



# Newsletter

*'Nothing can dim the light that shines from within' - Maya Angelou*

## Latest News

### CONFIDENCE

#### Values—Spring Term 1 CONFIDENCE

This term we will be focussing on the VALUE of CONFIDENCE and once again ask that you support us by reinforcing the importance of this value at home. The children are also encouraged to develop their confidence further by offering to participate in assemblies from this half term or share something they are confident in. A list of participants can be found with each class teacher and we are looking forward to seeing some gym displays, dances, singing, musicians and even magic acts over the coming weeks! On Monday we will be enjoying the **Dance and Gymnastic Performances!**

#### Change 4 Life—Healthy Snacks

You may have read or heard in the press recently the staggering statistics related to the amount of sugar in snacks that children have. As a result the NHS have launched a new section about healthier snacks which can be found on their website at:

<https://www.nhs.uk/change4life/food-facts/healthier-snacks-for-kids>

We do encourage children that, should they bring in a mid-morning snack, it is in a reusable tub and consists of fruit or vegetables.

#### MATHS WEEK

On Thursday our Inter-House Maths Competition took place as part of our inaugural Maths Week. Throughout the morning the children all demonstrated excellent communication, perseverance, teamwork, and application of mathematical problem solving skills. Their enthusiasm was infectious! Well done to Charlie, Will, Olivia, Tosca and Billy from Saturn; Oscar, Connie, Ollie, Matthew and Charlotte from Mars; Zac, Drew, Henry, Toby and Poppy from Neptune and Yamini, Anwen, James, Ally and Gracie from Jupiter. Congratulations to Mars who were the winning team! To top off Maths Week The Happy Puzzle Co visited us and ran fun workshops for the whole school throughout the day. The children had a fantastic time solving problems using maps, pipes and even ice-bergs!



#### Farncombe Youth Football Club—Girls Only Football Sessions

Chelsea FC Foundation and Farncombe Youth FC have set up an exciting new collaboration this season and as part of this are seeking female players age 5-16 years to be part of Farncombe Youth FC for 2018-19 season. Sessions run Saturdays at 9.00 at Farncombe Youth FC, Meades Park and are free of charge. To book a place contact [ben.mitchell@chelseafc.com](mailto:ben.mitchell@chelseafc.com)

#### School Lunches

School meals are charged at £2.25 per day (£11.25 per week) and it is Surrey County Council policy that all meals are paid for in advance. If you think your child may be entitled to free school meals, a form can be obtained from the school office which can be sent off for verification. Also if your child has any food allergies or requires a special diet and you have not done so already please can you inform the office by completing a 'Special Diet Request' form.

#### Surrey Arts—Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument through lessons with Surrey Arts more information can be found at [www.surrey.cc.gov.uk/music](http://www.surrey.cc.gov.uk/music).



#### House Points

Jupiter	562
Mars	398
Neptune	318
Saturn	316



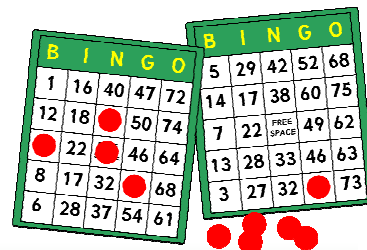
#### Waterstones Book of the Month



Sky Song  
By  
Abi Elphinstone

## PTA News

We would like to announce a brand new event to the PTA Calendar: The GJS Family Bingo Night!! This will take place on Thursday, 9th February. More details to follow very soon.



## School Achievement

3NJ – Evah Moses  
3AJ – Stanley Wareing  
4SD – Oliver Cook  
4EM – Savannah Aitken  
5RP – Billy Payne  
5AC – Joe James  
6RH – Aidan Cozens  
6JP – Grace Hussey



Attendance Winners: 4EM

### RESILIENCE—Values Champions:

3NJ – Polly Dragon  
3AJ – Stanley Wareing  
4SD – Jemima Radford-Scott  
4EM – Clark Wareing  
5RP – Gabriel York  
5AC – Olivia Adams  
6RH – James Beardall  
6JP – Abi Jordan



## Sports News

### Inter House Football—Godalming Premier League 2018

The new season kicked off on Monday though the elements did play a part so only 3 games were played out of 4. On Monday we will endeavour to start earlier so the Mars derby can be played before the scheduled 4 matches. Neptune United got off to the best possible start of the campaign with a 2-0 win over Saturn Albion. This was followed by a narrow 1-0 win by Inter Jupiter over AC Mars. There was nothing between Borussia Jupiter and Sparta Neptune as they played out a 0-0 draw. Ollie Jermy, Sam Marks and Bertie Barnes were POTM (Player of the Match) in their respective games and we look forward to Bayern Mars v Mars City, Saturn Town v Saturn Rangers, Neptune Wanderers v Jupiter Athletic, Saturn Albion v Inter Jupiter and Borussia Jupiter v Neptune United on Monday. Again, we ask that **ALL** children have **trainers, shin pads, shorts and house t-shirt** in order to play!

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2018

#### February

5th–9th: Healthy Week 2—Healthy Diet  
12th–16th: **HALF TERM**  
26th–2nd: Book Week  
26th: Year 5 Space Dome  
27th: Parents Evening—Late (5.30–8.00pm)

#### March

1st: Parents Evening—Early (3.30–6.00pm)  
2nd: GJS Book Day  
8th: Year 3 Butser Farm  
10th: Godalming Schools Swimming Gala



### Inset Days 2017/18

16th April 2018  
23rd July 2018

Please be aware that penalty notices can be issued for unauthorised leave of absence for five days or more. Penalty Notices are issued per parent per child and the amount due is £60 if paid within 21 days, rising to £120 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the Penalty Notice remains unpaid after 28 days the Local Authority must consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court.