

Love

Article 31:  
'Every child  
has a right to  
be happy'

Live

Article 19:  
'Every child  
has a right to  
feel safe'

Learn

Article 28:  
'Every child  
has a right to  
an education'

Spring 1  
7th January 2022



Godalming Junior School

# Newsletter

## Latest News

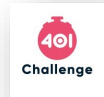
### GJS 401 Challenge Stage 3 Target: 2,540m

[Year 3](#)

[Year 4](#)

[Year 5](#)

[Year 6](#)



### Welcome Back

We hope you all had a safe and relaxing break and managed to fully enjoy the festive season. As we return to school, we still need to remain cautious and we have updated the school COVID Risk Assessment document, which can be found on the school website [here](#). We will continue to avoid mixing of year groups wherever possible, especially indoors. We will be notifying classes when there are confirmed positive cases and we will be informing you of the percentage of children within the class who are absent due to COVID, providing the number is greater than 10% (3 or more children). We do ask that the school are kept fully informed now that the isolation period has reduced. Children can return to school providing there are 2 negative results from lateral flow tests on day 6 and 7. For further clarification on recent changes and booking PCR tests click [here](#) for a link to the Gov.uk website. We will continue to be in touch with the local authority and UKHSA to seek further advice should numbers increase. This COULD lead to classes being taught remotely if the number of COVID cases increase rapidly to 60% of a class, as was the case last term on one occasion. We will do all we can in school to avoid this happening and we simply ask everyone continues to be cautious outside school too.

### 10R—Hero Week—17th—21st January

Our first 10richment Week of 2022 sees the return of our extremely popular Hero Week. This year we have decided to adopt the theme of LGBTQ+ and year groups will be choosing 'heroic' individuals to learn about during this week. This follows previous themes of 'Super Women' Hero Week and 'Heroic People of Colour' from previous years!

### Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge—Stage 3

We still would like the children to log their miles this half term in support of Ben and his 401 USA Challenge. We now look ahead to each year group trying to achieve the mammoth total of 2,540 miles in Stage 3 (that is about 40 miles a child...at about 8 miles a week!) We will continue to update the children during our weekly assemblies and it is never too late to log the miles and be active! Remember 'Happy Legs, Happy Head'. As we have our hall display of the 401 Challenge now, we would like photos of the children engaging in their physical activities! You can find out more about Ben's epic challenge [here](#).

### School Value

This term we will be focusing on the value of FRIENDSHIP. The children will be learning about what FRIENDSHIP means to them, what makes a good FRIEND, discuss occasions when FRIENDSHIPS have been tested and ways they can be better FRIENDS. This also coincides with the launch of the GJS Anti Bullying Stars Break-time Champion Award, which will be given out to a chosen class each Friday during Celebration Assembly to the class who have embraced the school's playground rules and UNICEF Rights of a Child most during break-times and lunchtimes. Staff on duty and the AB Stars themselves will be extra vigilant to seek out who is the most inclusive, respectful and kind class at break-times each week. This will also be shared in our weekly newsletters!

### Second Hand Uniform Shop

The second hand uniform, previously managed by our brilliant PTA, is now available at school. We hold stocks of all school logo items: cardigans, jumpers, PE T-Shirts, sweatshirts and a limited number of green joggers. Should you require any logo clothing please let the office know and we can send items home with your child. This will be operating on a donation basis.

### Parent Governor Vacancy

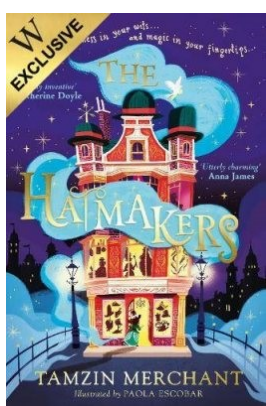
We are seeking applications for parents/carers to stand for election as a Parent Governor of Godalming Junior School. There is **one** Parent Governor vacancy on the Governing Body and applications will be welcomed from parents/carers of pupils registered at the school. Parent Governors serve for a term of four years, irrespective of how long their child remains as a registered pupil of the school. A letter dated Friday 7 January 2022 has been sent to parents/carers with more information and includes the nomination and personal statement form which should be completed and returned to the Clerk to the Governors by 12 noon on Tuesday 25th January 2022 via the School Office/[clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk)

### House Points

Neptune	943
Mars	937
Saturn	829
Jupiter	652



### Waterstones Book of the Month



# PTA News

Watch this space!

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

- 3CM - William
- 3EC - Loretta
- 4EM - Emi B
- 4GS - Erin
- 5SD - George
- 5CJ - Felix
- 6JP - Keeley
- 6RH - Mia



Attendance Winners: 3EC – 98.9%

### FORGIVENESS Values Champions

- 3CM - Ethan
- 3EC - Molly
- 4EM - Peter
- 4GS - Eric
- 5SD - Merryn
- 5CJ - Ella-Rose
- 6JP - Harrison
- 6RH - Grace



## Sports News

Chance to Shine Cricket will be visiting the school once again this term to provide specialist cricket training. Children will need to come into school dressed in their full PE kit on the following dates. For Y5 this will take part within their weekly PE session, for Y3,4 & 6 these sessions will be in addition to their normal curriculum PE slot.

- Monday 10th January Year 6 & 5
- Monday 17th January Year 4 & 5
- Monday 24th January Year 3 & 5
- Monday 31st January Year 6 & 5
- Monday 7th February Year 4 & 5

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2022

#### January

- 11th: Sports Hall Athletics @ Rodborough School
- 17th–21st: 10R–HERO WEEK
- 17th: Martin Luther King Jr Day (USA)
- 17th: Y5 UKSA Parent Information Talk (Zoom) @ 5.00pm
- 28th: Inter House Football Tournament

#### February

- 1st: UNICEF RRS Silver Award Accreditation Day
- 3rd: Y6 SATS Parent Information Talk (Zoom)
- 7th–11th: Y6 Mock SATS Week
- 7th: E-Safety Parent Headspace Surgery (Zoom) @ 9.15am
- 8th: E-Safety Assembly
- 11th: House Mufti
- 14th–18th: HALF TERM
- 21st: INSET DAY
- 21st–25th: 10R–ARTS WEEK

#### March

- 28th–4th: 10R–BOOK WEEK–VILLAINS
- 3rd: World Book Day–'Villainous Mufti'
- 7th–11th: TT Rock Festival Week
- 14th–18th: 10R–SCIENCE WEEK
- 21st–25th: 10R–EARTH WEEK
- 22nd: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC
- 24th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC
- 26th: Earth hour



#### Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

~~Monday 1st November 2021~~

**Monday 21st February 2022**

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022