



# Newsletter



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

## Latest News

### HAPPY CHRISTMAS EVERYONE

Thank you to every member of the school COMMUNITY for all their support and hard work this term, it has been so busy and full of successes with Greek Days, Egyptian Days, Bleep Tests, PTA events, Victorian Exhibitions, House Events, Born Free Evenings and fantastic Carol Concerts. I would like to wish everyone a peaceful, enjoyable and restful Christmas and may all you wish for come true in 2017.



### A Christmas Carol—Year 5

Yesterday Year 5 were treated to a performance from The Quantum Theatre group who performed a wonderful re-enactment of A Christmas Carol, a very fitting end to their Victorian topic. We are very grateful that this treat for the whole year group was funded by our PTA!

### Alice in Wonderland—Whole School

Our PTA also funded a treat this morning to the WHOLE SCHOOL with a performance of Alice in Wonderland by the Cat's Grin Theatre Group. All the children were entertained by Alice, The Cheshire Cat and the Queen of Hearts. A lovely surprise for the children on the last day of term!

### Christmas Lunch

The children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch last week with all the trimmings, festive music and crackers! Thank-you to Karen, Lorraine and Hilary for preparing such a wonderful meal.

### Walking Home

Just a reminder, that as it is getting darker earlier, we do encourage those that walk home to do so in groups and avoid walking home alone wherever possible.

### Infant/Junior School Applications

A reminder also for any parents with pre-school or infant school children that the closing date for Reception and Junior school applications for September 2017 entry is **15th January 2017**.

### Value—Trust

Continuing with our focus on core values that were introduced last year, we will be concentrating on the value of **TRUST** next term. The children will have weekly assemblies that encourage them to reflect on what this value 'looks like' and will learn about the importance of trust and how it links to other values such as **FORGIVENESS**. We also ask that **TRUST** is referred to and reinforced at home as well as school.

### GJS Food Bank

From next term there will be a Food Bank collection point in the reception area of the school for anyone who wishes to donate foods. This was an idea thought up by the School Council and I am sure you agree this is a wonderfully thoughtful initiative that truly epitomises the community value we have been promoting this term. We do ask that any donations are dry goods such as tinned goods, pasta and rice.

### End of Term—Finish Time and Back to School Date

We would also like to remind you that we break up for Christmas on Wednesday 21st at 1.15pm.

### House Points

#### **Weekly Result**

**Saturn** 239

**Mars** 204

**Neptune** 186

**Jupiter** 162

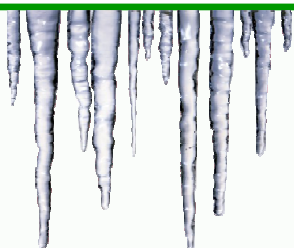
#### **Grand Total—Autumn**

**Mars** 4571

**Jupiter** 4425

**Neptune** 4327

**Saturn** 4232



## PTA News

Well it's been a busy term for the PTA and we would just like to say a massive thank you to all the Godalming Junior families for supporting all of the events. Last week our Christmas Fair was our final event of the year and you didn't disappoint. Not only have you donated jam jars, soft toys, bottles and hamper items, you very kindly all came to buy it all back. On a serious note though the monies raised by the PTA all goes back to our school enabling all the children to benefit which is fantastic and what our PTA is all about. We wish all our families and supporters of our PTA a fantastic Christmas break. We look forward to you joining us at our next year's events to raise even more funds for our fantastic school.

Kas Girdler—Chair

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3NJ — Gracie Smith  
 3AJ — **WHOLE CLASS!**  
 4SD — Esther Wai  
 4TT — Nate Wright  
 5RP — Yasmin Howseman  
 5AC — Brooke Pearson  
 6JS — Gabriel Drago  
 6JP — Rachel Guest

### Attendance Winnners: 5AC



### Values Champions:

3NJ — Holly Williams  
 3AJ — Mya Sleeman  
 4SD — Joseph James  
 4TT — Max Fenner  
 5RP — Isaac Adam  
 5AC — Charlotte Martin  
 6JS — Henry Cox  
 6JP — Alice Allfree



## Sports News

### Inter House Football Tournament—Standings Wk10

<u>Saturn Athletic</u>	<u>17pts</u>
Mars Park	14pts
Jupiter Rovers	14pts
Mars United	13pts
Jupiter Rangers	13pts
Real Jupiter	13pts
Neptune Town	11pts
Mars County	11pts
Neptune Alexandra	11pts
Neptune City	10pts
Dynamo Neptune	10pts
Saturn Wanderers	10pts
AC Saturn	8pts
Mars Albion	7pts



## Diary Dates

### Spring 2017

January:  
 3rd: First Day of Term  
 16th: Teacher run clubs start  
 20th: Inter House Poetry Competition Launch  
 February:  
 3rd: Bleep Test 2  
 10th: Confederation of Schools—INSET Day  
 13th—17th: **HALF TERM**



Inset Days 2016/17  
10th February 2017  
 18th April 2017