



# Newsletter

*'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness - Desmond Tutu*

## Latest News



### GJS Christmas Carol Concerts

6 shows, 2 evenings, 2 mornings, 2 afternoons and over 500 people attending; the Christmas Shows were fantastic this week. Thank-you to everyone who came and supported the children. EVERYONE has worked so hard to put the '12 Values of Christmas' shows together and everyone performed so, so well! Thank-you to everyone who made donations to Save the Children, these will be added to the Christmas Jumper Day donations and we will let you know in due course how much we managed to raise!

### Godalming Junior School's Christmas Choir

Last Saturday the school choir, ably led by Mrs Johnson, attended the Christmas Together Service at St Peter and Paul's Church in Godalming and performed songs alongside Broadwater School and St Hilary's. The children were impeccably behaved, were superb ambassadors for the school and sang beautifully. Even Mrs Samson was extremely impressed!

### Spring Term Value—CONFIDENCE

The first half term of 2018 will see GJS focus on the value of CONFIDENCE. We are looking for children to perform something they are confident in during the Monday assemblies. Each class has a sign-up sheet for the children - if they would like to play a musical piece, perform a sketch, a dance or would like to entertain the school in another way. We would also, once again, appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of the value at home.

### Costume Donation

If you have any unwanted costumes, clothes or accessories please bring them to the school office.

### GJS Christmas Puddings!

The final few Christmas puddings are available to buy from the School office!

### Reception and Junior School Applications

Please note that for parents with pre-school or year 2 children the closing date for Reception and Junior School applications for September 2018 entry is **15th January 2018**.

### Late Arrival at School

If your child arrives at school after the bell at 8.45am they must be signed in at the school office. This is for the safety of the children and to ensure our safeguarding procedures are adhered to. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

### SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training)

Godalming Junior School is a proud partner of the Surrey South Farnham SCITT program having become a partner school last year to train future aspiring teachers. On **Wednesday 10th January** we will be hosting an information seminar for anyone considering a career in teaching.

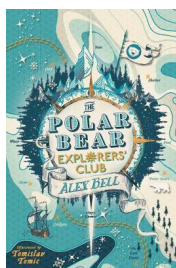


### House Points

Neptune	721
Jupiter	585
Mars	513
Saturn	585



### Waterstones Book of the Month



The Polar Bear Explorers  
Club  
By  
Alex Bell

## PTA News

### Christmas Fair

WOW, what can we say apart from a massive thank-you to everyone who came and supported our Christmas Fair last Friday night. I hope you all agree it was a fantastic evening where the school community truly came together! A huge thank-you goes to all the volunteers leading up to the fair and those who gave their time on the night. These events would not happen if we didn't have this support. Final figures are yet to be confirmed but it looks like we raised a fantastic £1800!

Look out for our events next year and have a fantastic Christmas.  
Best Wishes from the PTA.

### P.T.A Diary Dates 2018

8th February—Family Movie Night  
27th April—Quiz Night  
24th May—Kids Disco  
6th July—Summer Fair.

## School Achievement

3AJ — WHOLE CLASS  
3NJ — WHOLE CLASS  
4SD — Isla Mortimer  
4EM — Meg Lynes  
5RP — Maddie Barker  
5AC — Leah Jhaver  
6RH — Charlotte Martin  
6JP — Eva Pomphrey



Attendance Winners: 3AJ—99.4%

## Sports News

### Inter House Football—Godalming Premier League 2018

Next week the House Captains will get together to play 'Gareth Southgate' and put together their teams ready for next term's GJS Premier League. All children have been signing up this week. More information can be found on the House Notice Board and the Team GJS Board. Last year Saturn Athletic were the overall winners of the inaugural Premier League so we will see whether they can retain their title or whether Mars, Neptune or Jupiter can beat them to it this time around!



## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2017

<b>December</b>	
21st:	<b>END OF TERM (1.15PM)</b>
<b>January</b>	
4th:	Beginning of Term
15th—19th:	Maths Week
19th:	Maths Workshops—Happy Puzzle Co.
<b>February</b>	
5th—9th:	Healthy Week 2—Healthy Diet
12th-16th:	<b>HALF TERM</b>



### Inset Days 2017/18

16th April 2018  
23rd July 2018

Please be aware that penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised leave of absence for five days or more. Penalty Notices are issued per parent per child and the amount due is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.