

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 24, Friday 19th April 2024

Welcome back everyone! We hope that you all had a restful spring break. We've got a very busy term ahead of us, see the bottom of the newsletter for a full calendar of events – further information will come out about each event in the weekly newsletters so do make sure you read them every week.

THIS WEEK:

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS: On Wednesday we welcomed "Churchbury Photographic" into school to take the class photos for the year. They are busy editing and getting the photos ready for purchase. Once ready they will let us know and we'll send out the information on how to purchase online.

PASSOVER ASSEMBLY: This morning we welcomed Annie Saunders into school, Annie taught in our school for many, many years and it was lovely to see her again to lead our Passover Assembly this morning where the children learnt about the history of Passover and the traditions around this Jewish festival. Thank you to all the parents who were able to join us.

NEXT WEEK:

DISCO FOR YEARS ONE AND TWO, THURSDAY 25TH APRIL (5PM - 6.30PM): Tickets have been purchased and the volunteers have been contacted, the food and party bags are being purchased and we're ready for an exciting disco next Thursday from 5pm! Ticket sales have now closed, and there will be no further opportunity to purchase one for this event. Tickets will be sent home with children on Monday afternoon – they must bring their ticket with them on Thursday, so ensure to keep them somewhere safe!

If your child is going to Taekwondo or Football on Thursday after school, before the disco, please send your child's party clothes in a bag with their name on. Mrs Freeman will collect them from the clubs and they will then change their clothes and Mrs Freeman will supervise them until the disco starts at 5pm.

Parents who are volunteering, please come (with your children) at 4.30pm to help with the final setting up and to receive your instructions.

All other children should arrive ready for 5pm – please wait outside until the doors open. At 6.30pm parents return to collect their children, please wait outside the front door until we let you in to pick up your child from their classroom, and their party bag.

OTHER NOTICES:

YEAR TWO TRANSFER TO JUNIOR SCHOOL: Offers were sent out to parents earlier this week from the admissions team. Please ensure you accept your offer by the deadline by following the instructions in your offer email. *If you haven't received an offer, and applied on time (by 15th January) please let Mrs Dobinson know. If you applied after January, then you will be notified of your school place in the second round towards the end of May.*

RECEPTION 2024 OFFERS: These were also sent out to parents earlier this week for children due to start in reception year in September. Again it is important to accept your offer by the deadline of 30th April by following the instructions in your offer email to ensure your place is secured. We will be contacting parents at the start of May to start the induction process and find out more about our new children. *If you have a child who will be turning 4 years old by 31st August 2024, and have not received an offer then please speak to Mrs Dobinson to ensure we get you into the second round (assuming there are spaces).*

SUMMER TERM MENU: The kitchen have issued a new menu, that started this week, for the school lunches. A copy of the menu is attached, and you can always find it on our website at:

<https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/page/?title=Food+and+Drink+in+School&pid=79>

SCIENCE WEEK, WEEK BEGINNING 29TH APRIL: We have Science Week approaching on the week beginning of 29th April and the theme is 'time'. All the year groups will be making marble runs in their classes and we will need some junk modelling materials! Please can you bring in tubes, card, egg boxes, paper cups, kitchen rolls etc so that we can do this in class (nothing which has had nuts in it previously). Please bring it by Monday 29th April. We will also be having a competition that you can be doing at home, full details will come out towards the end of next week - watch this space!

YEAR ONE TRIP TO KENWOOD, TUESDAY 7TH MAY: Year One children will be visiting Kenwood for the morning to look at artwork with Miss Jowsey. They will be travelling by coach, and return by lunchtime. Look out for the letter coming home next week which will request parents' permission and a donation of £6.50 to cover the cost of the coach.

RECEPTION TRIP TO ALDENHAM, THURSDAY 16TH MAY: Reception children will be having their first school trip, visiting Aldenham Park where they will explore the hundred-acre wood, interact with some of the animals and have a session in the adventure playground. Look out for the letter coming home towards the end of next week along with a form so you can choose your child's lunch and give permission for your child to attend. A donation of £23.50 per child will be requested to cover the cost of the coach, farm and adventure playground.

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 20th April 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 \(gardensuburbinfant.co.uk\)](https://www.gardensuburbinfant.co.uk/garden-suburb-junior-pta-fundraising)

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 14th to 20th April) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: Yuri in Red

Children in Year One: Zacky in Turquoise

Children in Year Two: Indie in Pink, Aysha in Orange, Iulia in Purple

A very happy birthday also goes to Ms Davis and Mrs Martin who celebrated this week.

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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