



Newsletter

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

Latest News

WELCOME BACK !



House Points

Mars
Neptune
Saturn
Jupiter



Welcome Back

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and were able to relax, get away and generally spend quality time with loved ones. I would like to welcome the year 3 children and parents to the school. The children have settled in so well to their new surroundings, looking fantastic in their new uniforms and are ready to learn. I am sure they will all do themselves proud. They are also being well looked after by their year 6 buddies. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

Safeguarding

Due to issues we are experiencing with the 'back gate' (which allows access onto Marshall Road) from Monday this will be closed until further notice. Therefore, the only way to enter and exit the school will be the Meadrow (main playground entrance) and the gate leading out to Hallam Road (car park). Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Curriculum Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Curriculum Evenings next week. This is a time to find out information about the coming year for your child's class. This will include routines, expectations, trips and themes the children will experience in the different year groups. There will also be an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher. The days and times for the meetings can be found on the reverse of the newsletter in the dates section and on the website calendar.

Clubs

The club list for this term will be coming home today and it can also be found on the school website. We are thrilled, once again, to offer over twenty clubs led by external providers, parents and staff. On Monday and Tuesday the children will have 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 will collate the sign up sheets next week and ensure a fair spread of clubs so do not worry if your child was not the first name on the list. Letters will then be 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. Please note that some externally run clubs start next week and you should check the individual flyers for more information.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that the children should be in their autumn/winter uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy and we do encourage the children to have their PE kits in **all week** and if possible to avoid wearing kits home as it is often forgotten when required again.

School Shop

This year Mrs Munz, the School Bursar, will continue to run the School Shop selling stationery products that are on the children's kit list. A price list of the products is attached.

School Value

Continuing with our focus on core values that were introduced two years ago, we will be concentrating on the value of **RESILIENCE** this term. The children will have weekly assemblies that encourage them to reflect on what this value 'looks like'. They will learn about how we all need resilience in order to be successful, how we can be resilient learners as well as learning about prominent people that showed resilience in the face of adversity. 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. If there is anyone you feel we should be learning about who was or is a model for resilience then please let us know!

School Dinners

School meals are £2.25 per day, however, if you think you may be entitled to free school meals please request a form from the office. Universal free school meals are for infant schools only. Please also note that if your child has a school lunch they must have this for the whole week and we ask for one week's notice to change from either a packed lunch or school meal. It's SCC policy that all lunch accounts are always in credit. Payment can be made via Parentmail PMX or to the school office by cash or cheque (cheques payable to Surrey County Council). If your child requires a special diet or has any food allergies and you have not submitted a form these can also be obtained from the school office.

Before School Care

We are pleased to announce that our before school care programme launched this week running from 8.00–8.45 with breakfast provided until 8.20. Please feel free to drop by the office if you require more information or to book call 0845 094 2322 or visit www.koosakids.co.uk.

PTA News

Welcome back to everyone from the school PTA. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at next week's Welcome BBQ where we will be offering A FREE DRINK on arrival. This will be taking place on **Friday 15th** between **6.00pm** and **8.00pm**. 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. Flyers should have come home today!



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

These will be announced next week.



Attendance Winners:

Well done to : 3AJ, 3NJ, 4EM, 4SD, 5AC, 5RP, 6RH for 100% attendance this week.

Sports News

Chance 2 Shine Cricket

We discovered this week that Godalming Junior School will receive further **FREE** coaching from Surrey County Cricket's Vicki Howard and her team this year. Last year proved to be ANOTHER fantastic year for cricket at the school and saw each child receive coaching, the school making links with local clubs, our wonderful Inter House Cricket Day last summer and members of Mr Samson's cricket club playing at The Kia Oval and Epsom College.

Bleep Test

As part of our Healthy Week later this month, the children will once again attempt to show their stamina and RESILIENCE in the running test! This will take place on **Friday 13th October**. More information to follow.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2017

September:

- 11th: Club Sign Up
- 13th: Year 3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
- 13th: Year 4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
- 14th: Year 5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
- 14th: Year 6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
- 15th: Year 3 Egyptian Day
- 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**



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