

Garden Suburb Junior School

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27th September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

I am always extremely proud of how welcoming your children are when someone new joins their class. Since September we have admitted 26 new children across the school. Feedback from new parents has been extremely positive regarding how friendly, helpful and supportive they feel your children have been, welcoming their children into their new classes.

Many new children from overseas have joined our school and I am proud of the diverse, tolerant and respectful environment our school continues to be.

There will be a PTA meeting on Friday 16th October at 9:00am – 10:00am in the Junior Hall.

Everyone is welcome. We will be discussing fundraising plans for this year.

Your PTA needs you! Message from Sanaz and Andrew: Co-Chairs of the PTA

Hello everyone.

Welcome back to school for this academic year. A big welcome to all the new families whose children have started Year 3 and across the school.

My husband Andrew and I have been Co-Chairs of the Parent Teacher Association (PTA) for the last two years. This means that we been organising the events (listed below) but with the valuable help of our school community and strong team of volunteers.

The PTA forms an important part of the school community and our main task is to organise fun events for the children that raise much needed funds for the school. Our main events each academic year to date have been:

Seasonal cards, Seasonal fair, Spring disco and Summer fair

Our son is now in his final year at the school and we can no longer Co-Chair the PTA during this academic year or beyond. We are now looking for a new Chair (or Co-Chairs) for the PTA, who we can assist with mentoring the planning of events in this academic year.

Whilst we won't have the capacity to organise the events ourselves, we will be on hand to answer any questions you may have. We will do our best to ensure a smooth handover.

There will be a PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) soon and that's when the official changeover will happen. But we are on the look out now. Please consider stepping up for this rewarding and important role.

Please do email us with any questions or register your interest at: gardenjpta@gmail.com

We hope to hear from you soon!

Best wishes,
Sanaz and Andrew

Coats

Please remember to send your child to school with a water proof coat every day.





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Snacks for afterschool Clubs

Our policy is that children should only bring fruit/veg for both mid-morning and after school snacks. I am aware that some children may need something a little more substantial if they attend an after school club. In this case they may bring something like a sandwich/crackers. Please ensure that this does not contain nut products and is not sweets or crisps. Also remember it should not be something that takes a long time to eat.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Peer pressure** has been a focus of assemblies and understanding that it is important to have the self-confidence to do what you believe is the right thing, even if others try and change your mind.
- **Being Grateful** was also discussed this week with a particular focus on being grateful for our homes. This was in preparation for when we will be collecting food for Homeless Action Barnet in October.
- **House Captain Assemblies** took place today led by the Y6 House Captains

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024

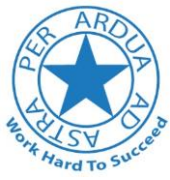
Monday 30th September - NEW As part of their Geography/History work on the local area, the children will follow a route around Hampstead Garden Suburb to learn more about the architecture and history of the area since it was developed in early 1900.	Y6 Suburb Quest Y6 will visit Central Square, Henrietta Barnett school, St Judes, Big/Little Woods and other points of interest along the way, taking note of any blue plaques they may find.
Monday 30th September	Y4 Visit Verulamium
Wednesday 2nd October	Y6 Visit Kenwood House
Monday 7th October	Y5 Drama Workshops on Wind Rush
Tuesday 8th October 3:40pm- 6:00pm	Parent/Teacher Consultations Invitation to book an appointment sent via Parentmail
Friday 11th October 9:00am- 11:00am Junior Hall	Curriculum talks for Y3 and Y4 Parents Staff will give an overview of the lower school curriculum including how parents can support their child's learning at home.
Friday 16th October - NEW 9:00am- 10:00am Junior Dinner Hall	PTA Meeting All interested parents are welcome.
Monday 21st October - Friday 25th October	Y6 Residential School Journey to Ashford, Kent.
Half Term - Monday 28th October- Friday 1st November	
Monday 4th November	INSET Day – school closed to the children
Monday 25th November (note change of date)	Y3 Visit Natural History Museum
Wednesday 27th November	Y5 Visit Hampton Court
Friday 13th December	PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair (to be confirmed)
Friday 13th December	Seasonal Jumper Day
Friday 20th December	Last Day of term – Non uniform Day Early Closure 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6
Monday 6th January Children Back PLEASE NOTE - NO INSET DAY	Start of the Spring Term

Kind regards

E. Bhavsar

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar, Head Teacher





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Please see some general information below

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

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

Emails for class Teachers:

Year 3	
Miss Clarke	3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Ms Aziz	3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Jouhal	3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 4	
Mr J Morrissey	4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss J Childs (Job Share)	
Miss Walters	4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss N McKenna	4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 5	
Mrs K Margolis	5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss S Solden	5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss C James	5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Year 6	
Miss J Gardner	6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Fernando	6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Mrs Narrainen	6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

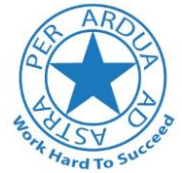
Please note: due to teaching commitments, class teachers may not be able to view or respond to emails on the day that they are sent. Urgent messages should go to Welfare or the school office.





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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

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

Extra- Curricular Activities

Gymnastics (all Year groups)	Monday
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 and Year 6	Wednesday
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)	Friday

Lunch time clubs Chess clubs, Choir

