



Newsletter

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

Latest News



Welcome Back!

Happy New Year! Welcome back and we hope you ALL had a fantastic Christmas break and that the children are raring to go as we begin 2018!

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!

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 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 that it is in a reusable tub and consists of fruit or vegetables.

Maths Workshop—The Happy Puzzle Co

Next week we will be having our first Maths Week where the children will be taking part in a number of maths activities linked to other areas of the curriculum. The Happy Puzzle Co will also be visiting the school on Friday to run workshops for all the children. This will be funded by our wonderful PTA in a continued effort to give ALL the children here fantastic enrichment experiences!

SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training)

Thank you to everyone who came along to the information seminar on Wednesday. We hope it gave you an insight into the process of enrolling onto the SCITT program. Information fliers are available in the school office and Mr Samson is happy to meet with anyone interested to chat things over. 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.

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 start Saturday 13th January 2018 at 9.00 at Farncombe Youth FC, Meades Park and are free of charge. To book a place contact ben.mitchell@chelseafc.com

Surrey Arts—Orchestra Open Rehearsal

Surrey Arts would like to invite all young musicians to come along and try out some of the local ensembles at their open evening on Wednesday 17th January. All rehearsals take place at Tillingbourne School and the first term is free. For further information please contact Alison Harding at Alison.harding@surreycc.gov.uk or visit surreycc.gov.uk/arts

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.

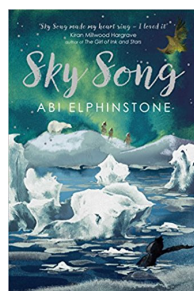


House Points

Mars	954
Saturn	792
Neptune	785
Jupiter	735



Waterstones Book of the Month



Sky Song
By
Abi Elphinstone

PTA News



School Achievement

3NJ – Oscar York
3AJ – Daisy Mason
4SD – Reece Ashton
4EM – Rhys Dicker
5RP – Mia Warrington
5AC – Tilly Bradshaw
6RH – Ben Lee
6JP – Anna Bradburne



Attendance Winners: 3AJ

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 kicks off on Monday with four games getting the new league underway. Each Monday four games will be played until we find the GJS Premier League Winners 2018. Information and weekly fixtures can be found in the Houses section on the school website and they will also be displayed on the Team GJS noticeboard in the upper school corridor. Children taking part are asked to have an early lunch and ensure they wear the correct kit including house t-shirt (available from the school office) shin pads and appropriate footwear (no boots). First up, Saturn Albion face Neptune United followed by AC Mars against Inter Jupiter then there is Sparta Neptune versus Borussia Jupiter and finally Bayern Mars play Mars City in the first 'derby' of the tournament! Game on!

Diary Dates

Spring 2018

January	
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

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.