

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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**REMINDER: PICK UP IS AT 1.30PM THIS AFTERNOON – PLEASE COLLECT PROMPTLY
CHILDREN RETURN TO SCHOOL ON MONDAY 15TH APRIL AT THE NORMAL TIME**

RECEPTION SHOW: The children put on a fantastic show for their parents this week, sharing their singing and dancing skills, and playing the musical instruments with enthusiasm! There are some photos on Tapestry for the reception parents to see. Thank you to all those who donated after the shows, we've raised £211, which will go towards resources in the reception learning environment.

THE END OF ANOTHER TERM! Can you believe that we are nearly at the final term of the school year!? We have another busy term planned, with lots of interesting and exciting events to look forward to. Thank you to all our staff who put so much work into preparing our school activities; to the parents who support us and also plan some amazing PTA events; and, of course, to the children for the enthusiasm they put in to everything we offer them. **Please see the full list of events planned for the next half term, at the end of this newsletter.** We hope you all have a relaxing and enjoyable break.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS: A notice came out last week for Year One and Year Two children to sign up for clubs, and most of the clubs still have spaces. Please sign up today, so you don't miss out on the clubs that you want your child to attend.

FUNTIME OVER EASTER HOLIDAYS: As detailed in previous newsletters, Funtime will be running over the holidays. If you would like your child to go to Funtime for any number of days in the holidays, please book now by contacting Sharon on shaz.funtime@outlook.com or telephoning 07506 030 037

ORANGE PERFORMING ARTS HOLIDAY CLUB: We also have OPA running an Easter Musical Theatre Camp in the second week of the holidays. To book a place go to www.opacademy.com/camps

PTA DISCO, THURSDAY 25TH APRIL FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO: Tickets went live this week, along with the volunteer form. Please note that if you are volunteering you still need to purchase a ticket for your child – unless, of course, they can't come but you still want to help out!

The deadline is after the holidays, so there is plenty of time – but once the deadline has closed on Wednesday 17th April, no further tickets will be available (we need precise numbers for ordering of refreshments).

TUESDAY 16TH APRIL, OFFER DAY FOR RECEPTION 2025 AND FOR TRANSFER TO THE JUNIOR SCHOOL: Year Two parents who applied on time for transfer to Junior School will receive their offers by email straight after the holidays. Parents of children who are due to start with us in reception in September, will also receive their offers by email on the 16th April. Please ensure you accept your offer by the deadline, two weeks after offer day – just follow the instructions on your offer email when received.

If you applied for places in either year after the deadline of 15th January, then you may need to wait until the second round in May to receive your offer. If you have any concerns or queries about the offer for your child, then please see Mrs Dobinson after the holidays.

LOOKING AHEAD....

Next half term is quite short, but we still have lots of activities planned. Below is an initial list of the planned events:

Wednesday 17th April, Class Photographs in School: Children should wear their full uniform on this day, photos will be available to purchase soon after.

Friday 19th April, Passover Assembly @ 9.05am: Led by Annie Saunders, parents are welcome to join us

Thursday 25th April, PTA Disco for Years One & Two (5 – 6.30pm): Tickets now available on Parentmail!

Friday 3rd May, PTA/Parent Meeting with Miss Sands: All parents welcome

Monday 6th May, School Closed for May Bank Holiday

Tuesday 7th May, Year One Trip to Kenwood: Children will have a short visit to Kenwood House, back to school for lunch. A donation of £6.50 per child will be requested to cover the cost of the coach

Thursday 16th May, Reception Year Trip to Aldenham Park: Children will visit the park and farm, explore the hundred acre wood, interact with some of the animals and have a session in the adventure playground. A donation of £23.50 per child will be requested to cover the cost of the coach, farm and adventure playground.

Sunday 19th May, PTA Treasure Hunt: Held in the afternoon, this is a family and community event where clues lead you around the suburb before returning to school to get your prize and buy refreshments!

HALF TERM HOLIDAY: MONDAY 27TH MAY TO MONDAY 3RD JUNE INCLUSIVE

Friday 7th June, PTA/Parent Meeting with Miss Sands: All parents welcome

Saturday 15th to Sunday 16th June, PTA Summer Camp: Camp out overnight in the field, with games and activities, a camp fire and a bed time story with Miss Sands.

Thursday 27th June, Reception Classes Physical Activity Morning: Parents are welcome to join us for a morning full of fun and energetic activities. Look out for timings for each class.

Saturday 29th June, the Junior School Summer Fair: A fun day out for all the family!

Wednesday 3rd July, Year One and Two Sports Morning: Parents are welcome to join us in the school field for a morning of races, jumping and throwing events! (With a reserve date of the 10th July, in case of wet weather).

Friday 5th July, PTA International Food Fair: Our big event of the year, held after school in the playground.

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th July at 9.15am: The Year Two End of Year Show.

Wednesday 24th July: Last day of the school year, we break up at 1.30pm

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 30th March 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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](#)

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS & THOSE IN THE HOLIDAYS!

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 24TH March to 13th April) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Yeheni, Zion, Messie-Felix & Riley in Red, Diana in Green

Children in Year One: Leo I in Lilac, Helena in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Yedel in Orange, Ameli in Purple

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Freeman who celebrates in the holidays.