

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 1, Friday 8th September 2023

THIS WEEK: We have enjoyed having the children back at school this week, and we are very impressed with how they have settled into their new classes. We have welcomed some new families to our school too, so do look out for new faces at drop-off and pick-up times.

Our “**Lost Property**” trolley is already full of jumpers and cardigans! Please ensure your child’s name is in EVERYTHING they bring or wear to school, so that we can return them easily. We see children smelling their jumpers to see if it is theirs, but that doesn’t really help the staff!

We have a large number of events coming up this term, including curriculum information mornings, meetings about reading and maths and PTA (Parent Teacher Association) meetings with Miss Sands. You can find a full list of all events below, and in an attachment that you can print off and stick to your fridge! Do check the newsletter every week, just in case we have needed to change anything, and for details of each event.

The first event of the year is our **Rosh Hashanah Assembly, on Monday 18th September at 9am**, where we are welcoming our old friends Mrs Saunders and Mrs Coote to lead us. Parents are welcome to join us if you would like to celebrate this festival, or just to learn a little more about it.

On **Friday 22nd September at 9am**, we will be holding the first of our **Parent Teacher Association (PTA) meetings**. All parents are welcome to attend, but we do encourage at least one parent from each class to come along. We do hope that the WhatsApp group for each class is active, and that every parent is included. You can use this group to ensure someone attends meetings, and to give reminders about events. If you are not part of a class WhatsApp group, please see a member of staff at the gate, or email us, and we will help you.

Each Tuesday at 9.05am we hold a **Birthday Assembly for children in years one and two**. Parents are welcome to attend if their child’s birthday falls that week (from Sunday to Saturday). **Certificate Assemblies** are every Friday at 9.05am – you will be called by your child’s class teacher or your child will let you know beforehand so you can join us if you are able.

REGULAR PICK UP FORMS: These came out to families on Wednesday through Parentmail. Thank you to those of you who have already completed the form for your child. Please complete the form by Midnight on Sunday to ensure we have the correct and up to date information for every child in school.

PE DAYS: Years One and Two will start having their PE lessons next week, below is a reminder of the day that your child needs to come to school in their PE kit. Reception Year won’t start having PE for a few weeks, and we will let you know your days nearer the time.

Classes will have their PE Lessons on the following days:

Lilac Class: Monday and Thursday

Turquoise Class: Monday and Friday

Yellow Class: Monday and Thursday

Orange Class: Tuesday and Friday

Pink Class: Tuesday and Thursday

Purple Class: Tuesday and Wednesday

CLUBS FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO START NEXT WEEK! All the clubs start next week except for Chess which starts the following week on Monday 18th September, if you haven't yet signed up then go to our website for links to the clubs and details of how to sign up.

Drama Club has let us know that they still have spaces, see the attached flyer for further information.

COUPLE OF REMINDERS ABOUT BAGS AND BOTTLES! Please ensure that the children are bringing in book bags rather than rucksacks or larger bags. These are stored in the children's drawers through the day so size matters! Please also ensure that they only have one small key ring on the bag – these are great for identifying their own bag, but when they are large or there are too many they fall out of the drawer!!

Please also ensure that water bottles have the children's names on them – we know it can be hard as labels fall off and pen rubs off, but it is really important so children know which one is theirs!

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 8th September 2023, 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

For other ways to support the school go to our PTA Fundraising page on our website: [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - How we raise money \(gardensuburbinfantschool.co.uk\)](https://www.gardensuburbinfantschool.co.uk/garden-suburb-junior)

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

Birthday Books: We are hoping to set up an Amazon Wish List for the Birthday books, which parents can buy for your child's class to share – we'll let you know when this is ready!

We don't allow families to bring in sweets and treats so this a great alternative way to celebrate – whilst increasing the classroom library!

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 1st and 9th September) a very happy birthday:

5 years old this week: Kazi in Green

6 years old this week: Kana in Yellow

7 years old this week: Viola in Orange, Arian & Nika in Purple

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Shahnaz & Mrs O'Donnell who celebrated this week.

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Dates for your Diary – Autumn Term 2023

Monday 18th September at 9.15am – Rosh Hashanah Assembly.

Friday 22nd September at 9am – PTA Meeting – for class reps, but **all parents welcome** (dining hall)

Thursday 28th September at 5pm – Reading Meeting for **all parents** (repeated Friday).

Friday 29th September at 9am – Reading Meeting for **all parents** (repeated).

Thursday 5th October – School Photographer in to take individual and family photos

Friday 6th October at 9am – **Year One** Parents' Curriculum Morning

Tuesday 10th October – Flu Inoculations (parents will be asked to give consent)

Thursday 12th October – **Reception** parents' Curriculum Morning

Tuesday 17th October - Harvest Assembly (**Year Two** parents can attend) (All Children bring in donations for Finchley Foodbank).

Thursday 19th October – **Year Two** Parents' Curriculum Morning

Friday 20th October at 9am – PTA Meeting – for class reps, but **all parents welcome** (dining hall)

Monday 23rd to Monday 30th October – HALF TERM HOLIDAY.

Tuesday 31st October – School starts back after holiday.

Tuesday 7^h November at 9am – **Purple Class** parent drop-ins (parents can visit their child in class)

Thursday 9th November at 5pm – Maths Curriculum Meeting for **all parents** (repeated Friday am)

Friday 10th November at 9am – Maths Curriculum Meeting for **all parents** (repeated)

Tuesday 14th November at 2.30pm – **Year One** Parent drop-ins (Parents can visit their child in class)

Tuesday 14th November from 1.30pm – 6pm - **Purple Class** Parent Consultations

Thursday 16th November – **Year One** Museum Trip

Thursday 16th November at 2.30pm – **Orange and Pink Classes** Parent Drop-ins (Parents can visit their child in class)

Friday 17th November at 9am – PTA Meeting – for class reps, but **all parents welcome** (dining hall)

Tuesday 21st November – Parent Consultations (NOT Purple Class)

Thursday 23rd November – Parent Consultations (NOT Purple Class)

Friday 8th December – PTA Seasonal fair

Friday 15th December at 9am – PTA Meeting – for class reps, but **all parents welcome** (dining hall)

Tuesday 19th December – Christmas Assembly (**Year One** parents can attend)

Thursday 21st December at 1.30pm – School finishes for the holiday.