

☆ Garden Suburb Infant School ☆

Weekly Newsletter

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THIS WEEK:

“UNDERSTANDING ANXIETY IN CHILDREN” WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS: We had a good turn out for this workshop, and received very positive feedback from the parents who attended. Miss Jowsey sent a copy of the presentation out on Wednesday to all parents, which we hope those who were unable to attend have also found interesting and useful. Thank you to Miss Jowsey and Mrs Elia for organising this workshop, it is part of a bigger project through the school year, focusing on inclusion, and specifically neuro-diverse children and children who have experienced trauma. There will be further training and workshops coming up, for parents and staff, so do look out for information in the school newsletter.

FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER, YEAR TWO DRAGON DAY: Year Two were overrun with a great variety of dragons today! They've had a day filled with lots of dragon-based activities, so do look out on Tapestry for photos of the day.

ONLINE SAFETY: This week in Computing, Year 2 have been learning all about keeping their information safe online. We explored how to create strong, secure passwords using a mixture of uppercase letters, lowercase letters, numbers and special characters. We also learnt an important rule: never share your password with anyone! The children even created short videos to show what they've learnt — we hope you enjoy watching them on Tapestry. To finish off our lesson, we listened to the Year 2 online safety rap, which reminded us how to stay safe whenever we go online: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xHLukOyDbGY>

GARFIELDS LASAGNE! This week many of the children tried something new for lunch – lasagne! As this is a meal that many didn't choose previously, we shared with them the part of the Garfield Movie which involves the animal's making lasagne. You can watch it here (it's great fun!): <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Rinf3VRydUI>.

At lunchtime this week, when we served meat and vegetarian versions, everyone wanted to eat Garfield Lasagne!

NEXT WEEK:

PE LESSONS NEXT WEEK: Please note that due to the Seasonal Fair, there will be no PE lessons on Thursday or Friday next week for all year groups

THURSDAY 11TH DECEMBER, HANNUKAH ASSEMBLY: Thank you to the parents who have offered their help and support, Miss Sands has been busy preparing the assembly which is now confirmed for next Thursday at 9am. All parents are invited to join us, please wait outside until we're ready for you to come in.

FRIDAY 12TH DECEMBER, SEASONAL FAIR: Thank you to those who have donated towards the running costs of the fair, if anyone has yet to contribute and would like to do so, we will be accepting donations on Arbor until midday on Monday. All contributions are hugely appreciated and make a real difference to the success of the event – thank you!

Conversations with volunteers will start over the weekend via the WhatsApp group, and we look forward to seeing those who are helping out with setting up on Thursday afternoon next week from midday onwards. Further information will be coming to volunteers soon, including special correspondence to bakers on how many biscuits we will need etc. A big thank you to those who have volunteered to bake - many hands make light work!

On Friday, children can come to school in a festive or favourite jumper. Please remember to send your child to school with their shopping list, spending money (in change such as £1, £2 or 50p coins) in a purse and a shopping carrier bag.

Please ensure both the purse and bag have their names on so the right presents go home with the right child! A letter will come home next week with full instructions for the day.

REMINDERS/NEW EVENT FOR LAST WEEK OF TERM

CHRISTMAS PARTIES (NEW EVENT): Children come to school in their party clothes and we hold a special party in the hall with snacks, dancing and games – there is no need to send any money in for these parties, the school will provide some juice and snacks for the children to enjoy.

Reception Year Party on Tues 16th December (PM)

Year Two Party on Weds 17th December (PM)

Year One Party on Thurs 18th December (AM)

MONDAY 15TH DECEMBER @ 9.05AM – BIRTHDAY ASSEMBLY (Birthdays to end of December) will be held for those who celebrate 14th to 31st December (birthdays 1st to 10th January will be held on Tuesday 6th January)

TUESDAY 16TH DECEMBER, 9.05AM – CHRISTMAS ASSEMBLY (attendance limited to 2 adults per family): All children in the school will be singing at this special assembly, but the Year One children will also be performing, so we expect a very large turnout of parents. We are therefore restricting attendance to two adults per family to ensure we are not completely overcrowded – older siblings in the juniors are not invited to this event, and we ask that buggies are left in the entrance area and younger siblings carried for the assembly. Please wait outside until we are ready to welcome you into school, we expect the assembly to last approximately 45 minutes

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER, CHRISTMAS SPECIAL MENU: Please see the attached festive menu, which will be served on Wednesday 17th December. If your child normally has a packed lunch, but would like to have a school lunch on that day, then don't forget to email admin@gsis.barnetmail.net by Thursday 11th December so the kitchen can ensure they have ordered enough food!

WEDNESDAY 17TH DECEMBER, PTA WINTER FIRESIDE EVENT (AFTER SCHOOL IN REAR PLAYGROUND): For this free event to take place we will need some volunteers to help run the stalls and help set up in the afternoon, click <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Jv8ohDqwQNhF7fu9bto0BE> to join the WhatsApp group

FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER, FUNTIME OPENING HOURS (BREAKFAST CLUB ONLY): Funtime will be running breakfast club as normal on the last day of term, but will not be running during the afternoon. As you will be aware, school finishes at 1.30pm that day and all children need to be collected on time that day.

OTHER NOTICES:

STARS: Thank you to everyone who has brought their stars in, these are now being strung together ready to put up. Any last ones need to be with us on Monday morning at the latest, ready for Mr Shepherd and Mr Adolphe to put them up in the corridor in time for the fair on Friday.

SEASONAL CARDS/GIFTS: These were sent out yesterday, and we have the last few mugs to collect in the office. These families have been sent an In-App message to remind them to collect their mugs as soon as possible.

PLEA FOR PLASTIC CARRIER BAGS: We are very low on plastic bags for sending clothes home, after we have changed them in school. We particularly need plastic bags as wet clothing can make paper bags go soggy! If you have any at home that can be donated, then please bring them into the school office/medical room so we can restock our supplies. Thank you

WOW – WALK ON WEDNESDAYS: Once again it is Year One with Turquoise as the winners, and Yellow as the runners up!

PE DAYS FOR EACH CLASS (see note above about PE next week)

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: Thursday

THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

We wish everyone who celebrated their birthday this week (fall on or between 30th November and 6th December) a very happy birthday:

Children in Reception Year: None this week

Children in Year One: Sophia & Bella in Yellow

Children in Year Two: None this week

A very happy birthday also goes to Mrs Crosby & Miss Elsa who celebrated this week.

PLEASE NOTE: Birthday Assembly is for children in Years One and Two only, and is held every Tuesday morning at 9.05am, for children with birthdays that week (Sunday to Saturday). Y1/2 Parents are welcome to attend their child's Birthday Assembly, so please make a note in your diary! ***Please see note above for assembly dates for the holiday birthdays.***

PTA EVENTS AND NOTICES

GARDEN SUBURB LOTTERY: The lottery is drawn every Saturday, with a prize of £25,000! Only £1 per ticket.

<https://www.yourschoolottery.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)

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, **WEDNESDAY 17TH 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)