



# Newsletter

*"Forgiveness is not an occasional act; it is a constant attitude" - Martin Luther King Jr*

## Latest News

### House Points

Saturn	939
Mars	732
Jupiter	730
Neptune	682

### Waterstones Book of the Month



### A Darkness of Dragons By S.A. Patrick

### Carol Concerts

Thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Carols this week. Adopting a new format, due to the building work, it was great to see so many come along with over 300 attending over the 4 mornings! The children performed superbly and I am very grateful for the amount of work which the staff put in!

### Forgiveness Values Champions

A huge well done to the latest Value Champions for being both true ambassadors and individuals who know the importance of forgiveness and finding ways to do the right thing and not simply the easy thing, something I think we all struggle with at times.

### Unicef Rights Respecting Schools—Bronze Award

You may have noticed on letters, from the children and in the newsletter below that the school has achieved the Bronze Mark from Unicef as we attempt to become a Rights Respecting School. The children have been made aware of the Rights of a Child and will continue to do more work on these important rights as we attempt to secure our Silver! Watch this space!

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who got into the festive spirit and wore their Christmas jumpers in aid of the Royal Surrey Hospital. We will update you with the total amount raised in the new year.

### Wet Play Donations

Thank you to those who have already donated. Just a reminder that we are changing the way we manage Wet Playtimes in the New Year and would welcome any donations of the following:

**Playing Cards or Card Games (e.g. Uno)**

**Board Games (in good condition and age appropriate)**

**DVD's (U certification)**

**Puzzle Books (such as word-searches, cross-words and sudokus)**

If you are able to donate any of the above we would be most grateful - feel free to drop them into the school office.

### Horsa Hut/Lunchtimes

The building work is going well and will be continuing into the Spring Term. As the weather will be getting colder we have been liaising with the catering team about supplying a hot lunch for the children. Please see the attached new menu which will be in place when we come back after Christmas.

### RE Day

Today the whole school took part in a number of activities as part of our first RE Day. Maggie Stirling from St John's Church, Farncombe, visited the school once again and children in all year groups focused on the true meaning of Christmas. Year 3 discussed the power of non-material gifts, Year 4 produced Christmas artwork, year 5 talked about finding light in the darkness and year 6 compared and contrasted the different accounts of the nativity story. The children were all very respectful about the ideas being discussed and put forward values such as giving and sharing being an important part of Christmas.

### End of Term

Just a reminder that we break up at 1.15pm on Wednesday. From everyone at Godalming Junior School we would like to wish you all a happy, restful and joyous Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in 2019!



## PTA News

On the back of the success of the GJS cafe event at the Godalming Christmas Festival the PTA will be planning a number of fund raising events in 2019. Being involved in the PTA is hugely rewarding and requires the investment of only as much time you can afford! We need new members for 2019 to contribute ideas, have a say in fund raising plans and provide support at events. If you are interested in offering your help please contact Simon Parry - [simoncrparry1970@gmail.com](mailto:simoncrparry1970@gmail.com)

## School Achievement



Attendance Winners: 5CP

### FORGIVENESS – Values Champions:

3CM – Max  
 3SD – Bella  
 4EM – Charissa  
 4AJ – Amber  
 5EC – Frankie  
 5CP – Katie  
 6RH – Nate  
 6JP – Eva



## Sports News

### GJS Premier League 2019

The teams have been selected, the pitch has been repaired and the children are all set for the 3rd GJS Premier League which gets underway in the New Year. **AC Saturn** and **Lokomotiv Jupiter** will get the new campaign started and it is sure to be another exciting season! The weekly fixtures will be displayed on the Team GJS board and on the school website. The children must have the correct kit and be ready to play!

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2018

December

14th: Christmas Jumper Day (in aid of Royal Surrey County Hospital Charity <https://www.rschcharity.org.uk/>)  
 19th: End of Term 1.15pm finish.

### Spring 2019

January

3rd: Start of Spring Term



Inset Days 2018/19  
 Monday 25th February  
 Tuesday 23rd April