

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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We are looking forward to a busy half term, we issued a list of dates in the last newsletter, but a copy of the calendar of events is at the bottom of the newsletter to remind you. Please check carefully, as there are a number of dates where parents are invited in to school.

**LIVING EGGS ARRIVE MONDAY!** The very popular chicks are coming next week. The eggs will be delivered on Monday and then we'll watch them hatch and grow before they go back to the farm in a fortnight. Do ask your children about their progress through the week! *For further information about the company we use, go to [www.livingeggs.co.uk](http://www.livingeggs.co.uk)*

**SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE, WEDS 28<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY @ 3PM:** An addition to the diary, the PTA will be holding a second hand sale next Wednesday after school in the front playground. Pick up good quality uniform for £1!!

**PTA/CLASS REPS MEETING WITH MISS SANDS, FRIDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MARCH @ 9AM IN DINING ROOM:** The monthly meeting where parents meet with Miss Sands to talk about PTA events and other school news. All parents are invited, but we do ask for at least one parent from each class to attend so you can share the updates with your class WhatsApp groups.

**CHANGE IN LUNCH ARRANGEMENTS:** We would like to remind parents that children can only change once each half term between school and packed lunches, and that on all occasions you must notify the office in writing with at least three days' notice.

The lunch numbers are carefully monitored and we need to ensure that the kitchen are preparing the right number of meals and that all children are eating lunch.

When children change with no notice not only does it mean a lot of extra administration work, but also wastes food and there is the danger they won't have the correct meal.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

**PARENT CONSULTATION BOOKINGS:** We will have these ready on Parentmail by the end of next week to book your meeting with your child's teacher on either Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> March or Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March between 3.30 – 6.30pm. The appointments will be 10 minutes long and take place in person in your child's classroom. Before they go live you will receive a Parentmail with instructions on how to book your appointment, followed by an invitation to book an appointment.

### **A MESSAGE FROM BARNET COUNCIL: Money Worries? Could You Be Missing Out On Financial Support?**

Nationally, it is believed that people are missing out on billions of pounds of benefits they are eligible for simply because they didn't know and haven't made a claim. Thanks to the Barnet [Benefits Calculator \(inbest.ai\)](https://www.inbest.ai/benefits-calculator) the council is now able to help residents find out if they are missing out.

Our award-winning calculator asks users to complete a short and simple self-assessment which then tells them exactly what they are eligible for as well as one-click access to then proceed and make those claims. It is also now immediately available via a Google Translate plug-in, in over 100 languages.

But even if you aren't eligible for benefits but are finding monthly bills a struggle, through our Money Adviser Network, we could help you. If you are in problem debt, we can put you in touch with free, confidential and personalised debt advice through our partnership with the Money and Pensions Service.

And if you would prefer to meet someone face to face, why not come along to one of our outreach sessions – running every Tuesday from 10am to 12.30pm at Chipping Barnet Library and every Thursday from 10am to 12.30pm at Burnt Oak Library.

Don't suffer in silence – we are here to help. Find all the links you need and more at [www.barnet.gov.uk/costofliving](http://www.barnet.gov.uk/costofliving)

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2024, 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 18<sup>th</sup> to 24<sup>th</sup> February) a very happy birthday:**

Children in Reception Year: Nicole in Green

Children in Year One: *None this week*

Children in Year Two: Milana & Jaksh in Orange, Alexander in Purple

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Antonia who celebrates this week.

## EVENTS SPRING TERM (2<sup>ND</sup> HALF) 2024

**Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Feb, Chicks Arrive!** And will remain in school for two weeks while they hatch and grow.

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Feb, Second Hand Uniform Sale from 3pm in front playground**

**Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March, PTA Meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Dining Room**

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, Hearing and Vision checks in Reception Year**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm – Year One Drop In** – All Year One parents are invited into school.

**Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm - Reception Year Drop In** – All Reception parents are invited in to school.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 2.30pm - Year Two Drop In** – All Year Two parents are invited into school.

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> March, World Book Day** (children dress up for the day)

**Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, Ramadan Assembly** – Parents are welcome to attend

**Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> March, Parent Consultations, 3.30 – 6.30pm held in your child's classroom**  
(Appointments will be available to book on Parentmail soon)

**Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March, 9.05am, Iranian New Year "Nowruz" Assembly** – Parents are welcome to attend

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Year Two Great Fire of London Workshop in school** – parent volunteers needed all day.

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March, Year One Visit to Kew Gardens**

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March, Easter Assembly:** Children wear an Easter Bonnet - Year Two parents are welcome to attend.

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March, Last Day of Term:** School will finish at 1.30pm on this day. Children return on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

*Passover takes place in the summer term – so look out for the date for that assembly nearer the time.*