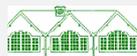




Autumn 3
18th September 2020



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

"Nothing can dim the light that shines from within" - Maya Angelou

Latest News

Coronavirus Update

You will be aware that in different parts of the country there has been a rise in Covid cases which has resulted in partial lockdowns and in a growing number of cases, partial or full school closures. Whilst we have begun the school year largely unaffected, we do insist that children are kept off school if they are poorly or if they have any of the Covid symptoms. Whilst we are not medical professionals, we are relying on everyone playing their part and using their own judgements which will continue to keep the school open and functioning and most importantly our staff safe to carry out their crucial work. We are also aware that the demand for testing is outstripping capacity and should you not be able to book a test, you must keep your child with symptoms off school for 10 days. The rest of the household, including siblings, should remain in isolation for 14 days, as the guidance states. We are fully aware how inconvenient this may be for families but it is essential that we all do what we can to keep GJS 'open for business'. After any test, should there be a negative result, then the children can return to school. **BE CAUTIOUS, PROTECT OUR BUBBLES AND KEEP SCHOOL OPEN.**

Building Work

You will have noticed there is significant building work taking place on the school site currently. We are replacing all the main building windows and as a result there may be restrictions getting around the school. Please ensure you follow the one way system in place and we hope that the building work will be completed by the end of term.

House Captains

Well done to ALL the children who put themselves forward and showed great **confidence** to become the house representatives for the coming year. The turnout was once again very hard and as a result very difficult to choose between candidates. After all the votes were counted and verified the leaders for each house were:

- Mars**—Oscar (Captain) and Ava (Vice)
- Jupiter**—Louis (Captain) and Amy (Vice)
- Neptune**—Freya (Captain) and George (Vice)
- Saturn**—Isla (Captain) and Miles (Vice)

Face Masks

If you have an appointment with a class teacher or any member of the staff team please can you ensure you wear a face covering.

Coronavirus Testing

For more information on testing procedures and how to obtain a test please click [here](#)

School Value

Continuing with our focus on core values which were introduced two years ago, we will be concentrating on the value of **CONFIDENCE** this term. The children will have weekly assemblies encouraging them to reflect on what this value 'looks like'. They will learn about how we all need **CONFIDENCE** in order to be successful, particularly when beginning a new school year! There will also be follow up sessions in class. We also ask that they are referred to and reinforced at home as well as school. If there is anyone you feel we should be learning about who was or is a model for confidence then please let us know!

10richment

Despite many changes within the school we will continue to offer the children unique enrichment opportunities as part of our 10richment programme with some NEW entries. This year we will be celebrating Arts Week and International Week will return! We kick off the 10richment season with **Poetry Week** during the last week of September which coincides with National Poetry Day. More information will follow.

School Lunches

The cost of a school meal is £2.40 from Wed 2nd Sept. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please contact the school office. It is SCC policy that all school meals are paid for in advance. Weekly cost will be £12 and the cost for this half term will be £91.20. Should your child wish to switch from school dinners to packed lunches or visa versa then the office requires a weeks notice. Those children having packed lunches may still opt in for a school dinner on Wed for a roast dinner and Fri for fish. These can be ordered with their class teacher on a day. Many thanks.

Inset Day Change of Date

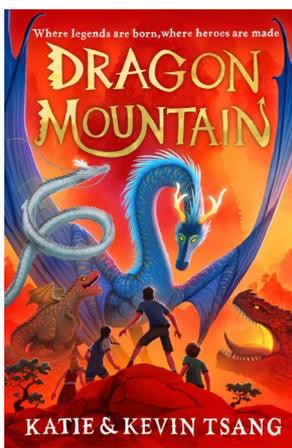
The final Inset day of the year has now moved from **Friday 28th May to Monday 7th June**



House Points

Saturn	481
Mars	470
Neptune	436
Jupiter	420

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Thanks to all those who have volunteered to be class reps this year. We are looking for class reps for 3CM and 4SV. If you are interested in the class rep role please contact Simon Parry at simoncrparry1970@gmail.com.

Class rep for 3CM	Abi Goringe
Class rep for 3SD	
Class rep for 4SV	TBC
Class rep for 4EM	Gemma Gatford / Michelle Freeman
Class reps for 5EC	Ellen Robertson
Class rep for 5CH	Vanessa Peacock / Clare Mutzenich
Class reps for 6RH	Emma Ward
Class rep for 6JP	

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM:	Simona
3SD:	Joshua
4EM:	Thomas
4GS:	Bethany
5EC:	Keeley
5CJ:	Paige
6JP:	Freya
6RH:	Josh



Pupil
Awards

Sports News

Chance to Shine Cricket will be visiting the school once again this term to provide specialist cricket training. Children will need to come into school dressed in their full PE kit on the following dates and this will be in addition to their curriculum PE slot:

Friday 25th September	Year 5 & 6
Friday 2nd October	Year 3 & 4
Friday 9th October	Year 5 & 6
Friday 16th October	Year 5 & 6 * Please note year group change.
Friday 23rd October	Year 3 & 4 * Please note year group change.



CHANCE TO SHINE
Spreading the power of cricket

Diary Dates

Autumn 2020

September:	
25th	Chance to Shine Cricket Year 5 & 6
28th–4th:	Poetry Week
October:	
2nd	Chance to Shine Cricket Year 3 & 4
5th-9th:	Healthy Week–MHW
9th	Chance to Shine Cricket Year 5 & 6
16th	Chance to Shine Cricket Year 5 & 6
23rd	Chance to Shine Cricket Year 3 & 4
26th–30th:	HALF TERM
November	
5th:	INSET DAY (Thursday)
9th–11th	Parent Tours for Sept 2021 @ 6pm
9th–13th:	Remembrance Week



Inset Days 2020/21

~~Tuesday 1st September 2020~~
Thursday 5th November 2020
 Friday 26th February 2021
 Monday 19th April 2021
 Monday 7th June 2021