



Newsletter

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

Latest News



Merry Christmas!

Thank you to every member of the school community for all their support and RESILIENCE this term, it has been so busy and full of successes with Greek Days, Egyptian Days, Bleep Tests, PTA events, Victorian Exhibitions, House Events, Born Free Evenings and fantastic Carol Concerts. I would like to wish everyone a peaceful, enjoyable and restful Christmas and may all you wish for come true in 2018.

Wizard Of Oz Show by Cat's Grin Theatre

Our wonderful PTA funded a treat this morning to the WHOLE SCHOOL with a performance of Wizard of Oz by the Cat's Grin Theatre Group. All the children were entertained by Dorothy, Lion, Scarecrow and the Tin Man. A lovely surprise for the children on the last day of term!

Save The Children Fundraising

Together with the donations from the carol concerts and the Christmas Jumper Day, you helped us raise a fantastic £700 for Save the Children. Once again, thank you so much for your generosity!

Chess Club Master—Lower School

This week Tim Johnson in 3AJ was crowned the Lower School Chess Master after notching up the most victories over the course of the half term during Chess Club. He joins Jack Allfree who was crowned the Upper School Chess Master last half term!

Congratulations!

I am sure you will join us in congratulating Sam and Andrea Crook who welcomed Evelyn into the world on Sunday.

Farewell

Today we say farewell to Rachel Trinder who leaves us as SENDCO after eight years service at Godalming Junior School. Rachel has been a committed member of the team who has often gone above and beyond the call of duty. We wish her well for the future and to keep in touch. Kate Wilkinson will be taking over the role of SENDCO in January and we also welcome Katherine Frogley who will be joining the team as our Inclusion Teacher. We also say farewell to Steve Baker who has completed his first placement in an effort to become a fully qualified teacher. He will be moving to South Farnham to complete his training and we wish him all the best!

Beginning of Term—Spring 2018

Just a reminder that term begins in the new year on **Thursday 4th January**. The next Inset Day will be at the beginning of the summer term (**Monday 16th April**).

Values—Spring Term 1 CONFIDENCE

Next 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 January or share something they are confident in.

SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training)

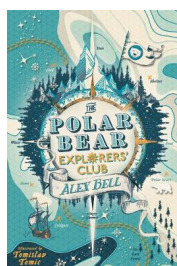
Godalming Junior School is a proud partner of the Surrey South Farnham SCITT program having become a partner school last year to train future aspiring teachers. On **Wednesday 10th January** we will be hosting an information seminar for anyone considering a career in teaching.

House Points Grand Total—Aut

Mars	6145
Saturn	5689
Neptune	5337
Jupiter	4994



Waterstones Book of the Month



The Polar Bear Explorers
Club
By
Alex Bell

PTA News

A message from the Chair—Kas Girdler

The PTA would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our Godalming Junior families a wonderful Christmas and New Year. Since September the PTA have organised several events and, as always, these have been supported by you all. No doubt 2018 will be no different, we want to continue with our success not only in raising funds for our school but also to continue to bring our community together.



Thank
You!!!

School Achievement



Autumn Attendance Winners: 3AJ = 98.8%



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

Teams have been formed, fixtures arranged, the astro pitch has been vacuumed and now we are all but ready to kick off the second of our GJS Premier League competitions next term! This year there will be twelve teams all trying to end on top of the pile! Mars City, AC Mars and Bayern Mars will fight it out against Jupiter Athletic, Borussia Jupiter and Inter Jupiter. Sparta Neptune, Sparta Wanderers and the mighty Neptune United will attempt to stop Saturn Albion, Saturn Town and Saturn Rangers from defending the league title! Teams can be found on the Team GJS notice board and each week the fixtures will be put up ready to ensure teams are ready for the following week. This season 'kicks off' on **Monday 15th January**



Diary Dates

Spring 2018

January

4th: Beginning of Term
15th–19th: Maths Week
19th: The Happy Puzzle Co. Maths Workshops

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