Closure</b> 1:25pm Y3 and Y4      1:30pm Y5 and Y6
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Start of the Spring Term</b>

## Dress in a spotty theme for Children in Need on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November

We will be fundraising for Children in Need. The theme this year is SPOTacular! Children are not required to wear their uniform and we would like to invite them to wear their own spotty outfits, or Children in Need themed items, on the day.. More information about the event can be accessed here. <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

**Children's Seasonal Fair:** Many thanks to those of you who have already returned their Children's Seasonal Fair Reply Slip / £15 cash per child.

If you haven't already done so, please do return these forms by **Monday 13th November 2023** in order that the PTA can calculate how much they have to spend on buying gifts. We aim to make this a very special event for the children. See flier attached.

## Seasonal Cards etc

We are expecting the delivery of the sample cards and will send them home for you to view as soon as possible next week in order for you to complete your orders. Thank you for your patience!

## 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 28<sup>th</sup> November

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4J Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December





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## 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>

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

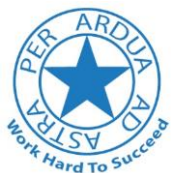
See our latest news for more information about our engaging curriculum.

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

- **Remembrance:** This week in assemblies I prepared the children for Armistice Day. I explained the significance of 11<sup>th</sup> November as well as the history of the poppies that the children may see people wearing.
- **Maths**
  - **Mathematics Learning Zone website update:** The Mathematics page of the Learning Zone on the website is updated regularly. It includes fun and engaging mathematical games and resources to help your child consolidate and pre learn important mathematical skills. Using games to learn can help increase participation, foster social and emotional learning, and motivate children. There are a variety of websites that can be accessed on a computer or tablet, iPad/tablet apps to download, books to purchase and activities to enjoy at home and out and about.
  - **Barvember:** This week, we have been celebrating Barvember, a White Rose initiative, which encourages children to use the bar model to help visualise and solve mathematical problems. Please watch <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8d5OPaXqAAA> to show you how the bar model can be used to solve a maths problem. Ask your child to explain their Maths homework to you using the bar model.
  - **TTRockstars competition:** As part of our commitment to make maths exciting and high profile, we are taking part in a friendly competition involving schools in England. **The competition runs from 7.30am on Tuesday 14th November 2023 to 7.30pm on Thursday 16th November 2023.** It's all done online via [play.ttrockstars.com](http://play.ttrockstars.com)  
Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. Winning classes in the school, and in the competition as a whole, will be the ones with the highest average. To support player wellbeing, there is a daily time limit of 60-minutes per player.

**NEW:** Please see <https://ttrockstars.com/parents/> for information on the importance of times tables, a TTRS introduction video, a parent guide, FAQs answered and free downloads.





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## ➤ **Sportshall Athletics Tournament**

On Tuesday, 26 children (4 from Y5 and 22 from Y6) attended a Sportshall Athletics tournament held at Copthall Leisure Centre. The team showed incredible resilience and teamwork in all of the events. On the day we received 2<sup>nd</sup> place and the children were all very pleased with their medals. Overall, for the Sportshall Athletics event, Garden Suburb Junior School were placed 5<sup>th</sup> in the borough. Congratulations to all those involved as it is a testament to all your hard work and determination. Thank you to Miss Gardner and Miss Bramall for taking the children to this event.

## ➤ **Seasonal Decoration Competition:** The decorations will be judged by the school council on **Monday 27<sup>th</sup> November**. There will be a winner in each year group!

- 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 20<sup>th</sup> November** (no sooner as they may get damaged before they can be hung up around the school)

## **Communicating Respectfully**

It is very important to me that communications between parents and staff should always be respectful. Recently there has been some instances where communication has not been respectful. We welcome feedback and will do all that we can to find resolution to any concerns that parents have. However, it is essential that any worries or concerns are communicated to school staff appropriately, respectfully and politely.

**Please note some general information below.**

Kind regards

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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

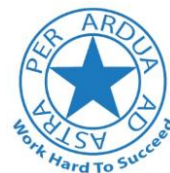
**6J** Thursday and Friday





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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](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

