



Newsletter

"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong" - Mahatma Gandhi

Latest News

Morning Christmas Carols

This year we will be holding morning carols following the theme of FORGIVENESS. They will take place in the hall and will be performed by different year groups on different days in the lead up to Christmas. This will be a 'drop in' event from 9.15am and we expect the performance to last for about 20-30 minutes. The order of play for the week will be:

Monday 16th December—Year 3
Tuesday 17th December—Year 4

Wednesday 18th December—Year 5
Thursday 19th December—Year 6

Parent/Teacher Meetings

Thank you to all the parents who made appointments and met their class teachers this week. It is really important to follow up these meetings if you would like further information on anything class or year group related.

GET Teaching

The Godalming Learning Partnership, in partnership with Winchester University, are currently recruiting their 2nd cohort of trainee teachers starting in September 2020. The one year **GET Teaching** training programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our 7 current trainees are teaching in two of our schools with more training sessions planned throughout the year to ensure they gain invaluable experience in a wide range of settings. To find out more about the course and how to apply visit www.getteaching.org or arrange to chat it over with Mr Samson by contacting the school office.

School Value

We will be concentrating on the value of **FORGIVENESS** 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 the ability to forgive and how difficult this is to do at times! 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 showing **FORGIVENESS** then please let us know!

TT Rock Festival

The children and staff at GJS have been rocking their times-tables this week! Battles between classes and year groups have been hard fought with the trophy eventually being awarded to 6JP. Every class has also celebrated the hardest rocker (most coins won for their class) as well as most improved performer. Mrs Farrow was very proud to be awarded the Ultimate TT Rocking member of staff after an exciting competition during Wednesday's assembly. There will be another TTR festival in the Spring term but until then.....ROCK ON!

Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming a Governor of Godalming Junior School? We have a vacancy on the Safeguarding Committee and Full Governing Body. Governors are responsible for determining the strategic direction of the school, its policies for achieving this and for ensuring that the school performs at a high level for all pupils and staff. If you want to know more or to express an interest, please contact the Chair of Governors, Michael Guest, mguest@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk or 07973 728129. You do not have to be a parent for this vacancy. We are particularly interested in hearing from those with knowledge of and an interest in Safeguarding.

Dogs on site

We would like to remind all parents that dogs that are on site **MUST** wait with their owners by one of the 3 gates at the beginning and at the end of the day. The front playground is very busy at these times and is not a place for dogs to be waiting or wandering around. Thank you for your co-operation.

Books for Schools—The Sun

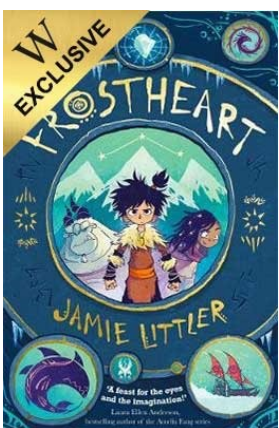
The Sun newspaper's Books For Schools campaign is now running. Tokens are published each day which can be exchanged for £600 free books—all we need to do is collect 3500 tokens!! Tokens can be handed in to the school office or to your class teacher.



House Points

Saturn	830
Neptune	749
Mars	570
Jupiter	453

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

GJS Christmas Fair Friday 6th December 2019

Donations are gratefully received for the Christmas Fair and can be dropped off in the Food Tech room on the following two Fridays in exchange for MUFTI –

Friday 29th November MUFTI Xmas Hamper donations –
 Year 3–anything **red** Year 4–anything **silver** or **gold**
 Year 5- anything **green** Year 6- anything white

Friday 6th December MUFTI
 Soft Toys (good condition) and Jolly Jam Jars (jars filled with confectionery).

And a big thank-you to all those who joined us for the PTA Quiz Night last Friday. We had eight teams completing ten rounds of questions and multiple rounds of drinks at the bar!! It was a hugely enjoyable evening, raising an impressive £435 profit for the school!



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM–Jack
 3SD–Sydney
 4EM–Bobby
 4SV–Alexa
 5CH–Gabriela
 5EC–Grace
 6JP–Clyds
 6RH–Martha



Attendance Winners: – 5CH 99.7%

RESILIENCE – Values Champions:

3CM – Maisie
 3SD – Jessica
 4EM – Tessa
 4SV – Bonnie
 5EC – Georgina
 5CH – Ava
 6RH – Oscar
 6JP – Alfie



Sports News

Inter House Football Tournament

Today in assembly children were told about our second inter-house sporting event which takes place on **Friday 17th January**. The sign-up sheets are on the sports noticeboard and children can sign-up until **Friday 13th December**. This will be when the captains get together to form their teams!



Diary Dates

Autumn 2019

November
 27th: Year 4 Bikeability (4EM)
 28th: Year 4 Bikeability (4SV)
 29th: Flu Vaccination
 29th: MUFTI in return for Xmas Fair donations

December
 2nd: Year 6 'Born Free' evening 6.00-7.00pm
 3rd: Year 5 trip to Preston Manor
 5th: Year 3 trip to Haslemere Museum
 6th: MUFTI in return for Xmas Fair donations
 6th: PTA Christmas Fair
 9th-13th: **Human Rights Week**
 10th: Year 5 UKSA Trip–Parent Meeting 6.00pm
 12th: Year 5 Victorian Exhibition 6.00–7.30pm
 13th: **Christmas Jumper Day**
 13th: Christmas RE Day–Forgiveness
 20th: END OF TERM finish at 1.15pm.



Inset Days 2019/20

~~Wednesday 4th September 2019~~

~~Monday 4th November 2019~~

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020