

# Garden Suburb Junior School

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11<sup>th</sup> October 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

## Mobile Phones

I attended a very thought provoking meeting last week, along with many school leaders across North London, who are joining a campaign to have a smartphone free childhood. See the website for more details: <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>

I am looking for some interested parents who would like to support with the Garden Suburb Schools joining this campaign. If you would be interested in taking a lead role/parent representative in this campaign, please contact me via the school office email : [office@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**Reminder:** Lone travellers should only be bringing a 'brick phone'. **Smart phones are not permitted to be brought into school.** Most secondary schools are also now banning smart phones.

## Donation to School Fund

Thank you to those parents who have made a donation to school fund. This money helps for fund extras for the classrooms as well as supporting workshops and outings. Please visit your Parentmail to make a donation.

## Reminder – PTA meeting on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 9:00am -10:00pm. Everyone welcome!

We want to establish a Class Representative list. If you are the Class Rep for your class or you would like to help with PTA events, please email the PTA with your name and class. : [gardenjpta@gmail.com](mailto:gardenjpta@gmail.com)

## Raise money for the school with your ASDA shop.

Asda is currently running a scheme in conjunction with ParentKind whereby parents or friends shopping at Asda using their online app can nominate their chosen school and a small percentage of the value of the shop will be sent to the PTA! The scheme is running until the end of November, so if you normally do your shopping with Asda do consider nominating Garden Suburb Junior School! (this can also be done in store if you have the app downloaded). Thank you to those parents who have already done this – as we all know every penny helps!

See the attached poster for further information or click here: <https://www.asda.com/cashpotforschools>

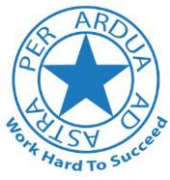
## Clothes Recycling Bin – keep bringing your unwanted items in!

We recently had a collection from our clothes recycling bin and raised £411.20 for PTA funds.

## Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Black History Month:** Frederick Douglass and Abraham Lincoln, who fought for slavery to be abolished in the United States of America, were discussed with the upper school.
- **Y5 Wind Rush Drama Workshops:** The Y5 children learnt about the history around the Wind Rush through engaging drama workshops
- **World Mental Health Day:** On Thursday this day was marked in assembly. The children learnt about the importance of focusing on their feelings and that they should tell a trusted adult if they felt worried or sad.





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## Harvest/Sukkot

As part of our focus on Harvest/Sukkot this focus we will be collecting food for Homeless Action Barnet (HAB). Please see below the types of food we are asking for. Thank you to those who have already donated. The last day for donations is Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> October.

### The Food We Would Like:

<u>Tins</u>	<u>Packets/Jars</u>
Vegetables: potatoes, peas, carrots, sweetcorn, tomatoes	Sugar, Rice, Jam, Pasta Cereal
Soup, Fish, Meat, Fruit	Coffee/ Teabags

### Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024

<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b> 9:00am- 10:00am Junior Dinner Hall	<b>PTA Meeting</b> All interested parents are welcome.
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October - Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October</b>	<b>Y6 Residential School Journey to Ashford, Kent.</b>
Half Term - Monday 28 <sup>rd</sup> October- Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>INSET Day</b> – school closed to the children
<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November (note change of date)</b>	<b>Y3 Visit Natural History Museum</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Y5 Visit Hampton Court</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair (to be confirmed)</b>
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Seasonal Jumper Day</b>
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Last Day of term – Non uniform Day</b> <b>Early Closure</b> 1:25pm Y3 and Y4                      1:30pm Y5 and Y6
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b> <b>Children Back PLEASE NOTE - NO INSET DAY</b>	<b>Start of the Spring Term</b>

### Half Term Child Care

See the Fun Time flyer attached for details of the half term holiday club.

### Please ensure that your child actually wears their coat to school.

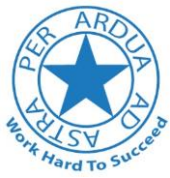
Too many children are arriving without coats. Please check that your child leaves the house wearing their coat! Please also ensure that all uniform is labelled with your child's name. A permanent pen is a good way of doing this.

Kind regards

Mrs Eileen Bhavsar, Head Teacher

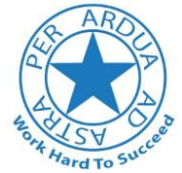
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## Funtime - Breakfast and After-School Clubs (ChildCare)

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

## 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:

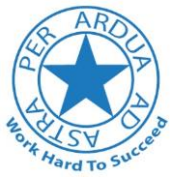
**Welfare, attendance, absence, pick-up arrangements** Mrs Morgan Chiswick, [welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net](mailto:welfare@gsjs.barnetmail.net)

**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)

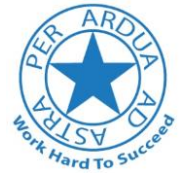
<b>Year 3</b>	
Miss Clarke	<a href="mailto:3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">3S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Ms Aziz	<a href="mailto:3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">3G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss Jouhal	<a href="mailto:3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">3J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
<b>Year 4</b>	
Mr J Morrissey	<a href="mailto:4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">4J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss J Childs (Job Share)	
Miss Walters	<a href="mailto:4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">4S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss N McKenna	<a href="mailto:4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">4G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
<b>Year 5</b>	
Mrs K Margolis	<a href="mailto:5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">5S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss S Solden	<a href="mailto:5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">5G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>
Miss C James	<a href="mailto:5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk">5J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk</a>





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Year 6	
Miss J Gardner	6S@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Miss Fernando	6J@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk
Mrs Narrainen	6G@gsjs.barnet.sch.uk

### Emails for class Teachers:

**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.

**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

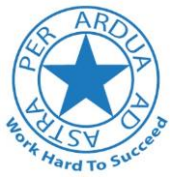
**Gymnastics (all Year groups)**

Monday

**Football Year 3 and Year 4**

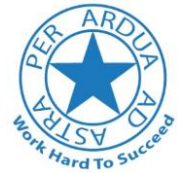
Monday





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<b>Football Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Tuesday
<b>Taekwondo (all year groups)</b>	Tuesday
<b>Art Club Year 4</b>	Tuesday
<b>Art Club Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Wednesday
<b>Dance Club (all year groups)</b>	Wednesday
<b>High 5 (Netball) Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Thursday
<b>Spanish Year 5 and Year 6</b>	Thursday
<b>Gymnastics (all Year groups)</b>	Friday

**Lunch time clubs** Chess clubs, Choi

