



Garden Suburb Infant & Junior School

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9th October 2026

Dear Parents/Carers

Show Racism The Red Card: Wear something Red on Friday 16th October

In our community it is important that we work together to promote respect, inclusion and equality for all. Next week, we will be supporting **Show Racism the Red Card**, the UK's leading anti-racism educational charity. The charity was established in January 1996, inspired in part by an experience involving former Newcastle United goalkeeper **Shaka Hislop**. Whilst playing for Newcastle United during the 1990s, Shaka was subjected to racist abuse by a group of young people. However, when they realised who he was, their behaviour changed instantly and they began asking for his autograph. This experience highlighted the powerful influence that sportspeople can have as role models and reinforced Shaka's belief that education is one of the most effective ways to challenge racism and promote equality.

As Nelson Mandela famously said:

'Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.'

On Friday 16 October, we will be holding a non-uniform day, and children are encouraged to wear something red to show their support for this important cause. We will also be collecting voluntary donations for **Show Racism the Red Card**, helping the charity continue its vital work in educating young people and challenging racism.

Reminder: Fun Time After School Club

The club will re-open on Monday 19th October.

In addition, there will be no Fun Time holiday club during the half-term period (Monday 26th October to Monday 2nd November).

We understand this may cause inconvenience and appreciate your understanding during this time.

Bereavement Support

Please see attached some guidance from the Barnet Educational Psychology team attached for parents who feel their children need support with bereavement.

Curriculum Talks for Parents

We will be holding the following meetings on the curriculum, including guidance on how parents can support their children at home. All parents are invited to attend their Year Group talk. The Curriculum Talk for Parents in Reception were really well attended this week. Thank you to the parents that attended.

- **Curriculum Talk for Parents Y1 (Yellow and Turquoise) and Y2 (Pink and Orange):**
Friday 16th October 9:00am – 10:00am in the Infant Hall.

Second Hand School Uniform

There will be a branded uniform sale on Friday 16th October 3-4pm.

Parent /teacher consultations

Please check your email for booking information for Wednesday 14th October if you have not yet booked a slot.

Flu Vaccination

Not all children received their flu vaccinations today. There will be a catch-up session on Tuesday 20th October.



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Class Assemblies - Save the dates

I am particularly keen to provide more opportunities for children to showcase their talents and achievements during assemblies and for parents to come into school and celebrate these successes with us. This is a new initiative for Reception and Y1 and Y2 children.

We are ensuring that plenty of notice is given, so that families can plan these dates into their busy calendars.

Please make every effort that you can to attend your child's assembly.

All classes will be presenting an assembly to their parents/Carers. Please see the Y1 and Y2 class assembly dates below.

Parents invited to attend their child's class assembly at 2:45pm in the Infant Hall.

Y1 Class Assemblies	Y2 Class Assemblies
Yellow Class: Monday 16 th November	Orange Class: Monday 30 th November
Turquoise Class: Monday 23 rd November	Pink Class: Monday 7 th December

Dates for the other year groups will be published when they have been set.

Assemblies and Curriculum Events

- **Black History Month:** Black History Month has been marked in the UK for more than 30 years. It takes place during the month of October. It happens because so often in the past, the contributions to the community made by black people were ignored or played down. Black History Month aims to address this unfairness, by celebrating the achievements and contributions of the black community over the years. We have focused on Black History month for many years. We now incorporate aspects of black history throughout the year across the curriculum. All year groups began their focus on an aspect of Black History in October. Assemblies focused on why we celebrate Black History Month this week.
- **Y5 Black History Workshops:** Drama workshops took place on Monday and the children learnt about the jobs people did who came to the UK on 'The Wind Rush'.
- **Talk on Tuesday':** As part of our focus on developing oracy skills, the theme is:
'Why is poetry important?'
Please encourage your child to discuss the theme at home, for example with the family at dinner time.

Kind regards

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Head Teacher



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School Communications and General Information

Welfare Email: welfare@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk

Please use the above email for all welfare matters including attendance, absence requests, pick-up arrangements and school lunch.

Admin Email: admin@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk

Please use the above email for all Arbor matters, clubs, trips, payment queries and requests for letters

Mrs Gonzalez - will usually manage Infant queries (R, Y1 and Y2)

Mrs Alvares - will usually manage Junior queries (Y3,Y4,Y5,Y6)

Miss Jedrzejowska – supports with admin queries

Office: Please use the emails below for admissions queries, financial support and Benefit Related Free School Meals, as well as contacting a member of the leadership team, including the head teacher. Continue to direct queries to:

Infants: Mrs Dobinson - Infant School Business Manager Email: officeinfant@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk

Juniors: Ms Bailey – Junior School Business Manager Email: officejunior@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk

SENDCO:

Our SENDCOs work closely together but they will continue to support the separate key stages.

Infants: Mrs Elia Email: sencoinfant@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk

Juniors: Mrs Goldman Email: sencojunior@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk

To ensure that your queries are dealt with promptly, please label any emails as follows:

Child's class, full name and reason e.g. 5G Zara Jones - Absence Request

This will help to avoid a delay in responding to your query.

Emails for class Teachers (Y3-Y6): Please note: due to teaching commitments, class teachers may not be able to view or respond to emails on the day that they are sent. Urgent messages and Reception -Y2 should go to welfare or the school office.

Class Teacher	Email
Year 3	
Ms N Aziz (Year Group Leader)	3G@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk
Miss P Bowry	3S@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk
Year 4	
Mr J Morrissey (Year Group Leader and Assistant Head)	
Ms C James /Mrs Solden	4S@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk
Miss E Woods	4G@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk
Year 5	
Mrs K Margolis (Year Group Leader)	5G@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk
Miss J Jouhal	5S@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk
Miss G Atkinson	5J@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk
Year 6	
Mrs J Richter (Year Group Leader)/ Miss H Buck	6S@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk
Miss J Quinn	6J@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk
Miss N Fernando	6G@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk



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Lone Travellers - Parents need to complete a 'Lone Travelling' form if children are travelling to or from school without an adult. **This is only permitted for Y5 and Y6 pupils.** All Y5 and Y6 children will bring home a Lone Traveller form to complete on Thursday. Forms can be requested from Mrs Alvares welfare@gardensuburbprimary.co.uk if arrangements change throughout the year.

Mobile Phones

Most schools now are **not** allowing pupils to bring in mobile phones for safeguarding reasons. Exceptional circumstances will be considered for Y5/Y6 pupils and a request should be put in writing using our 'Mobile Phone Parental Request Form'. Smart phones with cameras and access to the internet will not be permitted.

PE Kit – It is important you make a note of your child's PE days

When your child has PE, **they need to come into school wearing their PE kit.** They will wear it for the whole day. If you have not yet purchased the PE Kit, please ensure that your child wears plain blue coloured track suit bottoms (no branded kit). Our aim is that over time everyone will purchase the school kit, as they will get a lot of wear out of it.

Reception	Thursday
Year 1	Tuesday, Friday
Year 2	Tuesday, Friday
Year 3	Monday, Thursday
Year 4	Tuesday, Wednesday
Year 5	Wednesday, Thursday
Year 6	Wednesday, Friday