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4th September 2020



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

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

Latest News

Welcome Back

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and were able to relax, get away somewhere and generally spend quality time with loved ones. I would like to welcome the year 3 children and parents to the school. The children have settled in so well to their new surroundings, look fantastic in their new uniforms and are ready to learn. They have also adjusted to the new routines and the safety measures we have in school really well. I am sure they will all do themselves proud. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

Curriculum Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Curriculum Evenings next week, though this year, with the exception of the Year 3 evening, they will be virtual. This will be a time to find out more about the coming year. This will include information about routines, expectations, trips and themes the children will experience in their different year groups. There will also be an opportunity to arrange a meeting with your child's teacher, via Zoom. The days and times for the meetings can be found on the reverse of the newsletter in the dates section and on the website calendar. Zoom details will be sent out next week for Year 4, 5 and 6. It would be great if we can finalise who will be Class Reps at these meetings too though their role this year may be a little different to previous years. If you feel you are able to give a small amount of time to liaise with other parents about class matters we encourage you to consider the role of Class Rep for the year, you may wish to share the role with another parent.

Clubs

ALL clubs are on hold until half term when we will be in a position to update you further.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that the children should be in their autumn/winter uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy and we do encourage the children to come to school in their PE kits on the day they have PE starting from next week. The children will remain in their kits all day and wear them home.

School Shop

This year Mrs Munz, the School Bursar, will continue to run the School Shop selling stationery products that are on the children's kit list each Wednesday at morning break. Where possible please bring in correct money in a named, sealed envelope. A price list of the products can be found [here](#) in the Parent Information section.

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. Many thanks.

Drop Off and Pick Up arrangements

Until we review the drop off and pick up times and arrangements please have consideration for our local residents and ensure they are not being blocked in or their access is not being hindered in any way and adhere to the one way systems in school. We will be reviewing the arrangements in time but until then, please respect the local residents on both Marshall Road and Hallam Road. We do ask that children make their own way to and from school where possible and that they arrive at the correct school gate **at the time they are due to enter** rather than waiting around at gates and creating potential 'pinch points' and unnecessary gathering. Each year group does have a 10 minute window to arrive at their designated school gate.

WELCOME BACK !



House Points

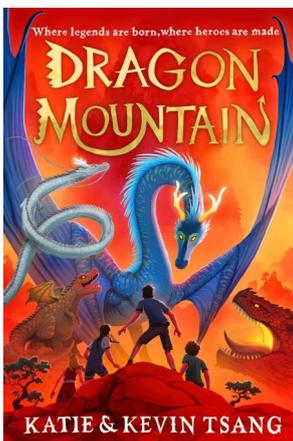
Mars

Neptune

Saturn

Jupiter

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

A warm welcome back to school from the PTA. As many of you know our role as PTA is to raise funds for the school to be used to enrich our children's experience and at the same time create a community spirit through key events. It goes without saying that this year will be a challenge! We would ordinarily be promoting the Welcome Back BBQ at this time and dates for other events. But, we'll be creative in our approach and look to do what we can to continue our success! Watch this space!

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:



Attendance Winners:

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 11th September Year 5 & 6
 Friday 18th September Year 3 & 4
 Friday 25th September Year 5 & 6
 Friday 2nd October Year 3 & 4
 Friday 9th October Year 5 & 6
 Friday 16th October Year 3 & 4
 Friday 23rd October Year 5 & 6



CHANCE TO SHINE
 Spreading the power of cricket

Diary Dates

Autumn 2020

September:

9th: Year 3 Curriculum Evening 3CM @ 5.30-6.15
 3SD @ 6.30-7.15
 9th: Year 4 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
 10th: Year 5 Curriculum Evening @ 5.00pm
 10th: Year 6 Curriculum Evening @ 5.30pm
 11th: House Elections
 28th-4th: Poetry Week

October:

5th-9th: Healthy Week-MHW
 26th-30th: HALF TERM

November

5th: INSET DAY (Thursday)
 9th-13th: Remembrance Week



Inset Days 2020/21

~~Tuesday 1st September 2020~~
Thursday 5th November 2020
 Friday 26th February 2021
 Monday 19th April 2021
 Friday 28th May 2021