



Newsletter

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

Latest News



Welcome Back!

HAPPY NEW YEAR! Welcome back to a very chilly start to the new year. We hope you ALL had a fantastic Christmas break and that the children are raring to go in 2017!

Clubs

Our Spring Clubs list should have come home this week and it can also be found on the school website under Parent Information. Some clubs run by outside agencies have already started and will continue next week whilst the staff run clubs will begin during the week of the 16th January.

Infant/Junior School Applications

Just a reminder 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**.

Parent-Teacher meetings

Can we remind parents that appointments to see class teachers should be made with the school office and to make them for after school as before school starts they are preparing for the day ahead.

Homework

This term we will be trialling a different way of setting weekly homework. Formal English and Maths, including spellings and times tables, will continue as normal. There will be only one other piece, a project for example, set over the course of the half term relating to one of the foundation subjects. We hope this will make the English and Maths more bespoke to the needs of the children and free up more time for the children to complete it at a high standard. We will review it again at the end of the term.

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.

GJS—Food Bank

It has been so warming to see so many donations to the GJS Food Bank already this week and I would like to thank everyone who has donated so far. The 'Bank Bin' is in the entrance hall and will remain there all year accepting any donations you are able to make. Please remember we can accept non-perishable goods, toiletries and cleaning products.

Project: Peace Garden

On Monday we will be 'relaunching' Project Peace Garden after our trial project last year. Previously some classes chose to run the project in class and some set it as a homework task. This year it will be launched to the **WHOLE SCHOOL** and will be revisited through our weekly assemblies. Draft plans that were drawn up by children last year are still in the 'vault' but if they wish to revisit the project again, maybe with a different group, they are welcome to do so. On Monday, the children will be made aware of the budget they have, the space they have to use and the time in which the project needs to be finished. Information can also be found on the school website within the 'About the School' section from Monday. Happy designing!

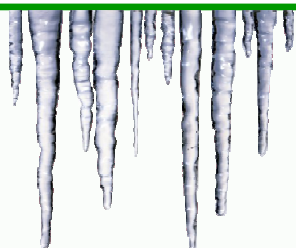
School Shop

Please remember that the school shop is open every day and sells all the essential stationery at a much cheaper price than in the shops.



House Points

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| Saturn | 151 |
| Neptune | 111 |
| Jupiter | 94 |
| Mars | 89 |



PTA News

Newsletter dates are to follow next week. In the meantime, get your thinking caps on! We would welcome some new ideas for any fundraising events. If you have any please email pta@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3NJ– Eva Bozhkova
 3AJ– Lilly Beardall
 4SD– Amelie Barabich
 4TT– Maddie Barker
 5RP– Georgia Brough
 5AC– Rachael Annis
 6JS– Liam Mills
 6JP– Ava Rossall



Attendance Winners: 4SD

Sports News

Inter House Football Tournament–The GJS Premier League–Week 11

The festivities of the Christmas period were a distant memory this afternoon as the battle for the GJS Premier League title re-started and rivalries re-ignited! We had to wait until the third game of the day to enjoy the first goal of 2017 as the first two games finished goal-less (AC Saturn 0–0 Mars Albion and Neptune Town 0–0 Neptune City). Harry Capel's fine free kick broke through Jupiter Rangers' wall and into the back of the net and was the difference between the two teams. There was high drama in the final game of the day as Mars County needed goal-line technology to ensure they went back to the Red Planet with two points in the dying embers of the match against Saturn Wanderers! Next week we go into our twelfth week of the competition with the league still open and all to play for!



Diary Dates

Spring 2017

February:

3rd: Bleep Test 2: The Return
 10th: Confederation of Schools Inset Day
 13th-17th: HALF TERM
 28th: Parent-Teacher Meetings 3.30-6.00pm

March:

1st : Parent-Teacher Meetings 5.30-8.20pm
 2nd: World Book Day
 20th: Shakespeare Week
 31st: End of Term 1.15 finish



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