



# Newsletter

*"Honesty is the best policy" - Benjamin Franklin*

## Latest News

### House Points

Neptune	689
Jupiter	687
Mars	652
Saturn	475

### Science Week

This week, we have had a fantastic time looking at transport and renewable energy. Year 3 looked at air transport, Year 4 looked at rockets, boats and pulleys, Year 5 studied the Mars 1 Rover and Year 6 investigated the best surfaces for hovercrafts. We also had some brilliant visitors including Rodborough students who taught Year 5 and 6 about wind turbines. It has been a great week and the children fully embraced all the activities.

### Breadfast Club

Children wishing to come straight into classrooms for an early morning read may do so from 8.30am.

### Anti-Bullying Parent Workshop

On **Monday 28th January at 3.30pm** in our **Art Studio** we will be running a parent workshop on anti-bullying for any parents who are interested. The session will be led by Jake Saunders, an anti-bullying training officer. He is here for the day to train our anti-bullying ambassadors and will be running the session for parents afterwards. If you are interested in attending the session, which should run for no more than an hour, then please contact the school office as numbers will be restricted to be accommodated in the Art Studio. It is sure to be a very useful and informative day!

### Year 6 Born Free Foundation

Thank-you to everybody who supported the Year 6 fundraising effort—they succeeded in raising a wonderful £827 for the Born Free Foundation.

### This term we will focussing on the value of...HONESTY

Continuing with our focus on core values which were introduced three years ago, we will be concentrating on the value of **HONESTY** this half term. The children will have weekly assemblies encouraging them to reflect on what this value 'looks like'. They will learn about how we all need the ability to be **HONEST** and how **HONESTY** links to other core values such as **RESPECT** and **TRUST**. There will also be follow up sessions in class. We also ask that they are referred to and reinforced at home as well as school.

### Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching

We have once again have been chosen as a school which will receive **FREE** cricket coaching sessions through the **Chance 2 Shine** initiative supported by Surrey County Cricket Club. Gabby Dunnage will lead the sessions with support from Carolyn Dawkins and Graham Ekins from our local cricket clubs. There will be 7 sessions initially running on Monday mornings, beginning with **Year 3 on Monday 4th February**. The full timetable will be displayed on our Team GJS sports notice board and the children will be made aware of this in assembly. Don't forget to check the newsletter each week where the next year group and training date will be announced. The children must have their PE kits in school for these sessions.

### Change 4 Life

We hope you have had a chance to navigate around the **Change 4 Life** website which can be found within the **Parent Information** section of our school website, relating to healthy lunch boxes and the recently updated 'Sugar Swap' section. At the beginning of a new year it would be great to start new healthy habits!

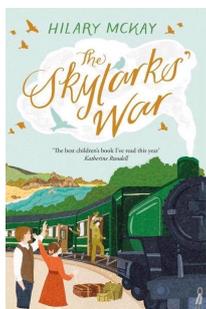
### Late Arrivals

Please remember that if your child is returning to school following an appointment or arriving late it is important that they are dropped at reception and signed-in. This is to ensure our safeguarding guidelines are met.

### GJS Foodbank

All non-perishable food donations are gratefully received and are distributed to families in the local community. The foodbank can be found in the in the school reception. Many thanks.

### Waterstones Book of the Month



**The Skylarks War**  
By  
**Hilary McKay**



## PTA News

Being involved in the PTA is hugely rewarding and requires the investment of only as much time you can afford! We need new members for 2019 to contribute ideas, have a say in fund raising plans and provide support at events. If you are interested in offering your help please contact Simon Parry - [simoncrparry1970@gmail.com](mailto:simoncrparry1970@gmail.com)

## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3CM – Paige  
 3SD – Otto  
 4EM – Sofia  
 4AJ – Alicia  
 5EC – Isla  
 5CP – Evie  
 6RH – Jack  
 6JP – Matthew



### FORGIVENESS – Values Champions:

3CM – Max  
 3SD – Bella  
 4EM – Charissa  
 4AJ – Amber  
 5EC – Frankie  
 5CP – Katie  
 6RH – Nate  
 6JP – Eva



Attendance Winners: 4AJ –97%

## Sports News

### GJS Premier League 2019

Week 2 brought more drama in the GJS Premier League with Saturn United being denied victory against Borussia Neptune by the post in the dying moments as the game finished 0-0. Inter Saturn were then on the receiving end of a dynamic Dynamo Mars display as they ran out 2-1 winners. Rangers overcame City in the Jupiter derby 1-0 and FC Mars versus AC Saturn need to complete their game next week. As a result there will be 5 games next week. Please find new fixtures for next week on the Team GJS noticeboard and website.

### Tag Rugby Trials

Next Friday (January 25th) we will be running tag rugby trials for years 5 and 6 boys and girls. Anyone interested in taking part need to sign up on the Team GJS noticeboard until Thursday (24th). A trial tournament will be played and a squad of girls and boys will be chosen to represent the school at an upcoming event.

### Swim Gala - Sat 9 March / Practice Sun 10 Feb

**\*WANTED!!** \* We need more boys to join the GJS team, along with some more Y6 girls! Please contact Claire Marks on [alandclaire@btinternet.com](mailto:alandclaire@btinternet.com) if any Y3, 4, 5 or 6 boys want to come along for the practice on Sunday 10 Feb at 3pm to see what it's all about - there are lots of fun relay races to take part in. If you have any questions about the event please email Claire directly.

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2019

<b>January</b>	
28th:	Anti Bullying Parents Workshop (3.30–4.30pm)
<b>February</b>	
11th–15th:	Healthy Week 2–Diet and Nutrition
18th–22nd:	<b>HALF TERM</b>
25th:	<b>INSET DAY</b>
26th:	Parent–Teacher Meeting (Late)
28th:	Parent–Teacher Meeting (Early)
<b>March</b>	
4th–8th:	<b>BOOK WEEK</b>
7th:	World Book Day
18th–22nd:	<b>ARTS WEEK</b>
29th March:	Year 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip



**Inset Days 2018/19**  
**Monday 25th February**  
**Tuesday 23rd April**