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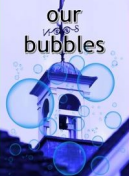
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Keep School Open

Autumn 12
27th November 2020



Godalming Junior School



Newsletter

"The highest result of education is tolerance" - Helen Keller

Latest News



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 6RH.

Year 4 Greek Day

This morning, Ancient Greeks invaded our school! Year 4 were an assortment of gods, beasts, heroes and philosophers while deciphering the Greek alphabet, tasting Greek food and retelling the story of the Trojan war. We were so impressed by their costumes and their knowledge!

Inter House Art Competition—Design a GJS Christmas Card

Well done to ALL the entries and to everyone who scored valuable points for their houses just for entering. The overall winner was Thomas from 4GS who has not only won the 'priceless' Inter House Art Competition Winner trophy but also had his design made into Christmas Cards that are now available for sale. They will be sold for £3.00, for a pack of 5 very limited edition cards. Please place orders via Parentmail. Purchases are initially being limited to one pack per family. Please contact the school office if you wish to be added to a waiting list should more packs become available. To see the design, see the calendar section of this very newsletter! All profits from the sale of the cards will be going to charity.

Inter House Poetry Competition

We were finally able to announce the winners of the poetry competition this week too now that the winning poems have been 'published' into display boards, which will adorn 'Poets Corner' on the wall between the front and back playground. Do look out for our new CREATIVITY poem penned by Heidi in 5EC and our new FRIENDSHIP poem written by Huxley in 4EM next week. Well done to them both and thank you once again to everyone who entered!

GJS Food Bank Donations

During these challenging times for everyone, there are families in the GLS community that have come to rely heavily on the GJS Food Bank. As a result, we are in need of food and toiletry donations from anyone who can help. The Food Bank bin will continue to be outside the school gate on the Hallam Road entrance each **Monday** morning. If you are able to donate we would appreciate anything you are able to give. Thank you very much.

Godalming & Villages Community Food Store

This 'shop' remains open for families who have been financially affected during this pandemic. It stocks food, toiletries and household items for emergency assistance. It looks just like a normal shop to walk around and choose what you may need but you have a private appointment and there is no till! To arrange a visit please contact the shop at office@godalming-tc.gov.uk or phone 01483 523575.

Parents Evening

Thank you to everyone who attended the virtual parents evenings this week to find out how your child was getting on and settling into their new schools and year groups.

End of Term Staggered Finish Times

On the last day of term, Friday 18th December, despite the earlier finish, we will continue to exercise the staggered departure times to avoid any congestion at the gates. Please refer to the times listed here: Y3: 1.20pm Y4: 1.15pm Y5: 1.10pm Y6: 1.05pm

Christmas Lunch

If your child would like to have a cooked 'Christmas Lunch' then please submit their form with their meal choice via Parentmail together with payment no later than **MONDAY 30TH NOVEMBER**. The cost of the meal is £2.40 and is non-refundable.

Free Keyboard Taster

The Music Works is delighted to invite all students at Godalming Junior School to join them for a free Keyboard taster lesson on **Tuesday 1st December 2020!** All you have to do to reserve your space is sign up at <https://www.themusicworks.co/freelesson>

Parent Governor Vacancy

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Further details including a nomination form have been sent via Parentmail this week. If you want to know more or to express an interest, contact the Chair of Governors, Michael Guest, mguest@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk

November Update...

Mr Samson would like to thank everyone who has sponsored him so far. The target of raising £500 for the charity has been smashed and there is still some time to sponsor and donate. He will continue to 'grow the mo' until the end of the month, in the hope that even more money can be raised for this worthy cause! A GJS 'Just Giving' page is still running which can be found following the link [here](#) or the QR code to make a donation.

House Points

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| Neptune | 825 |
| Jupiter | 810 |
| Saturn | 759 |
| Mars | 659 |



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!

On the subject of reminders - the deadline for Christmas Tree orders from Christmas Tree Express is Sunday 29th November - www.christmastreeexpress.co.uk - code GJS2020 will get you £5.00 discount and £5.00 for every tree sold goes to PTA school funds.

The deadline for sponsor money for the London Marathon activity is 30th November - paypal link <https://paypal.me/pools/campaign/114675764245299120>. Once again a huge thank you from the PTA for your support - your generosity continues to amaze - the total figure raised is now over £1150!

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: Sebby
3SD: David
4EM: Toby
4GS: Jack
5EC: Marija
5CJ: Elise
6JP: James
6RH: Monna

Sports News

Inter house Sports Competitions are returning! During the **week beginning 7th December**, the children have a chance to represent their house in the **running competition**. They will be performing the 'Bleep Test' Run to earn as many house points as the can for their house. Each child will earn 5 house points for entering and then an extra house point for each level they achieve. The event for your child will run at break time: Y3: Wednesday Y4: Thursday Y5: Monday Y6: Tuesday

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

7th–11th:

11th:

18th:

Human Rights Week

Festive Jumper (clothing) Day

END OF TERM—Staggered leaving times

Y3: 1.20pm

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