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Autumn 13
4th December 2020



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

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

Latest News



GLP News

This term the Godalming Learning Partnership launched their first competition for children using the stimulus of Remembrance. All schools entered the writing competition and Evie in Year 5 produced the **best** piece of writing of **ALL** year 5 children in the GLP, congratulations to her. She received a specially designed card and badge and her work will be on the GLP website in the coming weeks! Next term there will be a GLP art competition and more information on this will follow in the new year!

Christmas Jumper Day 2020 – Friday 11th December

Next Friday is 'Festive Friday'! It is time to dust off your Christmas jumper or any other festive clothing to help raise a little money for charity! This year we are supporting a local charity, The Meath. All money raised from this event will go towards the work and activities they do with people with complex epilepsy. This week he held a virtual assembly where Helen from the Meath outlined the work that that is done at the Meath and how their donations will be used. Please use the link below to donate towards this worthwhile charity using our Just Giving page. <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/godalming-junior> Click on this link for a short video of The Meath's Christmas Appeal 2020: <https://youtu.be/4tAnSxea4Tk>

House Points

Neptune	826
Jupiter	765
Saturn	624
Mars	557



GJS Christmas Cards

Christmas Cards, as designed by the winner of our Inter-house Art competition, Thomas from 4GS are still available for sale. They will be sold for £3.00, for a pack of 5 very limited edition cards. Orders can be placed via Parentmail and cards sent home with children. Please see the calendar section of this very newsletter to see the winning design! All profits from the sale of the cards will be going to charity.

Online Christmas Activities

With the help of The Snowman and The Snowdog the British Red Cross have launched their 'It's cool to be kind' campaign including a kindness calendar to plan kind acts throughout the month. Many other additional activities are included in the pack, [click here](#) to discover more! Also, Surrey County Council would usually welcome families into the Surrey History Centre to make crafts but this year they have gone virtual with a simple Christmas craft activity video [click here](#) to see more.

Waterstones Book of the Month



Healthy 'Nut free' Snacks

Could we please remind parents to provide healthy snacks and packed lunches. To keep our children with allergies safe, it is essential that your child does not bring in any foods containing nuts or traces of nuts, including biscuits and chocolate. Thank you.

GJS Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everyone who has already donated and we are still welcoming more as we lead up to Christmas. The Food Bank bin will continue to be outside the school gate on the Hallam Road entrance each **Monday** morning. If you are able to donate we would appreciate anything you are able to give. Thank you very much.

Parent Governor Vacancy: Deadline for nominations Friday 11th December at NOON

We have a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Further details including a nomination form have been sent via Parentmail. If you want to know more or to express an interest, contact the Chair of Governors, Michael Guest, mguest@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk

November Update...

Mr Samson would like to thank everyone who sponsored him throughout November. The target of raising £500 for the charity was smashed and overall there was over £700 raised. Thank you to everyone who supported this worthy cause, especially at a time when so many are struggling with their mental health.



PTA News

Exciting news! We now have our GJS PTA Facebook page active - <https://www.facebook.com/GodalmingJuniorPTA/> Please like and or follow the page as we'll be using to post updates and reminders!

On the subject of reminders - the deadline for Christmas Tree orders from Christmas Tree Express is Sunday 29th November - www.christmastreeexpress.co.uk - code GJS2020 will get you £5.00 discount and £5.00 for every tree sold goes to PTA school funds.

The deadline for sponsor money for the London Marathon activity is 30th November - paypal link <https://paypal.me/pools/campaign/114675764245299120>. Once again a huge thank you from the PTA for your support - your generosity continues to amaze - the total figure raised is now over £1150!

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: Poyraz
3SD: Ben
4EM: Rosie M
4GS: Freddie
5EC: Joe
5CJ: Daniel
6JP: Stanley
6RH: Jiya

Sports News

Inter house Sports Competitions are returning! During the **week beginning 7th December**, the children have a chance to represent their house in the **running competition**. They will be performing the 'Bleep Test' Run to earn as many house points as they can for their house. Each child will earn 5 house points for entering and then an extra house point for each level they achieve. The event for your child will run at break time: Y3: Wednesday Y4: Thursday Y5: Monday Y6: Tuesday

More Inter house Sports Competitions are planned for the Spring Term, including a football shoot, netball shoot, basketball shoot and a hockey dribble. More details of these will follow in January.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2020

December

7th–11th:

Human Rights Week

11th:

Festive Jumper (clothing) Day

16th

Christmas Lunch Day (pre booked)

18th:

END OF TERM—Staggered leaving times

Y3: 1.20pm

Y4: 1.15pm

Y5: 1.10pm

Y6: 1.05pm

