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Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

“The highest result of education is tolerance” - Helen Keller

Latest News



Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone for dressing in their favourite Christmas festive wear and donating to The Meath's Christmas Appeal today. We have raised an amazing £436. Just in case you would still like to donate here's the link once more <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/godalming-junior>

Human Rights Week

Wow, What a week! In the midst of COVID and Christmas, all of the children at GJS have thrown themselves into our fourth 10Richment week with admirable enthusiasm. We have been so impressed with the children's understanding of Human Rights and why they are important. In school, we have witnessed incredibly deep conversations about the rights of a child and these appear to be continuing at home too. The tagline from the Human Rights campaign this year is: Recover Better, and with these children as the next generation, I have no doubts that we are in safe hands when it comes to treating everyone with equality. Well done GJS, keep spreading the message and let's work together to make the world a better place!

Year 5 Drama Workshop

This week Year 5 were treated to a drama workshop based around the story of A Christmas Carol by Charles Dickens. They spent their session getting into the role of different characters from the book and trying to understand and show how each character felt and behaved during different points of the story. This linked in perfectly with their Victorian history topic, as well as helping them to prepare for their upcoming dramatization of the story. Thank you to the PTA for providing such a fun end to their Autumn Term.

Anti Bullying St☆rs

Over the last couple of weeks, the children have been voting for their Anti Bullying Stars, who will be the first port of call should there be any friendship issues on the playground. They will also be on alert at break times and intervene to defuse any potential situation, offer strategies or advice and be a general anti bullying ambassador in the school. They will be trained by Mr. Samson and the slides will also be available on the school website as we feel it is important to educate the whole GJS community regarding our stance on bullying, what bullying is, what it is not and the 5 'points' of being a star: **speak up, listen, be kind, be calm and be brave.** Our St☆rs for the year are:

Year 3: Darcy and Charlie

Year 4: Merryn and Toby

Year 5: Mary and Taylor

Year 6: Rose and Stanley

Last Day of Term

Despite this weeks news from the DfE, the last day of term at GJS remains Friday 18th December as originally planned. Please be reminded of the staggered departure times to avoid any congestion at the gates. Times are listed here:

Y3: 1.20pm Y4: 1.15pm Y5: 1.10pm Y6: 1.05pm

Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 16th December

A reminder that if you have pre-ordered a Christmas lunch for your child please remember to check your account is in credit. The cost of a school lunch is £2.40. Please note that children will not be able to 'opt-in' on the day, as they would normally be able to on a Wednesday. Children who have not pre-ordered cooked lunch will need to bring in a packed lunch.

GJS Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards, as designed by the winner of our Inter-house Art competition, Thomas from 4GS are still available for sale. They will be sold for £3.00, for a pack of 5 very limited edition cards. Orders can be placed via Parentmail and cards sent home with children. Please see the calendar section of this very newsletter to see the winning design! All profits from the sale of the cards will be going to charity.

GJS Food Bank taking a Christmas break

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Food Bank this term. We will not be collecting donations next week but please be assured all food hampers have been distributed and greatly appreciated.

New Community Initiative Launched 'Click It Local'

Something to share with friends and family! Waverley Borough Council have announced a new partnership with Click It Local that will allow residents to purchase from their favourite independent high street shops, with one payment and same day delivery. For further information see the leaflet attached or [click here](#)

House Points

Neptune 1423

Jupiter 1388

Saturn 1257

Mars 1271



Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Exciting news! We now have our GJS PTA Facebook page active - <https://www.facebook.com/GodalmingJuniorPTA/> Please like and or follow the page as we'll be using to post updates and reminders!

School Achievement

CONFIDENCE Values Champions

3CM: Scarlett
 3SD: Eddie
 4EM: Olafur
 4GS: Phoebe
 5EC: Flossie
 5CJ: Taylor
 6JP: Freya
 6RH: Alena



Pupil of the Week

3CM: Emi
 3SD: Jesscia
 4EM: Sophie
 4GS: Loreli
 5EC: Alexa
 5CJ: Tessa H
 6JP: Myles
 6RH: Rose

Sports News

Inter-house Running Competition.: During the week, children have been representing their house by completing the 'Bleep Test' Run to earn as many house points as the can for their house. Each child earnt five house points for entering and then an extra house point for each level they achieve. Congratulations to everyone for taking part! The final results reflect a closely fought competition:

Saturn 673

Jupiter 608

Neptune 595

Mars 594

More Inter house Sports Competitions are planned for the Spring Term, including a football shoot, netball shoot, basketball shoot and a hockey dribble. More details of these will follow in January.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2020

December

16th

18th:

Christmas Lunch Day (pre booked)
END OF TERM—Staggered leaving times
 Y3: 1.20pm Y4: 1.15pm
 Y5: 1.10pm Y6: 1.05pm

