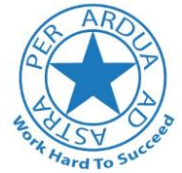


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6th December 2024

Dear Parents/Carers

PTA Events

Sustainable Seasonal Fair Friday 13th December

Thank you to those who have already donated. We will be accepting donations up until Thursday 12th December. **Remember to get some cash ready for your child to spend at the fair!**

The fair is during the morning and is a wonderful fundraising event which is a highlight of the year!

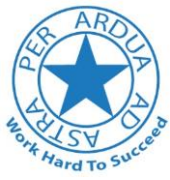
On the day of the fair children should bring:

1. **Spending money** for shopping (no more than £15, coins only no notes if possible) in a named purse/wallet
2. **A carrier bag** with their name on it for their purchases
3. Children can wear a **seasonal/favourite jumper** with their uniform

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Road safety:** Last week road safety was a focus in assemblies. Children were reminded about using crossings safely and the importance of taking care on dark evenings.
- **Seasonal Decoration Competition:** Well done to those who have already send in their decoration. **We have extended the deadline.** See the information below on how to submit your child's entry:
 - 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 by Wednesday 11th December The decorations will be judged by the school council. There will be a winner in each year group!
- **DecemBAR:** This week, we have been celebrating DecemBAR, 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:** Please encourage your child to take part in our TTRockstars competition by asking them to practise their times tables on <https://ttrackstars.com>. It ends at 6pm on Sunday 8th December. Knowing times tables facts is crucially important to your child's progression in their mathematics education. Times tables serve as a building block for higher level mathematical concepts. With a strong understanding of multiplication, children will feel more confident with topics such as division and fractions. Times tables have practical applications in our daily lives e.g. shopping. Children feel more confident in their mathematical abilities when they have a solid grasp of times tables.





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Y4 Class Assemblies - Parents invited to attend at 2:30pm in the Junior Hall

Please see below the dates for the rest of the Year 4 class assemblies.

4G Tuesday 10th December

4S Tuesday 17th December

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 13th December.

Diary Dates Autumn Term 2024

Friday 13 th December	PTA Fund Raising Event- Seasonal Fair We need volunteers of help for this event to take place!
Friday 13 th December Wednesday 18 th December	Seasonal Jumper Days Children are invited to wear their favourite or seasonal jumper with their uniform
Monday 16 th December 2:30pm in the Junior Hall	Violin Concert –Parents of the pupils of Miss Lodge are welcome to attend
Wednesday 18 th December	Choir and Ukulele Concert – parents of pupils performing are invited to attend 2:30pm Junior Hall
Friday 20 th December	Last Day of term – Non uniform Day Early Closure 1:25pm Y3 and Y4 1:30pm Y5 and Y6
Monday 6 th January Children Back	Start of the Spring Term PLEASE NOTE - NO INSET Day

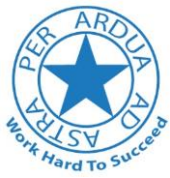
Flu Vaccine - reminder

There will be a second visit to school on 12th December for any children who missed the flu vaccine. Please see the email sent last week for further details.

Kind regards

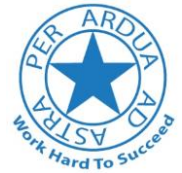
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Please see some general information below

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

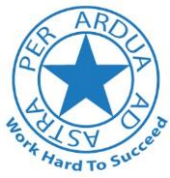
Other messages and to contact the Head Teacher please email Ms Bailey, our business manager: -
office@gsjs.barnetmail.net

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 Bannan	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

