

Love

Article 31: 'Every child has a right to be happy'

Live

Article 19: 'Every child has a right to feel safe'

Learn

Article 28: 'Every child has a right to an education'

Autumn 15

17th December 2021

Godalming Junior School

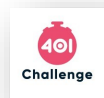
Newsletter

"The weak can never forgive, forgiveness is the attribute of the strong" - Mahatma Gandhi

Latest News

GJS 401 Challenge Stage 2 Target: 2,048m

<u>Year 3</u>	662
<u>Year 4</u>	1522
<u>Year 5</u>	2007
<u>Year 6</u>	2567



Christmas Carol Assemblies

Despite not being able to enjoy these concerts in person this week, we hope you are able to enjoy the children's filmed performances on Google Classroom. It was great to see the children in their Christmas attire sing so beautifully and really bring a smile, and the odd tear to Mr Samson, to those in school and finish the year as positively as we can!

Ofsted Readiness

You may be aware that Ofsted visits are in full swing since COVID brought about a pause in inspections. GJS is due to be inspected imminently and one of the sources of evidence they use to determine judgements are the outcomes of ParentView. Therefore we ask you visit ParentView and log your views of the school [here](#).

Christmas Mufti Update

Thank you to everyone who donated to support our annual Christmas Mufti Day with all proceeds going to the Shooting Star Chase charity. Our final tally was £251.75p.

Ben Smith and his 401 USA Challenge

Well done to all year groups who continue to record and log their miles as we continue to support Ben Smith on his epic challenge later this year. We hope 'Omicron' does not prevent him from taking part this year after the delays he has already experienced, fingers crossed. We now head into the Spring term, the shortest term of the year, to try and get to stage 3 and achieve the target of 2540 miles! You can keep sending in your pictures of your exploits and remember to keep up the walking, running, playing, cycling and all the other great ways of keeping fit, over the Christmas holidays! You can find out more about Ben's epic challenge [here](#).

GJS 'HeadSpace' Surgery

Due to changes to our hygiene protocols on indoor events, we are postponing our Reading surgery session until Monday 7th February.

COVID Update

With the number of local cases continuing to rise we must continue to be vigilant. We continue to send letters out to classes who have been affected by positive cases. This letter will be re-sent after ten days should there continue to be new cases within the class. Current guidance can be found [here](#). If your child is showing any COVID symptoms they should self-isolate straight away and take a PCR test as soon as possible. Tests can be booked via [this link](#). Following a negative PCR test result they can return to school. Confirmed positive case numbers continue to be small across the school and it is imperative the school is made aware of positive test outcomes as soon as possible. Unless there are symptoms in children and they are absent whilst awaiting PCR outcomes, the children must attend school otherwise risk being logged as an unauthorised absence as insisted by the local authority. Though not a requirement, it is strongly advised for junior age children to take daily Lateral Flow Tests for 7 days if they have come into contact with someone who has COVID. These tests are readily available should this be the case or you feel this is necessary.

And Finally...

We would like to wish all members of the GJS community a wonderful, restful and safe Christmas this year. We once again find ourselves at a very challenging point in history and we must all remember to look after ourselves and each other and most of all, be kind; at a time when stresses, anxieties and worries are, once again, at an all time high. We are all likely to have to make adjustments to our Christmas plans but please remember what is most important, and that is keeping safe and well.

We are already thinking about what may lie ahead in January and we hope schools all around the country open as planned. We will continue to do our best to keep you informed and be as prepared as possible for any changes. We will continue to have the children's interests at the very centre of any decisions. In the meantime, have a joyous break and we look forward optimistically to a positive, safer and happier 2022!



House Points Mufti: Mars Friday 17th December

<u>Mars</u>	5723
Saturn	5218
Saturn	5215
Neptune	4918



Waterstones Book of the Year



PTA News

More news to follow in the new year Wishing everyone a very Happy Christmas!

School Achievement



Attendance Winners: 3EC - 95.7%

FORGIVENESS Values Champions

3CM - Ethan
3EC - Molly
4EM - Peter
4GS - Eric
5SD - Merryn
5CJ - Ella-Rose
6JP - Harrison
6RH - Grace



Sports News

Chance to Shine Cricket will be visiting the school once again early next term to provide specialist cricket training. Children will need to come into school dressed in their full PE kit on the following dates. For Y5 this will take part within their weekly PE session, for Y3,4 & 6 these sessions will be in addition to their normal curriculum PE slot.

Monday 10th January	Year 6 & 5
Monday 17th January	Year 4 & 5
Monday 24th January	Year 3 & 5
Monday 31st January	Year 6 & 5
Monday 7th February	Year 4 & 5

Diary Dates

Autumn 2021

December	
17th:	END OF TERM @ 1.15pm
January	
4th:	START OF TERM
11th	Sportshall Tournament at Rodborough School
17th–21st:	10R HERO WEEK—(LGBTQ+ theme)
February	
1st:	Unicef RRS Accreditation Day (Silver Award)
3rd:	Y6 SATS Parent Talk
4th:	FRIENDSHIP Values Champion Assembly
8th:	E-Safety Assembly
11th:	House Mufti Day
14th–18th:	HALF TERM
21st:	INSET DAY
21st: - 25th:	10R ARTS WEEK
25th:	Anti Bullying Training
28th–4th:	10R BOOK WEEK
March	
3rd:	WORLD BOOK DAY
14th–18th:	10R SCIENCE WEEK
21st–25th:	10R EARTH WEEK
22nd:	Parents Evening (Late) TBC
24th:	Parents Evening (Early) TBC



Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

~~Monday 1st November 2021~~

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022