

Spring 5 8th February 2019

Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

"Honesty is the best policy" - Benjamin Franklin

House Points Jupiter 909 Neptune 895 Saturn 814 Mars 566

Waterstones Book of the Month

PINCHOF

Latest News

School Gate Closures

From Monday the front gate on Meadrow and the back gate on Gothic Place will be closed at 8.50am. This leaves the Hallam Road entrance as the only accessible gate to the school. We ask that children are on the school site from 8.30am ready for the start of the school day at 8.45am.

'Anamazing'

This week year 5 were visited by Steve from Animazing as part of their biomes topic. The children learnt about a variety of different animals such as frogs, toads and lizards and even held some of these amazing creatures. Despite many of the class feeling afraid of a few of the animals (especially the tarantula!) they were all very brave and overcame their fears.

<u>Safer Internet Day</u> This year, there was a focus on how consent works in an online context. On Tuesday we explored how children ask, give, and receive consent online - this could be in their friendships or relationships, how they take and share images and videos or how they manage their privacy and data. We have updated our E-safety page on our website at http://www.godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk/website/e-safety/216834 where you will find lots of resources for you to use with your children. This includes:

Conversation starters - helpful questions and phrases to help start a conversation with young people about online safety;

Quick activities - fun activities that you can do together to explore ways to stay safe and positive when using technology; Fun things to do - online activities and resources for parents/carers with younger children;

Family internet safety plan - a plan to help your family shape the way you will use the inter-net and technology safely, responsibly and positively; Factsheet — sources of advice and information online, including how to report issues;

Get involved - tips and information on how you can play your part and share messages about Safer Internet Day with people you connect with online and offline and **Online safety tips for parents** with children aged 6-10 and 11-13.

Year 6 'Flood' Trip This week Year 6 were invited to visit the Flood Alleviation Scheme project at Hell's Ditch along the River Wey. The children learnt about different rivers, causes of flooding, flood defences and the impact flooding has on people. The children had a tour around the site to see how the flood defence was being constructed and the different machinery used. It was interesting to know that the work took careful consideration to help protect our wildlife including bats nesting in trees and a badger set nearby.

<u>World Book Day—Thursday 7th March</u>

Plans are well underway at GJS for this years Book Week which also includes World Book Day. To celebrate the 55th Anniversary of the publication of Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, this year will see a Roald Dahl theme run through the week. On World Book Day the children are asked to come to school in a 'Roald Dahl' inspired costume! During the week in the school library there will also be a book 'swap shop' at home time. Anyone wishing to swap books need to bring in a book (in good condition) to swap with another. There will also be an opportunity for parents to swap books too! More information will be revealed closer to the time!



A Pinch of Magic Bv Michelle Harrison





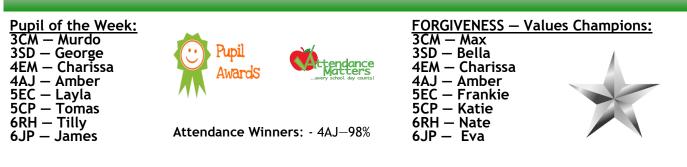




PTA News

The PTA have secured 15 estate agent boards to promote the Godalming Food Festival on 7th July. So far we have 8 volunteers who have kindly agreed to have a board sited on their property (thank you!). We are therefore looking for 7 more willing volunteers to have a board sited on their property. For each board displayed we raise £15 for the school so if we can reach the maximum 15 we earn £225! Boards will be sited on 3rd June and removed on 8th July by Seymours Estate Agents. If you are able to display a board please contact Simon Parry at simoncrparry1970@gmail.com.

School Achievement



Sports News

GJS Premier League 2019

It has been a busy week of football this week with 2 sets of fixtures being played making up for our snow affected fixtures last Friday. The 'catch up' fixtures were played on Monday with Jupiter City and Borussia Neptune play-ing out a 0-0 draw. Jupiter Rangers overcame a 'dogged' Inter Saturn 1-0, nothing could split AC Saturn and Nep-tune Wanderers as that finished 1-1 and in the 'Red Planet derby FC Mars drew with Mars Town 0-0. The Friday fixtures were Saturn United 2-0 Lokomotiv Jupiter, Sporting Neptune 0-0 Jupiter City and Jupiter Rovers 0-2 Jupiter Rangers

<u>GJS v Busbridge Junior School (a)</u> The girls battled hard yesterday in challenging conditions and a sloped pitch! Everyone gave a fantastic effort but came up short losing 6-1. Evie scored a wonderful goal and Ava was superb in goal. Well done girls!

Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching

Is continuing with year 4 on Monday 11th February. The full timetable is displayed on our Team GJS sports notice board and the children will be made aware of this in assembly. The children must have their PE kits in school for these sessions.

Diary Dates

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February 11th–15th: 18th–22nd: 25th: 26th: 28th: March 1st: 4th-8th: 7th: 18th-22nd: 22nd: 29th March: April 2nd: 5th:

Healthy Week 2—Diet and Nutrition HALF TERM INSET DAY Parent-Teacher Meeting (Late) Parent-Teacher Meeting (Early) Yr 6 World War II Roadshow BOOK WEEK World Book Day— **ARTS WEEK** Yr 3 Butser Farm trip Yr 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip RE Day-Easter END OF TERM @ 1.15pm



Inset Days 2018/19 Monday 25th February Tuesday 23rd April

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.