



Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

1st December 2023

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2023

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
Violin Concert - Miss Lodge's Pupils Monday 11 th December 2:15am -3:00pm Choir Monday 18 th December 2:30pm.	Musical Concerts in the Junior Hall Parents of the children who are performing are invited to attend these concerts.
Friday 8th December	Seasonal/Favourite 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 9th January	Start of the Spring Term

Seasonal Fair

The children had a magical shopping experience at the Seasonal Fair today. We had some special visitors, Santa and his naughty elves. The hall was beautifully decorated and Santa's Grotto looked fabulous. Thank you to our PTA for all of the hard work that went into preparing for this very memorable event. So far we have raised £4,104 profit – which is amazing! Thank you everyone for supporting this event.

Seasonal cards etc

The orders have arrived in school and will be distributed next week.

Seasonal /Favourite Jumper Day – Friday 8th December

Every December, millions of people across the United Kingdom (and beyond) put on a festive/favourite knit at their workplace, school or with friends and make a donation to help give children the magical future they deserve. We are inviting the children to take part and will be collecting donations for the charity 'Save The Children'.

Dr Bike Free Safety Checks

Barnet Council's Parking team has arranged free Dr Bike sessions run by qualified bicycle mechanics in December. Members of the public can take along their bicycles to have a free, full safety check, which includes the condition of tyres, rims, gears, brake function and tyre pressure and adjustments can be made if required.

The sessions will take place on the following dates between 9am and 3pm.

Lodge Lane Car Park, North Finchley, N12	02/12/2023
Watling Avenue Car Park, Burnt Oak, HA8	03/12/2023
Stapylton Car Park, Barnet, EN5	09/12/2023
Marsh Drive Car Park, West Hendon, NW7	10/12/2023
Watling Avenue Car Park, Burnt Oak, HA8	16/12/2023
Lodge Lane Car Park, North Finchley, N12	17/12/2023
Marsh Drive Car Park, West Hendon, NW7	23/12/2023
Stapylton Car Park, Barnet, EN5	30/12/2023





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We have been asked to share the following information regarding MMR Vaccinations:

Cases of measles are rising in England and there is a risk of outbreaks in London. Protect your children against measles and prevent disruption to school attendance.

Measles is a viral illness that can be serious and sometimes fatal. Cases of measles are rising in London, and with around 75% of 5-year-olds fully vaccinated in Barnet, we are well below the World Health Organisations target of 95% needed to prevent an outbreak.

Symptoms of measles include high fever, runny nose, cough, red and watery eyes, small red spots with a bluish-white centre inside the mouth. A rash can appear later, usually on the face, upper neck, hands and feet, fading after 5 to 6 days.

Vaccination can help prevent outbreaks and protect against serious illness. Any child identified as a close contact of a measles case without satisfactory vaccination status may be asked to self-isolate for up to 21 days. [Hear from Dr Colin Campbell on the importance of the MMR vaccine.](#)

Read more about the importance of ensuring your child is up to date with their [childhood vaccinations here.](#)

Check your child's red book and contact their GP to make sure they are up to date on their routine vaccinations.

If your child has missed the vaccine as a baby or pre-schooler, contact your child's GP to make an appointment or visit a [catch up clinic](#):

- Mill Hill Clinic, Hartley Avenue, Mill Hill, NW7 2HX
- Phone: 0208 447 3622
- Email: clcht.barnetimmunisationteam@nhs.net

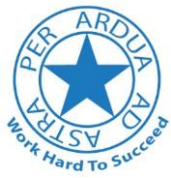
[Click here for more information.](#)

Gunita Cheema
Communications and Engagement Officer
Public Health
London Borough of Barnet

Seasonal 'Thank You' to our Support Staff

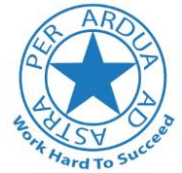
It has been our custom for many years for the children to say 'thank you' to our support staff, for all that they do for the school, by giving them a Christmas gift. These are invaluable members of staff whose dedication and hard work is often unseen. This includes our: meal time supervisors, kitchen staff and cleaning staff, caretakers Mr Adolphe and Mr Shepherd and the team of learning support assistants. We would be very happy to receive your donations – please send any donations, in a sealed envelope marked 'Support Staff Christmas Gifts' and ask your child to hand to their class teacher, by Friday 8th December. Thank you.





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GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 2nd December, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

Shopping Online?

We need your help! If you shop online, please sign up to **easyfundraising** to support Garden Suburb Junior School - Childs Way. It's a really easy way to raise money for us – you just use the easyfundraising site to shop online with more than 4,000 well known online stores like Amazon, Argos, John Lewis, ASOS, Booking.com, eBay, Boden, and M&S. When you make a purchase, **the retailer sends us a free donation, at no extra cost to you.**

We want to raise as much as possible, so please visit our new easyfundraising page and click 'support us'. It's easy! Just click here <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/gsjjs/>

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>

Please note some general information below.

Kind regards

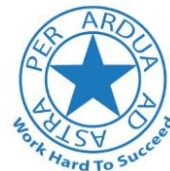
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Online Safety

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/>

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

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.**





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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

