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Spring 9
12th March 2021



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing to help others?" - Martin Luther King Jr

Latest News



Week 9 – Welcome Back

We would like to start this week's newsletter to announce how proud we are of how ALL the children have returned to school this week. Though there were some anxieties and worries at the beginning of the day on Monday, all children have faced their fears, shown great resilience and have shown great maturity over the course of the week. There is no doubt, as the supportive **community** we are, we will help each other get used to being back at school and in no time, it will feel as though we were never away. We would like to remind Year 4 and 6, who arrive after younger year groups, to not arrive at their school gate when another year is still arriving. We **MUST** make sure we are keeping apart where possible and would appreciate your support in ensuring we do not get too large a gathering of children outside the school gates waiting. Each year group has a window to arrive within and we are likely to stick to this for most of the remaining year.

School Value

Appropriately, this term our focus is on the value of **COMMUNITY** and at this time, working together has never been more important. We will once again be using this theme to inform assemblies and PSHE lessons and we would once again appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of this value at home.

Science Week

What a week we've had!! We've explored the idea of 'innovating for the future' looking specifically at the theme of space exploration! As a school we've been building on the brilliant work of 'Space Adventurers' and 'Virgin Galactic' with the idea of getting tourists to the moon for a holiday, with each year group taking on a different challenge! Year 6 have been designing and creating prototype rockets to transport our tourists, focussing on a safe and smooth transition. Year 4 have designed hotels that tourists can stay in, carefully considering their layout, safety measures and how to spend their money wisely. Year 3 have designed vehicles to safely and efficiently transport our tourists around the moon for potential excursions and Year 5 have the very important job of designing and building a device that will return them home safely! Across the school, children have showed an incredible amount of enthusiasm towards this topic and put an enormous amount of thought and effort into their designs! We really do have some wonderful innovators at GJS!

Spring Term Parent-Teacher Consultations

These will be held virtually using the Microsoft Teams platform and will be an opportunity to find out how your child has found remote learning, how they have coped with the return to school and their general wellbeing. Book an appointment via Parentmail.

Tuesday 23rd March – 5.00pm to 8.00pm and Thursday 25th March – 4.00pm to 7.00pm

Medical Information Reminder

Should there have been any changes to your child's medical information during lockdown please complete and return a new medical care plan to the school office. Forms can be found under Parent Information on the school website or click [here](#).

Waverley Harriers 365

Athletics Club will be restarting on **Tuesday 16th March** for Y3 & 4 from 3.15-4.15pm. Those taking part will need to bring in their PE kit on Tuesday to change into at the end of the school day. A limited number of places remain. Should you wish your child to join in please contact Paul at wa-verley365@gmail.com / 07894 110857.

PE Days

Please send your child in full PE kit on the following days:

Monday - Year 5 Tuesday - Year 6 Wednesday - Year 3 Thursday - Year 4

Please look out for notices via Google Classroom if there are additional days the children need to come to school in PE kit, such as for house events or replacement days due to bad weather on their original PE days. These will be Fridays.

GLP Inset Days

This week the GLP group of headteachers agreed that there would once again be common inset days next year. They can be found on the reverse of the newsletter.

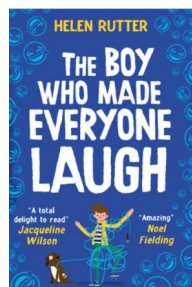
Remote Learning Survey

Thank you for taking the time to complete our remote learning offer online survey. Please find attached to this newsletter results to the questions of the 90 responses we had. Overall, responses were overwhelmingly positive, and it was wonderful to hear messages of support and encouragement that many of you took time to write. We have analysed all the responses and have discussed common themes and where it would be appropriate to act in the future, if such an event requires remote learning again.

House Points

Mars	1862
Saturn	1755
Neptune	1735
Jupiter	1693

Waterstones Book of the Month



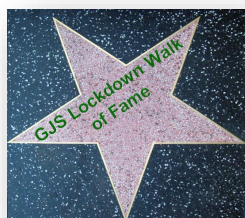
PTA News

Watch this space!

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3CM – George
3SD – Alfie
4EM – Laureate & Charlie
4GS – Mya
5CJ – Meggy P
5EC – Darcy
6JP – Ava
6RH – Billy



HONESTY—Values Champions

3CM – Samuel
3SD – Ted
4EM – Freddie
4GS – Liam
5CJ – Ruby
5EC – Rosie
6JP – Karenza
6RH – Maya



Sports News

Inter house Sports Competitions are returning!

Next week the children have a chance to represent their house in a **basketball shoot**. These 'shoot-outs' are open to any child wishing to join in on the day, there will be no prior sign up necessary. They will run at break-time on the children's relevant PE day.

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Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

March
22nd–26th: EARTH WEEK
23rd: Parent/Teacher Meeting (5pm to 8pm)
25th: Parent/Teacher Meeting (4pm to 7pm)
April
1st: **END OF TERM @ 1.15pm (It really is)**
May
20th: Class photos



Inset Days 2020/21

~~Tuesday 1st September 2020~~
~~Thursday 5th November 2020~~
~~Friday 26th February 2021~~
Monday 19th April 2021
Monday 7th June 2021

Inset Days 2021/22

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Monday 21st February 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Friday 27th May 2022