



Newsletter

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

Latest News



Carol Concerts

Thank you to everyone who attended our wonderful carol concerts this week. We hope you enjoyed them as much as the children enjoyed putting on their shows! The children performed brilliantly and was fitting way of closing the term and getting ready for Christmas!

Scrooge—A Christmas Performance

A big thank-you also to the PTA for providing the children a festive treat today with a visit from a theatre group and a wonderful performance of A Christmas Carol.

Community Litter Pick

Last Wednesday, the Eco Warriors from Moss Lane and Godalming Junior School united to litter pick in Godalming High Street. Despite the (very) wet weather, the children's spirits weren't dampened and many members of the local community commented on the good deed the children were demonstrating.

NSPCC Big Buddy Workouts

Thank you to all the families who have taken part in our NSPCC sponsorship event. Thanks to a great effort from the children a fantastic total of **£1585** was raised towards this important charity.

Christmas RE Day

On Friday 13th, GJS had their second annual RE Day. The day began with an engaging assembly from The Trinity Trust before Maggie from St John's in Farncombe worked with year 3 and 4, and The Trinity Trust worked with year 5 & 6. All the classes had a Christmas enquiry question to explore throughout the day. Their teachers were very impressed with the mature manner that the children discussed and explored some big questions and the children produced some wonderful work as a result.

Reception & Junior Applications - September 2020

A reminder that the closing date for reception and junior applications for next September is **15th January 2020**. Online applications can be made via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> and full information is available on Surrey's website at www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions.

Surrey Youth Games—Young Ambassadors

The Surrey Youth Games are seeking Young Ambassadors to help promote the next Specsavers Surrey Youth Games in schools. If you are between 7 -16 years and have previously taken part in SSGY or you have a keen interest in sport then you should complete the online application [form](#). The scheme is a great opportunity for young people to develop their leadership skills and confidence.

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

Well done to all the **FORGIVENESS Values Champions**. Next half term the children will have weekly assemblies encouraging them to reflect on what the value of **FRIENDSHIP** 'looks like'. They will learn about how we all need the ability to be a good and effective friend 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 **FRIENDSHIP** then please let us know!

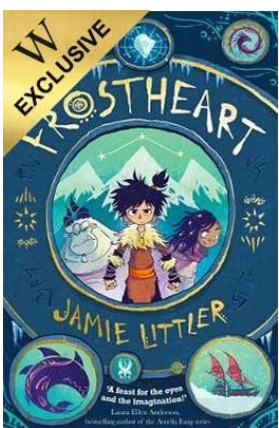
End of Term Friday 20th December 2019

Just a reminder that we break up at 1.15pm today. From everyone at Godalming Junior School we would like to wish you all a happy, restful and joyous Christmas and we look forward to seeing you in the next decade! Here is to a wonderful 2020!

House Points

Saturn
Neptune
Jupiter
Mars

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Thank-you from the PTA for all your support in making 2019 a fantastic year—creating a wonderful sense of community through the events we've held and raising a significant amount of funds for GJS.

Next up is the children's disco in February (more details to follows). In the meantime the PTA would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



School Achievement



Attendance Winners:

FORGIVENESS – Values Champions:

3CM – Jasmine B
 3SD – Rosie
 4EM – Mia
 4SV – Heidi
 5EC – Louis
 5CH – Zac
 6RH – Ava
 6JP – Amelie



Sports News

Inter House Football Tournament

The teams are set and on display on the school sports board. More information will be announced early next term!



Diary Dates

December

20th: END OF TERM finish at 1.15pm.

Spring Term 2020

January

6th: BEGINNING OF SPRING TERM
 13th: Year 5 Planetarium Trip
 17th: Inter House Football Tournament
 20th–24th: HERO WEEK

February

6th: Year 4 Internet Safety Assembly
 7th: Inter House Chess Tournament
 10th-14th: HEALTHY WEEK—Diet and Nutrition
 14th: INSET DAY
 17th-21st: HALF TERM

March

2nd-6th: BOOK WEEK
 4th: High 5 Year 5/6 Netball Tournament
 5th: Year 5 Road Safety Assembly
 9th-13th: SCIENCE WEEK
 10th: Parents Evening (Late)
 12th: Parents Evening (Early)
 20th: Inter House Basketball Tournament
 23rd-27th: EARTH WEEK
 23rd: Primary Music Festival @ Dorking Halls
 26th: School Photos—Class



Inset Days 2019/20

~~Wednesday 4th September 2019~~

~~Monday 4th November 2019~~

Friday 14th February 2020

Monday 20th April 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020