



Spring 2  
15th January 2021



Godalming Junior School

# Newsletter

*"Being honest may not get you many friends, but it'll always get you the right ones" - John Lennon*

## Latest News

### Week 2—Remote Learning

Well done to all the children who have been making an attempt to access the online learning provision, attend the live lessons and upload work to Google Classroom. It has been great to see so many children attend in uniform and experience school in a very different way, well done! We sincerely hope this appetite to learn and the level of attendance continues for as long as is necessary. Remember parents, there are guides for you with tips on how to manage online learning, which can be found [here](#). Keep up the great work and a special well done to all those who received their 'shout outs' today and have their place marked on the GJS Walk of Fame. The names of these wonderful Lockdown Learners can be found on the reverse of the newsletter!

Mr Samson is also keen to continue to receive examples of work the children will be completing that they are particularly proud of. If you would like to send pieces of work, messages or examples of independent tasks then please send them to: [head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

### 10richment Hero Week 18th—22nd January

Our first 10richment week of the year will be our, slightly altered, Hero Week. During the course of the week the children will be taking part in a range of activities and looking at significant figures who MAY be considered heroes. This week would normally include a dressing up day as a hero, which we clearly will not be able to run this year. This may be a good opportunity to also write to 'local heroes', as an extra activity, who have continuously gone above and beyond during the pandemic and may be considered to be 'unsung heroes'. Mr Samson plans to write a letter to a 'COVID hero' and would welcome suggestions as to who this person should be. Again, using the email address above, please send him your suggestions.

### School Value

This half term we will be concentrating on the value of **HONESTY**. The children will learn about how we all need the ability to be honest, despite the challenge of making decisions or saying things that are 'unpopular'. As like so many things in life, the right thing to do is often not the easiest thing to do and the right decisions made may not be widely considered to be the most popular. We also ask that the message of 'honesty being the best policy' is reinforced at home as well as school.

### Food Bank Donations

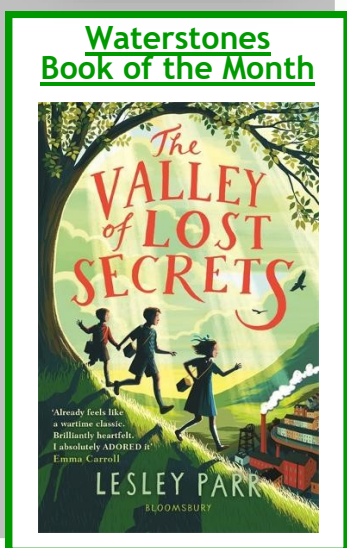
Thank you to everyone who has already responded to our donation request. We will continue to leave the Food Bank 'bin' outside the Hallam Road gate on Monday mornings and we would really appreciate items such as: pasta, cereals, cooking sauces and long-life milk. Thanks again to everyone who has donated already and we hope to continue to support our GJS community.

### Godalming & Villages Community Food Store Update

In addition to the shop, the community store will now have two trolleys outside the Wilfrid Noyce Centre for those in need to help themselves. The regular 'shop' also 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](mailto:office@godalming-tc.gov.uk) or phone 01483 523575.

### RSPB's Big Garden Birdwatch

The RSPB have relaunched their Big Garden Birdwatch this month from 29th—31st Jan. Please find further details on how to take part in the fun along with extra activities [here](#)



# PTA News

Watch this space!

## School Achievement

### Lockdown Walk of Fame:

- 3CM – Finlay
- 3SD – Eric
- 4EM – James
- 4GS – Cleo
- 5CJ – Megan
- 5EC – James
- 6JP – Izzy
- 6RH – Polly



## Diary Dates

### Spring Term 2021

January	
18th–22nd:	HERO WEEK
February	
9th:	Safer Internet Day
15th–19th:	<b>HALF TERM</b>
22nd–26th:	ARTS WEEK
26th:	<b>GLP INSET DAY</b>
March	
1st–5th:	BOOK WEEK
4th:	WORLD BOOK DAY
8th–12th:	SCIENCE WEEK
22nd–26th:	EARTH WEEK
23rd:	Parent/Teacher Meeting (Late) TBC
25th:	Parent/Teacher Meeting (Early) TBC
April	
1st:	<b>END OF TERM @ 1.15pm (It really is)</b>



### Inset Days 2020/21

~~Tuesday 1st September 2020~~

~~Thursday 5th November 2020~~

**Friday 26th February 2021**

Monday 19th April 2021

Monday 7th June 2021