

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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### **This week...**

The Reception teachers held their parent consultations this week. Thank you to the staff for preparing and arranging these important meetings and to the parents who took the time to attend. We hope you found them useful.

The PTA held a meeting and the events for the year have been decided and put in the diary. This year we are going to have the Seasonal Fair (4th December), Disco (11th Feb), Movie Night (10th March), Treasure Hunt (15th May), The Summer Camp (11th-12th June) and finally the International Food Fair (8th July). If you would like to help on any of these events look out for notices nearer the time asking for volunteers. Letters for each event will go out, so do make sure you are checking your Parentmails/book bags for communications from the school and PTA so your child doesn't miss out on events.

Year Two parents have had the first tours of the junior school ready for next year (see below for further information on what you need to do to apply). There are still tours available on 10th, 17th and 25th November, please contact the Junior School Office (020 8455 3269) if you would like to attend and haven't yet signed up.

### **Next week...**

The Book Fair is coming! We will be running a book fair next week after school on Tuesday to Friday from 3.30—4.30pm in the rear corridor. For every book purchased the school will receive commission in the form of books which will be used to further enhance reading and literacy in the school. So whether it is just a new book to read, or gifts for the upcoming festive season, please do come along and browse and purchase!

Years One and Two have their visits to the classrooms next week. We hope that everyone who would like to come have now signed up for a slot on either Tuesday 10th or Wednesday 11th or Friday 13th for just Yellow Class. Please come to the school hall at 9am when the doors open for an introduction with Mrs Cormack before going to the classrooms to see a lesson in action.

### **READING WITH CHILDREN IN SCHOOL**

**Meeting 11th November @ 9am**

Parents who are willing and able to commit to half an hour 2 or 3 times a week (9-9.30am or 2.45—3.15pm) to read with individual children please come to a training meeting on Weds 11th November at 9am in the group room. Please email the school office if you would like to attend.

### **PARENT CONSULTATIONS ~ YEARS ONE AND TWO**

**WEDS 18TH & THURS 19TH NOV, 3.30—6.30PM**

**TURQUOISE CLASS: TUES 17TH & THURS 19TH NOV**

Signing up sheets will be outside the front door from Monday morning ~ please do sign up to find out how your child has settled so far this term and how they are doing in class.

### **YEAR ONE DATE FOR YOU DIARY!**

**THURSDAY 17TH DECEMBER**

Year One children will be going to the Arts Depot on the afternoon of Thursday 17th December to see Room on a Broom. This will be part funded by Gift Aid, and letters regarding a parent contribution and final arrangements will go out a couple of weeks in advance.

### **ADMISSIONS SEPTEMBER 2016**

Year Two parents and families with younger children born on or between 1st Sept 2011 and 31st Aug 2012 please see over for important information regarding applying for a place for your child next year in Year Three or in the new Reception Class.

**We wish everyone a happy birthday who celebrated from 1st to 7th November inclusive:**

5 Yrs      Alara & Kyriacos in Blue  
6 Yrs      Inas in Turquoise  
7 Yrs      Jogo in Orange, Afshan in Purple  
             Brooke & Usman in Pink

And also to Miss Jowsey, Mrs Cormack and Mrs Zia who celebrate this week.

**YEARS 1 & 2 FLU IMMUNISATION**  
**THURSDAY 12TH NOVEMBER - PLEASE ENSURE**  
**ALL FORMS ARE RETURNED BY MONDAY.**

**PLEASE TURN OVER FOR MORE NOTICES!**

## YEAR TWO TRANSFER TO JUNIOR SCHOOL

All parents in Year Two must apply for a place in the junior school (or another Junior School) by the deadline of 15th January 2016 to ensure your child has a school place in September. *This doesn't happen automatically!*

A letter from Barnet has been sent out today via Parentmail explaining the process, along with a leaflet detailing how to apply online - please note that paper applications will not be available this year and all applications must be done online.

If you have problems with the online application, please telephone e-admissions (the phone number is on the website) in the first instance as they will be able to help with any issue with the online application process.

If you are considering other schools, or live outside Barnet please inform Mrs Dobinson so that she can track and keep an eye on all the children in the year group - all conversations are in the strictest confidence. Thank you.

If at any point during the process you have any queries regarding the transfer process, please do not hesitate to telephone Mrs Dobinson on the main school number (select Option 2 for direct line) or email on the main address detailed above.

## RECEPTION 2016

**Do you have a younger child born between 1st Sept 2011 and 31st Aug 2012?**

If you do then please ensure you complete your application online no later than 15th January 2016 ([www.eadmissions.org.uk](http://www.eadmissions.org.uk)). Please note that the council are not accepting paper copies this year, all applications must be done online, if you would like a copy of the leaflet detailing how to apply online please ask in the office for a copy.

There is no further form to complete for the school, but we do like to be aware of the siblings expected so we can ensure that they are given the correct priority during the application process. We would therefore also ask that you notify the school office, either by email ([office@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:office@gsis.barnetmail.net)) or by completing a form available from the office. Thank you.

## PURPLE MASH FESTIVE CARD COMPETITION CLOSING TUES 10TH NOV

We have had just over 30 entries of some really lovely cards, any children who would still like to have a go should do so this weekend or by Tuesday at the latest.

## PLEA FOR PLASTIC BAGS!

We are running very low on carrier bags for sending clothes home when children borrow items from the medical room. Any donations would be gladly received!

## CONTACTING SCHOOL REGARDING ABSENCES, MEDICAL ISSUES, PICK UPS OR CLUBS

Can we please remind parents to email Mrs Cox directly regarding these matters to ensure it gets to the right person in good time. Her email address is [mcox@gsis.barnetmail.net](mailto:mcox@gsis.barnetmail.net). Thank you.

FUND MONEY - Thank you very much to all those who have donated to the fund money so far this term. We have raised £1679 so far which will go directly to enhancing the children's activities. If you would still like to donate the item is open in the Parentmail Shop all year round! All donations to school are gratefully received.



## Could You Foster a Local Child?

There are currently around 310 children and young people in care in Barnet. Like any child, these children need love, security and a warm, stable home environment so that they can thrive. Barnet Fostering Service is looking for local foster carers, from all walks of life, who can provide this for children until they are able to return to their families, move on to a new permanent family or live independently.

If you would like to find out more about what fostering involves and the support and rewards on offer, Barnet's Fostering Service holds monthly drop in sessions at 34-35 Woodhouse Road, North Finchley, N12 9EY. These are held on the first Saturday of every month at 10am until noon. These start on the 7<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

Throughout the afternoon there will be a presentation along with a Barnet foster carer sharing fostering experiences and staff from children's services. There will also be time with staff and foster carers for an informal discussion.

Take that first step and join the Barnet family! To book your place and to find out more about fostering for Barnet visit [www.barnet.gov.uk/fostering](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/fostering), call 020 8359 6274 or email [fostering@barnet.gov.uk](mailto:fostering@barnet.gov.uk)