



# Newsletter

*'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness - Desmond Tutu*

## Latest News



### Curriculum Evenings

It was lovely to see so many of you come to the curriculum evenings this week and find out more about what is in store for the coming year. Remember, if you are also available to help out, run a club or be class rep this year we would love to hear from you. In the meantime please see the school website for further information regarding the curriculum, assessment and the presentations themselves and get in touch with your class teacher if you have any questions or queries!

### Year 3 Egyptian Day

The children have not been long in school and already Year 3 have been transported back to Ancient Egypt for the day today where they learnt all about the geography and history of Ancient Egypt. Everyone dressed up in various costumes ranging from powerful Pharaohs to beautiful Cleopatras. In the afternoon, we travelled back to Ancient Egypt to visit a Pharaoh in his palace. Unfortunately for him, he was poisoned and died! However, this meant that we got to watch the process of mummification and even took part in the burial procession before sealing him in his tomb. Finally, we got to crown a new Pharaoh who we had to worship like a living God!

### Clubs

As mentioned last week, we are thrilled, once again, to offer over twenty clubs led by external providers, parents and staff. On Monday and Tuesday the children had the opportunity to sign up for the school-run clubs. They will start the week beginning 18th September—with the exception of football, netball, newspaper and chess club as the staff leading these clubs will be in UKSA with Year 6—these clubs will begin the following week. The office have collated the sign up sheets and ensured a fair spread of clubs. Letters have been sent home, for after-school clubs, and they must be returned **BEFORE** your child starts the club. For further information please contact the school office.

### School Improvement Planning

This week saw the launch of our School Improvement Plan board in the reception area. Here we have displayed what our main objectives and targets are for the coming year. Each term this will be updated so you can see how we are getting on. If you have any questions or queries then please do let us know.

### House Poetry Competition—RESILIENCE

This week we launched our first house event of the year and during Poetry Week the children will be attempting to write a fantastic poem using our value of **RESILIENCE** as their stimulus. The children will all score points for their entries, there will be prizes on offer and one lucky winner will have their entry added to Poetry Corner outside. The closing date is **Friday 29th September** and we will have a visiting poet to help judge the entries!

### Waterstones—Book of the Month

Another new addition in our newsletters is our Book of the Month feature to support reading for pleasure at Godalming Junior School. We also strongly believe that children should be reading daily either in or outside school. Not only does this help develop many skills but it is also a great way to pass time!

### Year 5 Macmillan Coffee and Cake Afternoon

On **Friday 29th September** Year 5 will be running a coffee and cake afternoon in aid of Macmillan. In the Art Studio from 3.05pm you will be able to buy a coffee (or tea) and a cake for £1 with all proceeds going to Macmillan. There will also be larger sumptuous cakes available to be purchased by making a donation. Miss Pulleyn and Mrs Crook will be organising the event so if you are a Year 5 parent willing to contribute we ask that you get in touch with your class teacher.

### House Points

Neptune	453
Mars	426
Saturn	416
Jupiter	399



### Waterstones Book of the Month



Pax  
By  
Sara Pennypacker

## PTA News

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at tonight's Welcome BBQ where we will be offering A **FREE DRINK** on arrival. This is a great opportunity to meet up again after the summer holidays and also welcome our new families into the Godalming Junior School community.



## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3AJ— Oliver Williams  
 3NJ— Freya Cox  
 4SD— Katie Yeo  
 4EM— Max Radford-Else  
 5RP— Amelie Oram  
 5AC— Bradley Staniford  
 6RH— Carla Moses & Louisa Cook  
 6JP— Poppy Juniper



Attendance Winners: 5AC & 5RP

## House News

### House Captain Elections

Thank you and well done to ALL Year 6 children who put themselves forward on Wednesday and gave speeches in an effort to become their House Captain and Vice Captain; the standard of speeches was phenomenal! The children spoke with confidence, passion and sincerity which made the whole voting process so, so difficult. In the end the children elected were:

**Neptune:** Captain: Poppy Juniper Vice Captain: Toby Carmichael-Parsons

**Saturn:** Captain: Billy Arocas-White Vice Captain: Tosca Michielin

**Jupiter:** Captain: Gracie Petersson Vice Captain: Alexander Egan

**Mars:** Captain: Charlotte Martin Vice Captain: Matthew Bevan

Congratulations to the above children and here's to a successful year of house events!

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2017

#### September

15th: PTA Welcome BBQ @ 6.00pm  
 18th–22nd: Year 6 trip to UKSA  
 25th–29th: Poetry Week

#### October

6th: Year 4 Greek Day  
 9th–13th: Healthy Week  
 9th: Skipping Workshop  
 13th: Bleep Test  
 16th–20th: Hero Week  
 19th: PTA Disco  
 23rd–27th: **HALF TERM**  
 30th: **INSET DAY**  
 31st: Born Free Visiting Speaker—Year 6

#### November

6th–10th: Remembrance Week  
 17th: Year 3 and 4 Nasal and Flu jabs  
 22nd: Parent -Teacher Consultation Evening 6.00–8.30pm  
 23rd: Parent–Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30–6.00pm  
 29th: Year 5 Victorian Exhibition 6.00–7.00pm



**Inset Days 2017/18**  
 30th October 2017  
 16th April 2018  
 23rd July 2018