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Godalming Junior School

Noseletter

'Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none' - William Shakespeare

Latest News



Red Nose Day 2017

Well done and thank you to everyone who embraced Red Nose Day today by coming into school in mufti. We will share with you next week how much we managed to raise!

Inter House Art Competition

Hot on the heels of the IH Football Tournament, this week Mr Tompkins made the children aware of our next event: The Art Competition. Information can be found on the House Noticeboard in reception. All children are welcome to enter and create an artistic interpretation of our value TRUST. Entries can be created by using paint, pastels, coloured pencils or could even take the form of a collage. All entries score points for their houses, should be BETWEEN A4 and A3 in size and must be handed in to their class teachers with names, class and house on the reverse by **Friday 21st April** when they will be exhibited in the Art Studio. Winning entries will be announced the following week.



National Shakespeare Week

This year GJS once again celebrated the life and work of William Shakespeare. In past years the children have written poems inspired by the witches from Macbeth and rousing speeches from Henry V. This week across the school we have been studying his plays and manipulating his language creating fabulous pieces of writing. Did you know that it is widely believed that William Shakespeare is responsible for over 1,000 words and phrases that we still use today? The children had a great time being exposed to the work of this magnificent man and some of their writing will be displayed over the coming weeks for you to enjoy!

Helping your Child with Languages

Mrs Harvey-Williams has created a document to give parents tips on how they can help their child with their language learning. The information can be found on the school website in the Parent Information section. Please see Mrs Harvey-Williams if you have any questions.

Teacher Appointments

When contacting the school office to request an appointment/chat with your child's teacher please allow up to forty-eight hours for a response. This is due to their teaching and after-school commitments. They will endeavour to contact you as soon as possible.

Specsavers Surrey Youth Games

Registration is now open for the Surrey Youth Games at www.activesurrey.com. A flier with further information has also been sent home with the newsletter. The games are run every year and it is a great way for children to engage with a new sport and receive free coaching sessions, so make the most of what is on offer!

GJS Food Bank

Thank-you to everyone who has very kindly donated to our food bank, which can be found in reception. Donations of everyday staples, such as pasta, rice, canned goods are much appreciated.

Value—Trust

Continuing with our focus on core values that were introduced last year, we will be concentrating on the value of TRUST this 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 and HONESTY. We also ask that TRUST is referred to and reinforced at home as well as school.

Breakfast Club

A reminder that after Easter we will be offering a before school Breakfast Club. Fliers have been sent home and they are also available from the school office. The club will only be available for children from GJS and will run from 8.00am until 8.45am, with the option of a breakfast. We hope that this proves to be a success with a view that it will become embedded for September. Contact details can be found on the fliers!



House Points



Saturn	561
Neptune	506
Mars	460
Jupiter	438

PTA News

Town Spring Day—GJS will be running a stall and help is still required on the day. We would also appreciate donations of the following – biscuit decorations e.g. sprinkles, mini marshmallows etc. and children’s tombolo prizes up to the value of £1 e.g. new small toys, key-rings, party bag fillers etc. **Please bring to the cookery room on Mon, 27th March.** Thank-you!

PTA Grand National Race Night! Come and enjoy a flutter on the horses courtesy of Thoroughbred Race Nights. Place your bets (minimum £1 per race), enjoy a fish and chip supper and have the chance to wish cash prizes and raise funds for the school. Tickets available next week £10 per person including supper. There will be a pay bar on the night.

Dates for the Diary:

Town Spring Day	Sat 1st April
PTA Race Night	Friday 28th April
PTA Disco	Thurs 25th May
PTA Summer Fair	Friday 7th July

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

- 3NJ– Will Grayshaw
- 3AJ– Martha ab Iorwerth
- 4SD– Charley Stevens
- 4TT– Gabriel York
- 5RP– Poppy Juniper
- 5AC– Harry Gardner
- 6JS– Avril Hinds
- 6JP– Liza Florea



Attendance Winners: 6JP



Sports News

Year 6 Netball Tournament

On Monday the Year 6 netball team attended a multi-school tournament at Rodborough School. Mrs Balchin was very proud of the way the team played so enthusiastically and gave their all despite the wind and the rain! They really were a credit to the school. Thank-you also to the parents who turned up to give their support.

Surrey County Cricket Coaching Sessions

Last year Godalming Junior School became a ‘cricket hub’ in the local community after running tournaments, making links with local clubs and being awarded the MCC Spirit of Cricket Award. Next week sees cricket return to the school and we are very pleased that once again we have secured FREE coaching sessions for the children led by Vicki Howard from Surrey County Cricket Club and run through the ECB Chance to Shine initiative. Next **Monday** Year 3, 6JP and 5RP will receive a session and this is the beginning of another summer of cricket. We are also lucky to have Carolyn Dawkins and Graham Ekins from local cricket clubs to assist during the sessions. Not only will there be free coaching sessions for the whole school but there will also be a club run by Mr Samson, tournaments, trips to the Oval, an inter house cricket competition and the chance to secure tickets to see Surrey and possibly England games so watch this space! In the meantime, please ensure you check the website and newsletters each week to check whether your child’s class will be receiving the coaching sessions. A draft timetable can be found on the sports notice board but this could change if sessions are effected by bad weather. Howzat!



Diary Dates

Spring 2017

March:

- 27th: Surrey Cricket Coaching begins—Y3, 6JP, 5RP
- 30th: Year 3 ‘Healthy Hub’ Exhibition
- 31st: **End of Term 1.15 finish**

April:

- 18th: **INSET DAY**
- 19th: Summer Term Begins
- 21st: Governors Day
- 24th: Cricket Coaching—Y4, 6JS, 5AC
- 28th: MAC Attendance Assembly
- 28th: PTA Race Night



Inset Days 2016/17
18th April 2017