

☆Garden Suburb Infant School☆

Weekly Newsletter

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PTA DISCO: The children had a wonderful time at the disco, dancing away to the music, relaxing in the chill out area, having their photos taken as well as getting tattoos. They all left with a party bag and a great time was had by all! A huge thank you goes to Iva (Vuk's mum) for organising this event, it has been a massive amount of work and she did an amazing job. Thank you as well to the army of volunteers who came in to help set up the hall and other areas, make lots of sandwiches and put together the snacks and party bags. Parents helped throughout the event itself ensuring the children had a good time and were well supervised in all the different areas. And finally thank you to those parents who stayed to help tidy up afterwards! We honestly couldn't do these events without the help and support of our parents – thank you for giving your children such a wonderful experience!

Our next event, the Treasure Hunt, is coming up soon on Sunday 19th May, this is a community event open to the children, their families and friends. Letters will be sent next week with further details.

MONTHLY PARENT MEETING WITH MISS SANDS, FRIDAY 3RD MAY AT 9AM IN THE DINING ROOM: Parents are invited to join Miss Sands for the monthly meeting – please ensure at least one parent from each class comes. Next week we will be talking about the summer term events still to happen.

SCIENCE WEEK! The children will have a week full of science! They will be focusing on “Time” and throughout the week will be doing fun activities, and looking for science everywhere! There are a couple of things for parents to note:

COMPETITION: Children create a marble run at home using whatever materials come to hand, then time how long it takes for a marble to go down the run. Take pictures/video and either upload to Tapestry or print them off to bring into school – don't forget to put the time of the marble run, the child's name and class. Deadline for entries is 3.30pm on Thursday 2nd May. Prizes will be given out on Friday.

FRIDAY DRESS UP AS A SCIENTIST! On Friday we will be holding a special celebration assembly and the children are invited to dress up like a scientist for the day – remember scientists don't always wear a white lab coat, they can wear anything! Bring £1 for resources.

CLASS PHOTOGRAPHS: These are now on the company website for parents to have a look at and purchase online. Details went out on Parentmail on Thursday with the login details to access our school's photos.

Orders placed online before 13.05.24 will be returned to school free of charge, after this date a P&P charge will apply for home deliveries. Orders will enter production together on 14.05.24 and be returned to school in one eco-friendly delivery approximately 2 weeks later.

OFFER DEADLINE FOR YEAR TWO TRANSFER AND RECEPTION 2024: Parents received their offers last week, and the deadline to accept your child's place for September (in either the Junior School or in Reception Year) is next Tuesday (30th April). It is vital that everyone accepts their offers on time to ensure you don't lose your place. If you haven't accepted because you're not sure what you are doing yet, please speak to Mrs Dobinson in confidence.

We will be writing to parents of our new reception children due to start in September shortly after the deadline to get some initial information and start the induction process. The Junior School will be in contact with the year two families in the next few weeks.

UPCOMING TRIPS FOR RECEPTION AND YEAR ONE: Letters came home this week to parents for the upcoming trips to Kenwood House for Year One and to Aldenham Country Park for Reception Year. Please ensure you return your permission slips by the deadlines provided, and make your donation online.

Year One: Your deadline is this coming Monday 29th April to give permission and donate.

Reception Year: Your deadline is Monday 6th May to give permissions, volunteer and donate. We are aware this is a bank holiday, so will accept paper forms returned by 10am on Tuesday 7th May but please try to get it to us by the end of next week.

SEE BELOW FOR A COPY OF THE CALENDAR FOR THE REST OF THE TERM

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The next draw is this Saturday 27th 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 \(gardensuburbinfantschool.co.uk\)](https://www.gardensuburbinfantschool.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 21st and 27th April) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: *None this week!*

Children in Year One: Zuzanna in Yellow

Children in Year Two: *None this week!*

We'd also like to wish a belated happy birthday to Mrs Dowdell who celebrated last week – not Ms Davis as published in last week's newsletter

SUMMER TERM EVENTS:

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