

Garden Suburb Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers

12th January 2024

Welcome back! I hope that you had a healthy and restful holiday. The staff have asked me to thank you for the generous seasonal gifts

Diary Dates Spring Term 2023

Friday 19th January 9:10am Junior Hall Parents in all year groups are invited to this meeting	Meeting for all parents on our Relationship Sex and Health Education Programme. There will be an opportunity to view resources and ask questions – see year group letters
Monday 29th January 6:00pm-7:30pm Junior Hall	Curriculum Talk for Y5 and Y6 parents – more details to follow
Week beginning 29th January	Maths Week
Friday 2nd February Junior Hall	Annual General Meeting of the PTA All parents are welcome
Monday 5th February	Lower School Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Tuesday 6th February	Upper school Art Gallery Parents invited to attend 2:30pm-4:00pm
Half Term	Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
Monday 19th February	INSET Day - School closed to the children
Friday 1st March	Y3 Egyptian Workshops
Wednesday 6th March 3:40pm-6pm Tuesday 12th March 3:40pm-6pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations
Week beginning 18th March	Science Week
Monday 25th March 3:30pm- 5:00pm Tuesday 26th March 3:30pm-5:00pm	Lower School Disco Upper School Disco

Year 5 Class Assemblies - Save the dates

Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall:

5G Tuesday 30th January

5J Tuesday 5th March

5S Tuesday 19th March

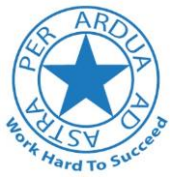
Extra - curricular activities – there are still places available in some clubs. Check the club information pack sent out in for more details. We still have spaces in some of our clubs e.g. chess club and our new art club. Details of a new Ukulele club are also being sent home today.

Attendance- There is a correlation between attainment and attendance!

Our attendance registers are monitored regularly by the Barnet Educational Welfare Officer. Parents are reminded that extensions of holidays are not permitted. Any absence, apart from sickness, must be requested in advance. **Any sickness absence directly before or after a holiday will be automatically unauthorised unless medical evidence is provided by parents.**

Punctuality Reminder: Your child is late if they arrive after 8:55am





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Art Exhibition - Save the date

This term the children will be focusing on creating a piece of work for our art exhibition which parents/carers are invited to attend. We will also have musicians playing to create a gallery ambiance.

Years 3 and 4 Exhibition: Monday 5th February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

Years 5 and 6 Exhibition: Tuesday 6th February from 2:30pm – 4:00pm

The company set up the gallery for us. The pictures are printed professionally and labelled with your child's name and the school logo. Parents will have the opportunity to purchase their child's framed work on the day of the exhibition.

It is a memento that you will keep forever!

– more details to follow.

Do you have any unwanted games?

At this time of year families may be having a clear out. We are in need of some games for our lunchtime games club. Games aimed at ages 5-11yrs would be welcome eg board games/puzzles/card games. Please ensure that they are in good condition and bring them into school in January if you wish to make a donation.

Universal Free School Meals

Primary school aged children who attend a state funded school in London will continue to receive Universal Free School Meals for another academic school year between September 2024 and July 2025. Please see the letter attached from the Mayor of London about the extension of this scheme.

If your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals, it is still vitally important – if you have not done so already – to contact the school office complete the school's short registration process. Contact Ms Bailey for more details. office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

If your child is eligible for benefits related free school meals the school receives extra Government funding, worth over £1,300 per year. You will also receive other benefits that you may be entitled to such as food vouchers during the holidays.

Dr Bike Sessions

Due to the success of the Dr Bikes in December in Barnet's car parks for parents/carers and children, there has been demand to continue these into the new year. These sessions will continue to run through January, February and March. See the flier attached for more details.

Health and Safety

I would like to politely remind you that we have some children who have severe allergies. We are a nut aware school and ask parents not to send children into school with nuts or nut products in snacks or packed lunches. We also have children who are allergic to sesame seeds and kiwi. Please help to keep all of our children safe. Last term it was noticed that children with packed lunch were bringing nut products into school.

Happy New Year!

Please note some general information below.

Kind regards

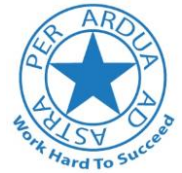
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GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 13th January, you could win £25,000! Only £1 per ticket. <https://www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/garden-suburb-junior>. You've got to be in it to win it – GOOD LUCK EVERYONE

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/gsis/>

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
Art Club (Year 4)	Tuesday
Art Club (Year 5)	Wednesday
Dance Club (all year groups)	Wednesday
High 5 (Netball) Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday
Spanish Year 5 and Year 6	Thursday
Ukulele Year 3 and Year 4	Thursday
Gymnastics (all Year groups)	Monday/Friday
Orange Performing Arts Academy	Saturday

Lunch time clubs

Chess club -Thursday

Lower School Choir - Tuesday

Upper School Choir - Thursday

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

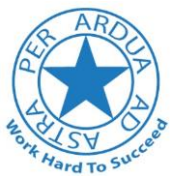
Fees

3:20pm - 5:50pm £12

3:20pm - 4:30pm £6:00

Breakfast club 7:50am- 8:45am - £4:00





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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.**

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

