



Spring 8
5th 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 8 –Remote Learning

As we come to the end of our final week of online learning before school reopens fully on Monday, we would like to say a HUGE thank you to all families of GJS who have pulled together during this time. Whether it has been keeping on top of online learning, keeping in touch with family members and friends, working from home whilst supporting children, donating to our Food Bank...Thank you! As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the staggered starts to the school day, break, lunch and finish times will remain, the children will not be mixing with any other children from other classes and there will be restrictions on where they can go around the school. We also introduced last term, the wearing of masks by staff when moving around the school (indoors) and staff have been carrying out lateral flow tests twice a week. School attendance will once again become mandatory from Monday. It is important that we ALL try to ensure that the children's return to school is as calm as possible and we will be doing all we can during the remaining weeks of the term to keep anxieties as low as possible and to support the children integrate back to school. A reminder of the start and finish times, along with information on the correct entrance to use, are below:

Year 3— **Start:** Marshall Road Gate ONLY— 8.30–8.39am **Finish:** 3.10pm

Year 4— **Start:** Marshall Road Gate ONLY— 8.40–8.50am **Finish:** 3.05pm

Year 5— **Start:** Hallam Road Gate ONLY— 8.30–8.39am **Finish:** 3.00pm

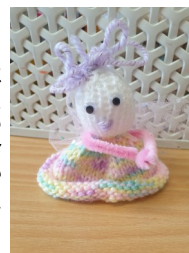
Year 6—**Start:** Hallam Road Gate ONLY— 8.40–8.50am **Finish:** 2.55pm

School Value

Appropriately, this term our focus turns to 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.

Farncombe Fairy at GJS

As some of you might be aware, during lockdown last year, a Fairy Godmother took to social media to alert us that her fairies had gone missing around Farncombe. She pleaded with the local community to help find these lost sprites and today, Mrs Johnson and Miss Blackledge found one attached to a fence outside our school gates. With our value of Community in mind, we thought we would share our story with you and challenge you to find your own Farncombe Fairy around the village. Our new friend will be taking pride of place in our school reception and will hopefully spread a little joy and a touch of magic to your return next week.



Book Week

What a successful book week! Despite the week being remote this year, the children's efforts were not deterred! On Thursday, for World Book Day, Zoom screens across all year groups were flooded with fantasy book character: there were lots of Hogwarts students, a few lions and witches (bit no wardrobes), some dragons and dragon-tamers and countless other wonderful characters that the children have been reading about over the years. This week, the children have had lots of opportunities to share book recommendations, hear about staff favourites and discover new books for their library wish-lists. It was wonderful to hear about the varied reading diet across the school and it was great to see so many children promoting their love of reading. In addition, children from each year group contributed to composing a whole school story, entitled 'Ziggy and the Beady Amber Eyes'. You can watch a reading of the story here: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uVMp1UWQFUE>

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.

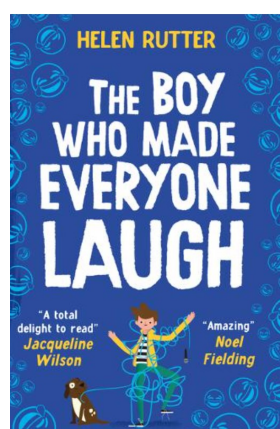
Tuesday 23rd March – 5.00pm to 8.00pm and Thursday 25th March – 4.00pm to 7.00pm

PE Days

PE sessions commence next week. Please send your child in full PE kit on the following days:

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

Waterstones Book of the Month



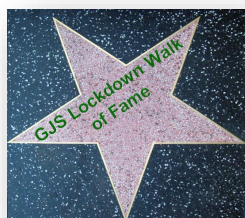
PTA News

Watch this space!

School Achievement

Remote Learning – Walk of Fame

3CM – Scarlett & Charlie
 3SD – Noah & Oliver
 4EM – Chloe, Archie & Oliver
 4GS – Christie, Jasmine B & Jess
 5CJ – Mia
 5EC – Alexa, Felicity & Noah
 6JP – Gabby & Sofia
 6RH – Alena & Josie



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! During the week beginning 15th March, the children have a chance to represent their house in a **basketball shoot**. Further details to follow

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

March
 4th: WORLD BOOK DAY
 8th–12th: SCIENCE WEEK
 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)



Inset Days 2020/21

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