

# ☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

## Weekly Newsletter

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**THIS WEEK:** We have very much enjoyed having the Year One and Year Two children back at school this week! They are quickly learning the new routines for their new year group, and they have been calm and sensible! It has been a pleasure to see them reuniting with their classmates after the long break.

The new reception children came in for visits in their small groups this week, and we were very impressed with how ready they were for school!

We now only have six classes in the school, two in each year group, which seems strange, but the staff have been very busy setting up our “spare” rooms, so we have some great new learning and support spaces.

**NEXT WEEK:** The new reception children will start on Monday at 9.15am, and will stay until 11.45am on Monday and Tuesday, staying for lunch from Wednesday finishing at 1.15pm for the rest of the week. Please be aware of our new friends in the front playground, as they will be lining up and coming in together, with their teachers at 9.15am

**PTA (Parent Teacher Association) Meeting, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September at 9.15am:** All parents, including our new reception parents, are welcome to join us for the first meeting of the school year. We will talk about the events we are planning for the year, and tell you all about how you can get involved. We have monthly meetings, usually on the first Thursday or Friday of the month, and all parents are welcome to attend – but we do ask that at least one parent from each class comes. Please wait outside until Miss Sands comes to collect you.

### **COMING SOON:**

We will send a full list of dates for the half term next week, but please put this one in your diaries:

**ROSH HASHANAH ASSEMBLY (for Years One & Two), Monday 15<sup>th</sup> September at 9.05am:** This is a little earlier than the actual date of Rosh Hashanah, which is the following week, but we are happy to be welcoming Annie Saunders (ex-member of staff) to lead our assembly to tell the children all about this festival. The assembly is for children in Years One and Two only, as the reception children are a little bit too “new” for this. Parents in Years One and Two are welcome to join us. Please wait in the front playground and we will let you in at 9am.

### **REMINDER OF MESSAGES THAT HAVE COME OUT THIS WEEK**

**FLU IMMUNISATIONS:** An email was sent out earlier this afternoon for all children, regarding Flu Immunisations. It is important that you complete the online form to either sign up for the immunisation or to refuse it. We do encourage our families to have the flu immunisation as it reduces sickness and absence through the school year, and flu (as we are all now aware) can be very debilitating.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS:** There are still places in most of the clubs, which start next week (except Tuesday Singing, which starts on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September). An email was sent out today with details of how to sign up for the clubs.

**IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS:** Please note, and talk to your child about, some important safety rules:

- Once you have said goodbye at the infant gate (near the front door), children **MUST NOT** try to come out of the gate again even if they have forgotten something. The staff on the gate, or their class teacher, will be able to help them if there is anything they need.
- Staff are on the gate every morning to welcome the children, and to keep them safe by ensuring they do not try to go out again. Please wait before passing on messages, if a member of staff is alone at the gate, so that they do not get distracted.
- Parents should not come through the gate with their child, as this can make the entrance congested and difficult to supervise.
- At the end of the day, parents should wait near the coloured rectangle for their child's class, inside the painted line. The children will stay in their class line when they come out, until the teacher sees who is picking them up and says they can go. Please remind your child that they must wait until they are dismissed, and they must say goodbye to their teacher.
- Children must **NEVER** play on the junior climbing equipment in the front playground.
- Bikes and scooters should not be ridden in the playground. Children should push them around, until they are out of the gates.

**APPOINTMENTS REMINDER:** Please try to make medical (or other) appointments outside the school day so the children miss as little school as possible. We expect children to attend school before and/or after the appointment. Please notify the Pastoral Team of ALL appointments and what time you will be collecting/dropping off your child in advance so we can ensure they are either ready for collection or we can make lunch arrangements.

**ABSENCE REQUESTS FOR RELIGIOUS HOLIDAYS REMINDER:** Let us know if your child will be absent for any of the upcoming religious holidays by emailing the Pastoral Support team – these should be notified in advance rather than on the day.

**BOOK BAGS REMINDER:** Please ensure that these only have one small key ring on them – they are stored during the day in the children's drawers so larger amounts of key rings/toys mean that they don't fit and can be lost or damaged. Do not bring backpacks, as they are difficult to store. We also ask that children carry their water bottles into school rather than putting them in the book bags as they tend to leak or get forgotten before going into the drawers.

**GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY:** The next draw is this Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2025, 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://gardensuburbinfant.co.uk)

**THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS:** There are no children's birthdays this week, but we do with Mrs Shahnaz a very happy birthday who celebrated this week. Look out each week for details of the children who celebrate each week.

**PE DAYS FOR EACH CLASS:** The children should come into school wearing their PE kits, on the days they have PE lesson:

**YEAR ONE - YELLOW CLASS AND TURQUOISE CLASS:** Monday & Friday

**YEAR TWO - PINK CLASS AND ORANGE CLASS:** Wednesday & Friday

**RECEPTION – RED CLASS & GREEN CLASS:** Watch this space!