



# Newsletter



*"A person's a person, no matter how small" - Dr Seuss.*

## Latest News



### Year 4 'Big Weekender' @ Sayers Croft

What. A. Weekend. Last week Year 4 had an A. Maz. Ing time at Sayers Croft throwing themselves into Orienteering, Team Challenges, Shelter Building, Pond Dipping and even 'Bouldering' for the first time! The children were a real credit to the school, were incredibly well behaved and were so **RESPECTFUL** to the teachers, location and the staff at the centre...even Mrs Samson was impressed! Thank you to the children for making it such a great weekend and to Mrs Blacklidge, Mrs Nash, Mrs Munz, Miss Pulleyn, Miss Martin and Miss Dlugokecka for giving their time so readily, it simply would not have been possible without them!

### 401 Foundation Fundraiser

There has been a great response to 'Operation: 401' with children throughout the school coming up with creative fundraising ideas and there is still time to get a form from class teachers. Thank you to everyone who wore 'odd socks for £1' today. The children now have the option to raise further funds by collecting sponsors to perform something 401 times over the half term holiday. This could range from swimming 401 lengths to reading 401 pages, the choice is theirs! Our aim is to raise AT LEAST £401 for the 401 Foundation.

### Values—Summer 2 INDEPENDENCE

NEXT half-term our value is **INDEPENDENCE**; we will be looking at **INDEPENDENCE**, particularly as we look towards NEXT year and how the children will be moving year groups and new schools. We do ask, once again, this is reinforced and if there are opportunities to capitalise on discussions around **INDEPENDENCE** at home then please do so. Any ideas you have on reinforcing the value at school, we would love to hear them, just let your class teacher know!

**Independence Book:** 'The Huey's in The New Jumper' by Oliver Jeffers.

### Going Home Arrangements

If you need to inform the school about a change to regular pick-up arrangements for that day we ask that you please send a note with your child in the morning addressed to their teacher. We appreciate that sometimes plans change last minute but do request that where possible you call the office before 2.00pm.

### Inset Days—Academic Year 2018-19

The INSET dates for next year are:

**Tuesday 4th September 2018 — Confederation wide**

**Wednesday 5th September 2018**

**Monday 29th October 2018 — Confederation wide**

**Monday 25th February 2019 — Confederation wide**

**Tuesday 23rd April 2019**

### LSA Vacancies

We are currently recruiting for Learning Support Assistants. If you are interested in this position please apply via the Eteach website, job ID 842390. If you would like further information on the role, please contact Kate Wilkinson, SendCo.

### Building Work

Please be aware that after half-term there will be scaffolding on site so please take extra care when entering the school premises.

### Happy Half Term

We at GJS hope everyone has a fantastic half term break and we look forward to seeing you all again on 4th June as we enter our final half term of the year. How quickly it has come around once again! There is so much to look forward to with Sports Day, District Sports, Year 6 Productions, Healthy and International weeks, Bump Up Day and much, much more!

### House Points

Saturn	518
Jupiter	432
Mars	305
Neptune	272



### Waterstones Book of the Month



The House with Chicken  
Legs  
By  
Sophie Anderson

## PTA News

### School Disco

We have an exciting date for the diary as it's the GJS School Disco on June 14th! More details to follow after half-term.

### GJS Summer Fair

This year's summer fair plans are also well underway. We are having our next meeting in the Cricketers on Thursday 7th June from 7pm and everyone is welcome. If you are unable to come but would like to get involved please contact your class reps. We can't stress enough that without ideas and helpers these fantastic events would not happen. This year's theme is based upon "The Greatest Showman" - expect circus style stalls!



## School Achievement



Attendance Winners: 5RP—99%  
Whole School: 97.7%

Congratulations to our  
**RESPECT Values Champions.**  
They have been awarded for  
demonstrating exemplary  
**RESPECT** to others!

### RESPECT —Values Champions:

3NJ — Jiya Sidhpura  
3AJ — Oscar Price  
4SD — Drew Mason  
4EM — Bethan Vacher  
5RP — Rory Leggett  
5AC — Ollie Mason  
6RH — Lily Collins-Knight  
6JP — Iannis Moreanu



## Sports News

### Inter House Cricket Tournament—Monday 21st May

What a day of cricket we had on Monday! The children played amazingly well and there was crucial catching, brilliant bowling, fantastic fielding and scintillating striking! Congratulations go to Jupiter for not only being triumphant in the individual but for also winning the 'Gashes' as the two Jupiter teams, Lightning and Lions, both made the final! Thank you to everyone who helped make it such a great day including Farncombe and Farncombe Wanderers Cricket Clubs for hosting the event!

### Waverley Kwik Cricket Tournament—Tuesday 22nd May

Following on from the excitement of Monday, Mr Samson's cricket club played against other schools in the local Year 6 tournament at Broadwater Park. The girls were narrowly pipped by Park Mead in the semi finals as they were beaten by just 6 runs and the boys just fell short of making the last 4 in their competition. All the children played fantastically well and were great ambassadors for the school!

**Monday 4th June: Year 6 Cricket Coaching first day back after half-term, please ensure PE Kits are in school.**

## Diary Dates

### Summer 2018

28th-1st June:	HALF TERM
4th June:	Year 6 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching
11th:	Year 6 First Aid Training
	Year 5 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching
18th:	Year 4 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching
25th—29th:	Healthy Week 3—Mental Health and Wellbeing
25th:	UKSA Parent Meeting (Year 5 parents)
	Year 3 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching
29th:	Sports Day—AM Lower School PM Upper School
July	
4th:	'Moving Up' Day
6th:	District Sports
9th—13th:	International Week
9th:	Year 6 BBQ
13th:	Inter House 'GJS Got Talent'
16th—17th:	Year 6 Production 'Hoodwinked'
20th:	END OF TERM @ 1.15PM

### Inset Days 2017/18

**23rd July 2018**

### Inset Days 2018/19

**4th and 5th Sep 18**

**29th Oct 18**

**25th Feb 19**

**23rd Apr 19**

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.