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23rd April 2021

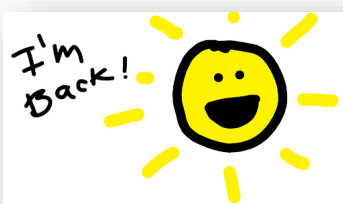


Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

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

Latest News



Welcome Back

We all you hope you had a wonderful Easter break and enjoyed the sunshine and nicer weather, which is hopefully here to stay now! It was lovely to welcome back children from a holiday rather than a lockdown! Though restrictions have eased nationally, we must still be vigilant here and go slowly in getting back to normal. As you know, staff led clubs will start up again in the coming weeks, we will look to introduce lockers again at some stage and also hold our first 'in person' assembly. Plans are also underway for a slightly different Sports Day, which we did not have last year, and dates for these can be found on the reverse of this newsletter and will be during PE slots for year groups.

Summer Uniform

It has been great to see the children return to school in their smart summer uniform. You can find the school uniform policy [here](#) and please note that though winter uniform is still an option, the children are required to wear a tie IF they are wearing the 'winter' shirt. Please can you inform the school office or your child's teacher if for any reason you are experiencing any uniform issues and ensure all uniform is named. Vanessa Peacock can be contacted directly on 07970 925025 should you require any additional 'nearly new' uniform.

Summer Time

As it is the summer term you may want to consider applying sun cream to your child each day, especially on days they have PE as this is going to be outside, weather permitting, for the remainder of the term. Please ensure too that your child has a water bottle in school. We also recommend a hat during hot days and you can purchase a GJS one for £6 from the school office. Payment can be made via Parentmail, a cap will then be sent home with your child.

National survey of children, The Big Ask, launched this week

The new Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched [The Big Ask](#) - the largest ever consultation with children aged 4 to 17 in England. It aims to find out children's concerns and aspirations about the future, so that we can put children at the heart of our country's recovery from the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. All schools are encouraged to support their pupils to [complete this survey](#). Parents, care leavers and those working with children are also invited to [complete the adult survey](#) to share their views about the future for children and young people today, and what they think is holding young people back. The results from this survey will help the Children's Commissioner identify the barriers preventing children from reaching their potential, put forward solutions and set ambitious goals for the country to achieve.

Free Online Parenting Courses

Waverley Family Centre, in conjunction with Barnardo's are offering the following free four week courses: 'Parenting Workshops' suitable for parents/carers of children from toddlers—10yrs starting from **Wed 28th April** and a 'Pre-teens Parenting Course' starting **Tuesday 11th May**. Please see the attached flyers for further details.

Free Maths Presentation

On Saturday at 5pm, Jo Boaler is hosting a free Maths presentation for children. You can register [here](#). For any of you who don't know, Jo is a long-term hero of Ms Mayhew! She specialises in 'growth mindset' Maths, setting low threshold, high ceiling tasks. She has written many books and also created many resources which we often use at school for Maths investigations. As such, it is promised that the event on Saturday will be suitable for all children. Of course, this is entirely optional but Ms Mayhew would love any feedback if you/your children do decide to take part.

Return of extra curriculum clubs

We are so pleased to be able to start reintroducing more clubs next week. Forms for teacher-led after school clubs have been sent out this week. If your child would like to attend one of these clubs please ensure you have returned your completed permission forms by Monday 26th April. Sign up registers for lunch time clubs are available in school. Core Football will also return next week offering after school football clubs for Y3&4 on Monday and Y5&6 on Wednesday. To reserve a place for your child, click [here](#)

Online Chess Tournament – Saturday 1st May 11am–12pm

King Edward's Witley are hosting an online chess tournament with prizes to be awarded. Registration is via email at rapidchess@kesw.org.



House Points

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| Neptune | 1039 |
| Mars | 1013 |
| Jupiter | 973 |
| Saturn | 758 |

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

As we head towards restrictions being lifted and what we all hope will be a brighter summer, we are starting to consider a calendar of events. Watch this space! Looking forward to re-creating the sense of community and raising some funds for the school!

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3CM – Etienne
3SD – Artemis
4EM – Rosie S & Oli F
4GS – Jess & Harry
5CJ – Bobby
5EC – Jacob
6JP – Timothy
6RH – Ella



COMMUNITY –Values Champions

3CM – Tilly
3SD – Darcy
4EM – Sam F
4GS – Freddie
5CJ – Evie B
5EC – Josh
6JP – Gabi
6RH – Noah



Sports News

The Team GJS Road to the Olympics Challenge!!!



As you know we, as a school family, have been set the challenge of covering the same miles from GJS to Tokyo in time for the opening ceremony of the Tokyo Olympics in July. Thank you to all of you who have been active over the Easter break and entered your distances on our survey. If you still need to enter yours, then it is not too late to complete one - please use the same link [here](#)

We have made a magnificent start on our road to the Olympics and on track, in my opinion, for a gold medal! So far, we have covered an amazing **917.91** miles (every hundredth of a mile counting!) out of the **5,985** miles to the Olympic stadium!

It has been an amazing start but, as you can see from our map, we still have a long way to go! So, with every mile counting can we do it? Remember, you can record your Sunday afternoon walk or your cycle with friends or a row down the River Wey!

Diary Dates

Summer Term 2021

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| May | |
| 3rd: | BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 5th: | Surrey Police visit |
| 10th—14th: | TT Rock Festival Week |
| 20th: | Class photos |
| 27th: | Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) Learning Day for Y4 & Y6 |
| 31st—4th: | HALF TERM |
| June | |
| 7th: | INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 8th: | Y6 Kwick Cricket Tournament |
| 21st: | Sports Day - Y5 (pm) |
| 22nd: | Sports Day - Y6 (pm) |
| 23rd: | Sports Day - Y3 (pm) |
| 24th: | Sports Day - Y4 (pm) |

Inset Days 2020/21

~~Tuesday 1st September 2020~~
~~Thursday 5th November 2020~~
~~Friday 26th February 2021~~
~~Monday 19th April 2021~~
Monday 7th June 2021

Inset Days 2021/22

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Monday 21st February 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Friday 27th May 2022