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Keep School Open

Spring 1  
8th 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



### Welcome Back

Whilst we would all like to wish everyone a Happy New Year in our first newsletter of 2021, this is not the beginning of year we had envisaged when we broke up for Christmas last term. Thank you to everyone who has 'embraced' the provision we have put in place, which has been rolled out in such a short space of time by our wonderful and committed staff. Schools around the country have had to act extremely quickly and we feel the model we have in place is sustainable until half term and offers the right amount of learning and screen time in these challenging times. Please do keep in touch with your class teacher via email or the school office. There are tips and guides to supporting home learning, which can be found on the school website [here](#) .



Mr Samson is also keen 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.



### GJS Walk of Fame

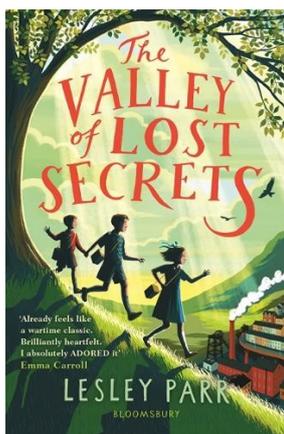
From next week, each teacher will be nominating a fantastic 'Lockdown Learner' who will join our GJS Lockdown 'Walk of Fame'. These will be children who have been punctual to online lessons, have been presentable, played an active role in lessons, uploaded work to GC on time and MAY have shown initiative to extend their own learning. The names will be shared each week in the newsletter and also receive a 'shout out' from their class teacher in the 'Celebration Assembly' each Friday



### 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.

### Waterstones Book of the Month



### Food Bank Donations

Once again we would really appreciate any donations to our Food Bank for our families during this challenging time. Our Food Bank bin will be 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.

# PTA News

Watch this space!

## School Achievement

### Lockdown Walk of Fame:

- 3CM—
- 3SD—
- 4EM—
- 4GS—
- 5CJ—
- 5EC—
- 6JP—
- 6RH—



## 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