

Be Cautious

Protect our bubbles

Keep School Open

Autumn 10
13th November 2020



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

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

Latest News



VETERANS AND REMEMBRANCE WEEK

COVID Update

In light of the two confirmed cases at GJS we would like to remind parents of the latest guidance and restrictions and do whatever you can to adhere to them. By following these measures and what we are doing at school, we hope we keep further cases to a minimum. Well done to all the children who have managed to log onto Google Classroom and accessed their online learning successfully this week. We are always reviewing the platform providers and would appreciate any feedback on the ones which have been used so far. We then hope to have a consistent platform which will then be used across the school in the unfortunate event of year groups or classes having to self isolate.

Remembrance Week

Well done to all the children who engaged so well with our third 10richment week of the year, Remembrance Week. We celebrated 75 years since the end of the war in Europe in 1945, by observing the minute silence so brilliantly on Wednesday morning. Throughout the week, the children have been learning about the huge role the Commonwealth countries played in the British war effort, and that without their sacrifice, our lives would be very different today. This week also saw the launch of our very first GLP wide competition, where children were asked to produce a piece of writing based on a war memorial. Well done for your fantastic efforts. Winners will be announced shortly.

Teacher Training with the GLP and Winchester University

The Godalming Learning Partnership (GLP), in partnership with Winchester University, is currently recruiting its 3rd cohort of trainee teachers to start in September 2021. The one year GET Teaching Schools Direct programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience with academic study at Winchester University, an outstanding teacher training provider. Our first successful cohort has begun teaching careers within GLP schools and elsewhere and our 8 current trainees are currently based in our schools gaining valuable experience over the course of the year. To find out more about the course and how to apply visit www.getteaching.org or contact Associate Director, Andrew Smith at: director@godalminglearning.org.uk

Inter House Art Competition—Design a GJS Christmas Card

Thank you for all the entries to the Design a Christmas Card Competition. The response and quality of artwork was fantastic. Miss Holcombe has definitely got her work 'cut out' judging a winner. We will announce the winner next week!

School Lunch Student Survey

As part of their food development and menu planning, Twelve15, who provide our lunchtime catering would like to gain feedback from parents regarding the current menu offer. Please [click here](#) to submit your feedback by **Friday 20th November**. Thank you for your support.

Arriving at school reminder

Can we remind parents that children should aim to arrive at their designated school gate for the times listed below rather arriving too early and waiting around at the gate. This can cause unnecessary congestion when we need to keep our year 'bubbles' at a safe distance. Each year group has a 10 minute period to enter the school site. Arriving slightly after the times below will mean the children can walk straight in.

Year 3 8.30am Marshall Road only

Year 5 8.30am Hallam Road only

Year 4 8.40am Marshall Road only

Year 6 8.40am Hallam Road only

Second Hand Uniform Plea!

We currently have a shortage of second hand school uniform, especially in larger sizes. If you have any jumpers, cardigans or PE kit which you no longer require please contact Vanessa Peacock on 07970 925025.

Flu Vaccinations

Flu vaccinations are still being held at school next Wednesday (18th).

And finally...

Mr Samson would like to thank everyone who has sponsored him so far. He has set himself the target of trying to raise £500 for the charity, and is nearly there, by growing a moustache and would like to encourage anyone in the GJS community to also take part and raise awareness. A GJS 'Just Giving' page has also been set up which can be found following the link [here](#) or the QR code below to make a donation and we hope to reach the target by the end of the month.



House Points

Jupiter 1,076

Mars 831

Saturn 790

Neptune 627



Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Once again a huge thank you from the PTA for your participation in our London Marathon inspired sponsored activity. Your activity and generosity has now raised **£918**. Contrary to last week's update the paypal link is still active until close of play on 30th November - <https://paypal.me/pools/campaign/114675764245299120> It would be truly amazing to push beyond £1000!!

Christmas countdown continues - it's only six weeks away!! For those of you that like a natural Christmas tree it won't be too long before you are looking to buy one! Look no further.....we have teamed up with Christmas Tree Express - you can order your tree on-line for delivery to your home address. Use voucher code GJS2020 at checkout and receive a £5 discount. For every tree sold we raise £5 for the PTA. Please see attached flyer for more information! Please note that the order cut off point has been extended to 29th November. (Although if they sell out it will obviously be sooner). Delivery can take place from 23rd November through to 16th December.

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: Amberley
3SD: Neera
4EM: Amber
4GS: George
5EC: Charlotte
5CJ: Emily
6JP: Oscar
6RH: Isla



Sports News



Diary Dates

Autumn 2020

November	
11th:	Flu vaccination consent deadline
9th–13th:	Remembrance Week
18th:	Flu vaccinations
24th:	Parent-Teacher Meeting (Late)*
26th:	Parent-Teacher Meeting (Early)*
27th:	Year 4 - Greek Day
December	
7th–11th:	Human Rights Week
11th:	Christmas Jumper Day
18th:	END OF TERM @1.15PM

* Via Microsoft Teams



Inset Days 2020/21

~~Tuesday 1st September 2020~~
~~Thursday 5th November 2020~~
Friday 26th February 2021
Monday 19th April 2021
Monday 7th June 2021