



# Newsletter

*'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much' - Helen Keller*

## Latest News



### Gold Medallist Visit—Liam Heath

Today the children were treated to a visit from a very special guest. Liam Heath, gold AND silver medallist from Rio 2016, visited the school to talk to the children and answer questions about his life and quest for Olympic glory! Liam, from Guildford, was in the area and popped in to also show off his medals!

### Year 3 Egyptian Day

On Monday, Year 3 were lucky enough to take part in an Egyptian Day where they learnt all about the geography and history of Ancient Egypt. Everyone dressed up in various costumes ranging from powerful Pharaohs to beautiful Cleopatras. During the morning the children took part in a quiz, exploring the classroom for all the facts that we needed about Ancient Egyptian life, and even had a go at measuring things using royal cubits. In the afternoon, we travelled back to Ancient Egypt to visit a Pharaoh in his palace. Unfortunately for him, he was poisoned and died! However, this meant that we got to watch the process of mummification and even took part in the burial procession before sealing him in his tomb. Finally, we got to crown a new Pharaoh who we had to worship like a living God. Our new Pharaoh was Miss Jones!

### Year 4 Greek Day

On Wednesday, the Year 4s had a Greek Day experience as part of their Ancient Greek topic. Everyone came to school in fantastic Greek outfits, and took part in a number of exciting activities. We started the day exercising our brains by solving a Greek quiz, a tricky Greek puzzle and playing a Greek game. We then acted out the Greek myth, Theseus and the Minotaur, with the children playing their parts well and with great enthusiasm. In the afternoon, the children had the chance to look at some Ancient Greek weapons, before exercising their bodies by competing in their own Year 4 Olympic Games. All the children competed to the best of their ability, with The Spartans (4SD) claiming victory by a narrow margin over The Athenians (4TT).

### Wet Play Plea

We are currently 'up-levelling' our class wet play boxes with games etc that the children use when it is raining and are unable to go outside. We would very much appreciate donations of good condition comics, board games, DVD's (as long as they carry a U certification) puzzle books, playing cards, Top Trumps, Uno and anything else that would make a good wet play box activity. There will be a box in reception if you have any of these games etc that you feel need a new home from Monday. Any donation will be much appreciated!

### Car-parking

The car park is used continuously for staff, deliveries and emergency access. Please do not use this for dropping off your children.

### School Admin

Please can you ensure that all cash that is brought to school for lunches, school trips etc is placed in a named envelope. Many thanks.

### Our Values

Continuing with our focus on core values that were introduced last year, we will be concentrating on the value of **COMMUNITY** this term. The children will have weekly assemblies that encourage them to reflect on what this value 'looks like' and will learn about how we are all members of different communities. There will also be follow up sessions in class. We also ask that they are referred to and reinforced at home as well as school.

### House Points

Jupiter	210
Mars	141
Neptune	136
Saturn	130



## PTA News

It was great to see so many faces attend the Welcome Back BBQ last Friday night. There was such a great spirit around the place and it was fantastic to see and feel such a lovely community atmosphere which is a real strength of the school. A HUGE thank you to everyone involved that made it such a success and also a huge thank you to Godalming Butchers for their donations towards the meat for the BBQ itself. Next up we have our Autumn Disco on **Thursday 20th October**. More details to follow!

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3NJ— Martha Leaman  
3AB— Isaac Holder  
4SD— Thomas Shepherd  
4TT— Ben Curley  
5RP— Isaac Adam  
5AC— Dylan Costa



### Attendance Winners:

3NJ

## Sports News

### Inter House Football Tournament—The GJS Premier League

This term the GJS Premier League will 'kick off' the school house events. Next week the Captains and Vice Captains will be choosing their teams to represent them, the fixtures will then be put together and it will all start on **Friday 7th October**.

### Bleep Test

As part of our Healthy Week next week, the children will once again attempt to beat their previous scores in the first Bleep Test of the year. This will take place on **Friday 30th September**. The children must have their PE kits in school on this day. The order of play can be found on the House notice board, the parent noticeboard on the playground and the sports notice board behind reception. The new children will also be briefed about the event during the assembly that morning. Once again, parents, friends and adults are welcome to take part in the 'adult' event after school at about **3.30pm** on the school playground.

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2016

#### September:

26th—30th: Healthy Week

30th: Bleep Test

#### October:

6th/7th: Year 4 Bikeability—Level 1

10th—14th: 'Hero' week

10th—14th: Year 6 Bikeability—Level 2

18th: Y6 Netball Tournament @ Tillingbourne

20th: PTA Autumn Disco

24th—28th: **HALF TERM**

31st: Confederation of Schools INSET Day—Closed

#### November:

3rd: NSPCC Assembly

4th: Prospective Parent Tour—11.00am

9th: Y4 Cinema Trip to Odeon Guildford

10th: Y6 NSPCC Workshop

10th: Prospective Parent Tour—9.00am

14th: Prospective Parent Tour—11.00am

18th: PTA Quiz Night



### Inset Days 2016/17

31st October 2016

10th February 2017

18th April 2017