



Spring 5
5th February 2021

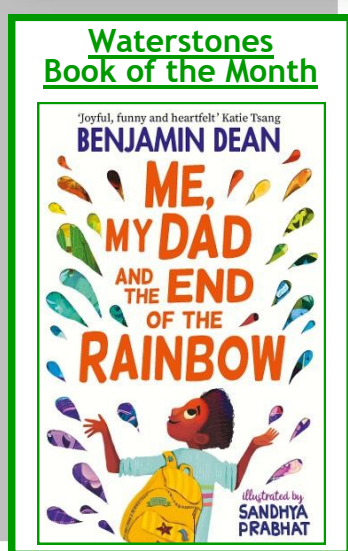


Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

"Being honest may not get you many friends, but it'll always get you the right ones" - John Lennon

Latest News



Week 5 –Remote Learning

A HUGE well done to all of the children who continue to make their teachers so very proud. Not only are we seeing great engagement with the lessons themselves, but also teachers are reporting that high-quality work is being uploaded onto Google Classrooms. A special mention to our Lockdown Learners, who were given a 'shout out' in Mr Samson's Celebration Assembly once again today—they will join previous Lockdown Learners on the GJS Walk of Fame. These continue to be challenging times and now we are a few weeks 'in' to lockdown, children (and parents) may need to draw on reserves of resilience. Remember, you are not alone if you are finding things difficult. There are many support materials on the GJS website that can be found [here](#). Mr Samson is keen to continue to receive examples of work that children are especially proud of, please send them to: head@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk.

School Value

This half term we continue to focus on the value of **HONESTY**. We also ask that the message of 'honesty being the best policy' is reinforced at home as well as school.

Half Term & INSET Day Reminder

Please be reminded that, in line with DfE guidance there will be no in-school provision during February half term. In addition, on Friday 26th February the school will be closed to all children, as instructed via Parentmail this week.

Surrey's Family Help Hub

Have you ever wondered why your child is behaving a certain way? Is that behaviour typical? What could be causing it? Is something wrong? These are common worries for everyone looking after babies, toddlers, children and teenagers. [Surrey's Family Help Hub](#) developed by Surrey County Council, with help from its partners, is a site with a difference. You can search for information you need, based on your child's age and find advice, tips and tools from a variety of trusted sources, all in one place. This is a new service that is being developed and only small section of what is planned long term. The team developing this is looking for feedback to develop the site further in the coming months, so take a look and (with a chance to win £100 Amazon voucher), make sure you offer your feedback. Check back in to the site when you can, as changes are being made all the time.

Guide for Parents & Carers: Health, Wellbeing and Emotional Support

Surrey CC, together with the NHS have produced a guide highlighting a range of resources to maintain your child's wellbeing during these challenging times. Please refer to the guide sent out via Parentmail for further information.

Godalming Learning Partnership Art Competition—'Made in Godalming'

Following on from the success of the Remembrance Writing competition last term, this term sees the first GLP wide Art Competition. All children are welcome to enter and further details are on the attached flier. The children are to create a piece of artwork inspired by the title 'Made in Godalming'. Good luck!

Virtual Chess Competition—Saturday 6th February 2021

King Edward's Witley School are hosting this virtual chess competition from 11am tomorrow. Please see the flier attached for further details on how to join in the fun! Do let the school know how you get on!

Food Bank Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated to our Food Bank this term. Should any family feel they need a little extra help during these difficult times and would benefit from our food bank then please do get in touch with Karen Sutton, our Home School Link Worker or the school office who will, with sensitivity, we can help if you are struggling. Due to your generosity our bin is overflowing and hence we will not be collecting donations next week.

Surrey Arts News and Interactive sessions

Surrey Arts would like to invite your child to an exciting online demonstration on **Wed 17th February from 5pm-6pm**. This event promises to be a fantastic opportunity to meet the team who will showcase many of the instruments available to learn online and within school when possible and ask any questions. To book a place email sally.white@surreycc.gov.uk. Surrey Arts ensembles will also be holding 'come and try' sessions each week from **6th February** for singers and instrumentalists (open to everyone). For more information including a timetable of events and Zoom log in details contact alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk.

PTA News

Watch this space!

School Achievement

Lockdown Walk of Fame:

3CM — Poyraz & Toby
3SD — Christie & Toby W
4EM — Ophelia & Huxley
4GS — Beth & Maisie
5CJ — Tess & Nathan
5EC — Bella, Heidi & Oliver
6JP — Emily Megan
6RH — Luca & Sam A



Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

February

9th:
15th–19th:
22nd–26th:
26th:

March

1st–5th:
4th:
8th–12th:
22nd–26th:

23rd:

25th:

April

1st:

Safer Internet Day

HALF TERM

ARTS WEEK

GLP INSET DAY

BOOK WEEK

WORLD BOOK DAY

SCIENCE WEEK

EARTH WEEK

Parent/Teacher Meeting (Late) TBC

Parent/Teacher Meeting (Early) TBC

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