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Autumn 8  
23rd October 2020



Godalming Junior School



# Newsletter

*“Nothing can dim the light that shines from within” - Maya Angelou*

## Latest News



### Thank You

Thank you for everyone’s support. We have ‘successfully’ navigated our return to school for a largely settled half term and despite the ongoing challenges the world is facing and school building work, the children have been a real credit to the school and have adjusted brilliantly to all the measures in place. We continue to provide a nurturing, supportive, fun and calm place for the children to attend each day and we would like to thank you for reinforcing our school messages and values, at home. Please find time to relax next week, have fun and stay safe. We look forward to seeing you all again on **Monday 2nd November**.

### INSET Day

Just a reminder that we have a **Talk for Writing Inset Day**, along with the other junior and primary schools within the GLP, on **Thursday 5th November**.

### 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.

### 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](http://www.getteaching.org) or contact Associate Director, Andrew Smith at: [director@godalminglearning.org.uk](mailto:director@godalminglearning.org.uk)

### Governor Vacancy: Deadline for nominations – Monday 2nd November at noon

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](mailto:mguest@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk). Completed nomination form and a personal statement should be sent to the Clerk to the Governors by 12 noon on **Monday 2 November 2020** via the School Office/[clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

### Imago—School Photos

Children were sent home with their school photos this week together with details on how to view these online. Further details were also sent out yesterday via Parentmail. Please place orders online by **Thursday 5th November** for free delivery to school.

### 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.

### And finally...

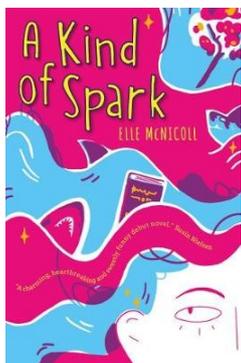
Following on from our last Young Minds mufti fundraiser, from the beginning of November Mr Samson will be growing a ‘mo for a bro’ in support of the Movember Foundation supporting men’s health. He has set himself the target of trying to raise £500 for the charity by growing a moustache and would like 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. Please feel free to email the school to let us know what else you intend to do to raise money for this worthy cause during this challenging time for all!

### House Points

Mars	762
Jupiter	724
Saturn	717
Neptune	702



### Waterstones Book of the Month



## PTA News

Thank you to everyone who has confirmed their participation in our London Marathon inspired sponsored activity. We have already received sponsorship totalling £275 and are hugely grateful for your generosity! Of course, there is still time to get involved if you want to get active over half term. Remember to complete by 6<sup>th</sup> November!! A special mention to Florence in Year 3 who raised £70 completing a 7 mile bike ride, as a combined family they completed a marathon! Well done Florence and thank you! We'd love to hear more stories of your activities.



The paypal link is <https://paypal.me/pools/campaign/114675764245299120>

With apologies for referencing Christmas before the end of October....it is only nine 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

## School Achievement

### CONFIDENCE Values Champions

3CM: Scarlett  
3SD: Eddie  
4EM: Olafur  
4GS: Phoebe  
5EC: Flossie  
5CJ: Taylor  
6JP: Freya  
6RH: Alena



Congratulations to all our CONFIDENCE Values Champions who have embodied the value of CONFIDENCE this half term! They have been fantastic ambassadors for the school and have set a wonderful example to others, well done!

*A Dawson*

## Sports News

Thank you to Chance to Shine Charity and Surrey County Cricket Club who visited the school once again this term to provide specialist cricket training. ALL children had a great time learning and honing their skills in bowling, fielding and batting!



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Spreading the power of cricket

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2020

October:  
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