



Autumn 7
16th October 2020



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

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

Latest News

Class Council 'High 5' Priorities 2020-21

The Class Council reps from each class met with Mr Samson last week to decide on what will be the 5 projects we will work on over the coming year to improve Godalming Junior School. Once again, there was a fantastic discussion and a huge amount of thought went into deciding on our final 5. They will be:

1. Update the picnic benches
2. More robust play equipment to be used at break times
3. More opportunities to raise money for charity
4. Repair the roofing of the gazebos on the back playground
5. More water fountains/drinking water taps

We will keep you updated with our progress over the course of the year.

Clubs

We intend to bring back some clubs after half term for a trial period up until the end of term. The clubs will either be run by external providers or members of staff but will be limited to individual year groups only, led by their class teachers, to avoid mixing of children and adults.

Guitar Taster Sessions

The Music Works is delighted to invite all students at Godalming Junior School to join them for a free guitar taster lesson on **Tuesday 20th October 2020!** All you have to do to reserve your space is sign up at <https://www.themusicworks.co/freelesson> Please see the Parentmail sent on Thursday for further details.

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

Governor Vacancy

Are you interested in becoming a Governor of Godalming Junior School? We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Governors are responsible for determining the strategic direction of the school, its policies for achieving this and for ensuring that the school performs at a high level for all pupils and staff. Further details including a nomination form have been sent via Parentmail. If you want to know more or to express an interest, please contact the Chair of Governors, Michael Guest, mguest@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk or 07973 728129.

Face Masks

If you have an appointment with a class teacher or any member of the staff team please ensure you wear a face covering.

Warmer clothing in classrooms

Some windows are currently being kept open in classrooms to increase circulation of fresh air during this COVID pandemic. It may therefore be advisable for children to wear an additional warm, thin layer underneath their uniform if they wish.

'Hello Yellow' Young Minds Update

Thank you for your generous donations to our Young Minds awareness day last Friday. We raised £267 to help support this worthy charity and the work they undertake supporting children in the UK with mental health issues.

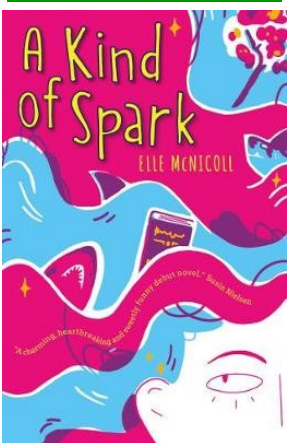


House Points

Mars	675
Neptune	433
Jupiter	592
Saturn	573



Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Participation in our London Marathon inspired sponsored activity appears to be picking up pace! We have heard of plans to run the full marathon distance over a number of days at half term and plans to cycle 26 miles in a day. Walking from Godalming to Guildford and back on the River Wey tow path is at least quarter marathon distance and a beautiful walk at this time of year! Remember to complete by 6th November!! Make the most of the Autumn weather and the great outdoors and raise some funds in the process. The paypal link is <https://paypal.me/pools/campaign/114675764245299120> .Sponsorship form has been sent via Parentmail.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM: Peter
 3SD: Oliver
 4EM: Archie
 4GS: Kalin
 5EC: Florence G
 5CJ: Sofia
 6JP: Riley
 6RH: Georgie



Pupil
Awards

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 23rd October Year 3 & 4



CHANCE TO SHINE
 Spreading the power of cricket

Diary Dates

Autumn 2020

October:
 19th Year 5 (5CJ) Guildford Museum trip
 23rd Year 5 (5EC) Guildford Museum trip
 23rd Chance to Shine Cricket Year 3 & 4
 26th–30th: **HALF TERM**
 November
 5th: **INSET DAY (Thursday)**
 9th–11th Parent Tours for Sept 2021 @ 6pm
 9th–13th: Remembrance Week



Inset Days 2020/21

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