

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY NEXT WEEK IS ON THURSDAY DUE TO THE YEAR TWO TRIP

PUNCTUALITY: There has been an increase in the number of children who are arriving late, after 8.55am. These children are missing an important part of the day, including phonics lessons. It is really important that children arrive at 8.45 – 8.55am to ensure they have a good start to the day.

PARENT CONSULTATIONS: We hope that everyone found their meetings useful, with their class teachers this week. Thank you to everyone for engaging with these meetings.

BOOK FAIR: This week we saw the return of the annual book fair, held after school each day this week. Thank you to the staff who helped to run the fair, and to those parents who came along and supported this event – we hope you enjoyed it. The school will be able to choose a lot more new books for the classrooms, using the commission we earn from the book sales.

DELIVERY!! The photographs arrived earlier this week, and were sent home with the children on Wednesday. We are expecting the seasonal cards and gifts imminently and will let you know as soon as they arrive along with details of how to collect the more fragile items.

CHRISTMAS STARS: Instead of sending individual greetings cards, we ask the children to send in one decorated star with a festive message for their friends. Children will bring home a paper star today for them to cut out and decorate on both sides however they wish, including a festive message, the more colourful the better. They can bring them in and give to Mrs Freeman or Ms Gonzalez at the door next week. The stars will be strung together and hung in the main corridor in time for the Seasonal Fair, so please ensure they are with us by Monday 4th December at the latest. *Please note: the stars don't need to have the children's names on as they will not be returned afterwards – and remember the hole goes at the top of the star!!*

YEAR TWO TRIP TO RAF MUSEUM, TUES 28TH NOVEMBER: Lunches have been ordered, the volunteers have been contacted, and we're ready to go! The coaches will be leaving promptly on Tuesday morning, so please ensure children are in school on time and in their classrooms by 8.55am so we can make sure that everyone has their lunch in their back pack and have been to the toilet before leaving. On the day, children should be wearing school uniform so they are easily recognisable at the museum, along with sensible shoes and a waterproof coat. All children need to bring a back pack and water bottle.

SEASONAL FAIR, FRIDAY 8TH DECEMBER: Letters came home this week about the seasonal fair – one of our big annual events organised by the PTA to raise much needed funds for the school as well as giving the children a fun, and educational experience. The children bring a purse with coins in on the day and purchase gifts for their family and friends from the festive market set up in the school hall.

This year we are asking for a £5 contribution to the upfront costs of the fair, this can be made online through Parentmail or sent to the office in cash (please write "fair" on the front).

We will need lots of volunteers for the day, and the children will be helped to purchase their gifts – this is also an educational event with children learning about money, coins and buying for others.

If you have any donations of gifts to sell (in multiples of three) or new/nearly new cuddly toys you would like to donate for the Adopt-A-Cuddly Toy stall, then please drop them off in the lobby. The donated items need to be clean (cuddly toys washed please) and in excellent/very good condition.

The deadline for all donations and the volunteer form is next Friday 1st December.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY: An email was sent out to all parents earlier this week, about the vacancy on our Governing Body for a parent governor. If you are interested, please do fill out the form that was attached to the email. You will need to be nominated by two other parents from the school. If you would like to know more, speak to Miss Sands, or contact the school office, and we will put you in touch with one of our existing parent governors.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 24th November 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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](http://Garden Suburb Junior & Infant School - How we raise money (gardensuburbinfant.co.uk))

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 read!

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 19th to 25th November) a very happy birthday:

6 years old this week: Ryoto in Yellow, Amelia in Lilac

7 years old this week: Vincent in Orange

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Kesavji who celebrated this week.