

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

Issue 2, Friday 12th September 2025

THIS WEEK AND NEXT!

RECEPTION YEAR: Our new reception year children started with us formally on Monday morning, and after a couple of days extended to stay for lunch from Wednesday.

Next week, our Reception children will continue to come in at 9.15am for the whole week, and from Wednesday will stay for a full day. So, on Monday and Tuesday children will be collected at 1.30pm, and then from Wednesday they will be collected at 3.20pm each day.

FIRST PTA MEETING WITH MISS SANDS: This morning we held our first monthly meeting with our parents and Miss Sands. We talked about the changes around the building now that we are down to 6 classes, giving details of our new Intervention Room, SEN Support Room and Sensory Room and how they will be used and developed. We also talked about the WhatsApp groups, PTA events through the year, other fundraising ideas and what we may be focusing on this year for the fund raising.

Caroline, our current Chair of the PTA, has been joined by Fiorda (Jasmine's mum in Green) and Laura (Bella's mum in Turquoise) as co-vice chairs to help out on the committee. They will be formally elected at the AGM which will be held later in the term.

We didn't have any Year 2 parents attending the meeting, so please do make sure you put the dates in your diaries for future meetings. They are usually held on the first Thursday of the month, but in December it will be the following week.

At the bottom of the newsletter, we have added the dates for the PTA events and meetings, along with the dates of school events, and a flyer will come home to parents with the PTA dates in the next couple of weeks.

TAPESTRY FOR ALL YEAR GROUPS: Parents in Years One and Two received communications earlier this week in regards to their Tapestry accounts. It is important that all children have at least one parent activated on the correct part of Tapestry (KS1 for Years One and Two). Reception will be going live once everyone has completed their consents on Arbor.

Year Two Parents – homework will be sent out for the first time this afternoon; you will receive an email through Arbor and details will be posted onto Tapestry. If you didn't activate your account last year, then you will have received a new activation email on Wednesday afternoon.

Year One Parents – We can see that the majority of those who were sent activation emails earlier in the week have activated their accounts. Mrs Martin and Ms Kelly have been busy posting to the classes, with details about the Year One Homework Books, Big Skeleton's visit to the class and this week's Maths activity. If you haven't yet done so, please ensure you activate your account on the KS1 section of Tapestry; your login for the package you used last year has been deactivated, and you need to activate a new account. Check your inbox for the activation email sent out on Wednesday afternoon.

Reception Year Parents – we are keen to activate everyone on Tapestry as soon as possible. The team will be using the system to share whole class wow moments, as well as activities to do at home, and will be posting some photos to the system about the first week in school early next week. However, we are unable to activate parents who have not completed their consents on Arbor – these went live on Monday, and we still have over a third of parents outstanding. Please login to your Arbor account and go to the notices, here you will find a long list of consents to action – please complete these by the end of the weekend. The consents are vital to ensure the safeguarding of the children, but also so we can get Tapestry up and running for our reception families early next week.

CURRICULUM MEETINGS NEXT WEEK: As detailed in the email which was sent out yesterday, next week we are holding the curriculum meetings for Years One and Two. These are held at the start of the year so we can let parents know what the children will be learning over the coming year, and routines in their new year groups. We do strongly encourage at least one parent to attend the appropriate meeting for your child(ren):

Wednesday 17th September: Year Two Curriculum Meeting

Friday 19th September: Year One Curriculum Meeting

Both meetings will be held at 9am, and last approximately one hour. Please wait outside and we'll call you into the hall once the children are settled in class. ***Reception Year will have their meeting on 1st October***

ROSH HASHANAH ASSEMBLY (for Years One & Two), Monday 15th September at 9.05am: As detailed in last week's newsletter, on Monday we will 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.

LUNCH MENU: Thank you to the parents who informed us of the broken links on our website to the school lunch menu. These have now been removed and the [page has been updated](#). A copy of the current menu is always available on our website, there are two menus each year; Summer which runs from April to October, and Winter which runs from November to March. We've updated the site to make this clearer, as we believe there was also some confusion over whether the pdf version was current.

To view our current menu please click [HERE](#), this can be saved or printed for future reference.

EVENTS THIS TERM: This is the current list of events happening this term so far. The list will be as a standing item on each newsletter, and any changes will be highlighted in red and in the main body of the newsletter – so look at the most recent newsletter for dates as we go. Further details of each event will be put in the newsletter nearer to the time.

Monday 15th September @9.05am, Rosh Hashanah Assembly for Years One and Two in school hall

Wednesday 17th September, Year Two Curriculum Meeting @ 9.05am in school hall

Friday 19th September, Year One Curriculum Meeting @ 9.05am in school hall

Wednesday 1st October, Reception Year Curriculum Meeting @ 9.05am in school hall

Thursday 2nd October, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Thursday 9th October, Individual Photographs taken during the school day (*children to wear uniform, photos available to purchase after*)

Tuesday 14th October, Harvest Assembly @ 9.05am in the school hall. All parents are welcome to join us (Reception and Years 1 and 2).

Wednesday 15th October & Thursday 16th October (3.30 – 6.30pm), Reception Year Parent (*bookings will go live middle of next week*)

Friday 17th October, Flu Immunisations in school day: *Don't forget to complete the form sent out on Friday 5th September, whether you want the immunisation or not!*

Wednesday 22nd October, Diwali Dance Workshops for all classes during school day. *Parents will be asked to make a £2 donation towards the cost of the workshop*

HALF TERM BREAK – MONDAY 27TH OCTOBER TO MONDAY 3RD NOVEMBER INCLUSIVE

Tuesday 4th November, children return to school after the half term break.

Thursday 6th November, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Wednesday 19th November, Reading Workshop for Parents (for all year groups) @ 9.05am in School Hall

Thursday 20th November, Year Two Drop Ins @ 2.30pm (Parents in Y2 can visit their child in class)

Friday 21st November, Year One Drop Ins @ 2.30pm (Parents in Y1 can visit their child in class)

Wednesday 26th November & Thursday 27th November (3.30 – 6.30pm), KS1 Parent Consultations for Years One & Two

Thursday 11th December, Monthly PTA / Parent meeting with Miss Sands @ 9am in Blue Room

Friday 12th December, Seasonal Fair during the school day

Tuesday 16th December, Winter Fireside Event after school

Friday 19th December, last day of term. School finishes early at 1.30pm

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 7th to 13th September) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: None this week!

Children in Year One: Asal & Om Aditya in Turquoise, Dani in Yellow

Children in Year Two: Kazi & Frankie in Pink

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 & TURQUOISE CLASS: Monday & Friday

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

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

PTA EVENTS THIS YEAR – SAVE THE DATES!

We have 6 events throughout the year run by the PTA, to not only raise vital funds for the school, but to also give the children and the school community experiences and memories to last a life time! More information will be given nearer the events, but do pop them in your diary for future reference.

SEASONAL FAIR, FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER (During the school day)

WINTER FIRESIDE EVENT, TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER (free entry event, after school in rear playground)

DISCO FOR YEARS ONE & TWO, THURSDAY 5TH FEBRUARY (after school, inside the hall and classrooms)

TREASURE HUNT, SUNDAY 22ND MARCH (held from lunchtime for the first half of the afternoon, in school and around the suburb!)

INTERNATIONAL FOOD FAIR, FRIDAY 15TH MAY (after school, in rear playground)

SUMMER CAMP, WEEKEND OF 4TH/5TH JULY (in the school field and front playground, camping out overnight)

If you are able to volunteer for any of the events (whether on the day or in the organisation) your help would be much appreciated! Just speak to your class rep or a member of the PTA committee.