

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 7, Friday 20th October 2023

HARVEST ASSEMBLY & DONATIONS TO FOOD BANK: We received an enormous amount of items for the food bank through the generosity of our parents – thank you everyone. These were collected on Wednesday, and they were extremely grateful.

The assembly was packed with many Year Two parents joining us. The children sang our harvest songs beautifully, and we enjoyed celebrating the harvest season, learning about all the work that goes into getting our food from the field to our plates, and how we can help those people who are less fortunate than ourselves.

YEAR TWO CURRICULUM MORNING: Held on Thursday, we hope that the parents who came along found it useful. Thank you to the Year Two team for organising this important meeting. The presentation from the meeting, as well as the curriculum booklet that we gave you at the start of the year, can be found on our website here:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Year+Two+Curriculum+Information&pid=115>

From this page, you can also access the annual curriculum overviews and the half-termly plans for the year group.

PTA MEETING WITH MISS SANDS: Thank you to all the parents who were able to attend our meeting this morning. We had some useful discussions in response to questions from the parents who attended, and we also got very excited about our upcoming Seasonal Fair! Please look out for letters from the PTA after half term with information about how you can help.

We like to have at least one parent from each class at these meetings, but we didn't have any parents from Purple Class this morning. Do please try and get someone to the meetings! From January, these meetings will be held on the first Friday of each month at 9am. This term, we have made some changes due to other curriculum events for parents. **The next meeting will be on Friday 17th November at 9am.** We have decided NOT to hold a meeting in December, due to the seasonal fairs of both schools.

HALF TERM, MONDAY 23RD TO MONDAY 30TH OCTOBER: School will be closed next week for the half term break. Children return to school on Tuesday 31st October.

Funtime will be running from 23rd to 27th October – if you would like your child to attend you must book a place by contacting Funtime directly (contact details on our website at [Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - Childcare/After School clubs \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](#))

PARENTS EVENINGS: Purple class bookings went live today as their session is on Tuesday 7th November. Bookings for the rest of the school will go live after half term on Monday 6th November, look out for a notification from Parentmail to tell you when you are able to book online.

UPCOMING TRIPS IN YEARS ONE AND TWO: Letters and forms will be coming out to parents after half term. Year One will get their letters in the first week, Year Two the following week – we will be asking for donations for both, along with volunteers and not to mention the very important lunch options for the children! When you receive the details, please ensure you respond as quickly as possible to ensure we can make the full arrangements in good time.

PUNCTUALITY: Well done to all the children and parents that are arriving to school on time every day. We have noticed that there are still a number of children arriving at school late on a regular basis, and we are monitoring this closely and hope in the next half term it improves. Please remember that the children must be at school by 8.55am.

NEW LUNCH MENU: The kitchen will be starting their winter menu after the half term break. A copy of the menu is attached so you can have a look at it in advance. A copy will also be on our website for future reference.

As always, a quick reminder, that if your child would like to change their lunch choice between a packed lunch or school lunch we need a minimum of half a weeks' notice to ensure that we can notify the kitchen in advance, this reduces food waste and ensures that we know how many meals we need to provide each day.

BOOTS! It is important that children are wearing shoes in school rather than boots. If they need to wear wellies or snow boots in the winter months for the journey to school, they must bring in a change of shoes to wear through the day as it is uncomfortable for them to wear boots when sitting on the carpet.

EVENTS FOR SECOND HALF AUTUMN TERM

Below you will find an updated list of events for the second half of the term – new events (or where dates have changed) are highlighted in purple. We've also attached a pdf version to replace the one we sent out in September.

Please note this NEW date, as the children might want to prepare their outfits over the holiday:

Friday 17th November, Children in Need – Celebrate the power of positive relationships. Children come to school dressed in something colourful or spotty for the day and bring a donation to be sent to Children in Need. Full details of the theme for this year can be found at <https://www.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/schools/positive-relationships/>

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – AUTUMN TERM (SECOND HALF):

Tuesday 31st October – School starts back after holiday.

Friday 3rd November at 2.30pm – Purple Class parent drop-ins (parents can visit their child in class)

Monday 6th November – Reception Year Height & Weight checks

Tuesday 7th November from 1.30pm – 6pm - Purple Class Parent Consultations

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)

Monday 13th November – Diwali Dance Workshop for all classes - £3 Donation per child will be requested.

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

Thursday 16th November – Year One Trip to Young V&A Museum (Toy Museum)

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

Friday 17th November – Children in Need, wear something colourful or spotty! Bring a donation for Children in Need.

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

Week beginning 20th November – Scholastic Book Fair after school each day

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

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

Tuesday 28th November – Year Two Trip to RAF Museum

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Friday 8th December – PTA Seasonal fair

~~(CANCELLED) 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.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 21st October and next Saturday 28th October 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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/garden-suburb-junior-how-we-raise-money)

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 and over the holidays (fall on or between Saturday 15th October and Saturday 28th October) a very happy birthday:

5 years old this week: Alexander in Green, Isaac in Red

6 years old this week: Lenny & Kyoya in Lilac, Shuya in Turquoise

7 years old this week: Faidra & Kenolee in Orange, Christian, Liana & Nicholas in Purple, Rylee in Pink