



Newsletter

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

Latest News

CONFIDENCE

Values—Spring Term 1 CONFIDENCE— Comedy and Magic!

Once again Monday saw children showcase their talents through magic, clapping, comedy, acting and reading poetry. Next Monday the theme will be singing with the final Confidence Assembly, after half term, being an opportunity for children to show their piano and guitar prowess! The assemblies so far have proven to be a great opportunity for children to perform to an audience which has been great to see!

Parent-Teacher Consultations—27th February & 1st March

If you haven't already booked an appointment, sign-up sheets are available in the school office for the Parent-Teacher consultations. If you are unable to come into school then do call the school office who can put your name down for you. Katherine Frogley, the Intervention Teacher, will also be available on Thursday, 1st March from 3.30-6.00pm.

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 on their website 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, it is in a reusable tub and consists of fruit or vegetables.

Roots for the Future

Roots for the Future are a social enterprise groups who will be holding a community tree planting event on Saturday 17th February, 1:30-3:30pm at Canon Bowrings Recreation Ground ("Chippy Park") in Farncombe. All are welcome and further information is attached with this newsletter.

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.

Surrey Arts—Music Lessons

If your child is interested in learning a musical instrument through lessons with Surrey Arts more information can be found at www.surrey.cc.gov.uk/music.

Late Arrival at School

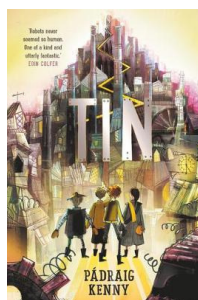
If your child arrives at school after the bell at 8.45am they must be signed in by a parents/carer at the school office. This is for the safety of the children and to ensure our safeguarding procedures are adhered to. This also applies to any appointments during the school day. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

House Points

Neptune	593
Saturn	516
Jupiter	430
Mars	399



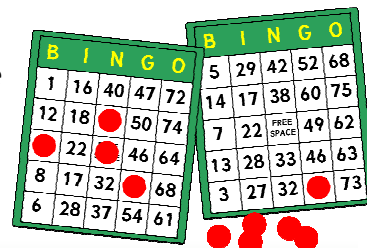
Waterstones Book of the Month



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By
Padraic Kenny

PTA News

The GJS Family Bingo Night is taking place on Thursday, 8th February from 6pm-8pm. Thanks to all the families who have handed in their order forms—it's great to see there are some keen bingo players at GJS! We still have room for more players so don't forget to return your order forms to the office asap or by Monday, 5th Feb at the latest. We are also grateful for donations of unwanted child-friendly prizes that we can use on the night. Donations can be dropped off in the red bin at reception. Thank-you!



School Achievement

3NJ – Polly Dragon
3AJ – Taila Day
4SD – Gracie Smith
4EM – Jenna Discombe
5RP – Rachel MacLennan
5AC – Lishanti Pillay
6RH – Tosca Michielin
6JP – Jack Wilson



Attendance Winners: 3AJ

Overall School Attendance: 94.7%

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—Week

This week was a very tight affair between the 4 games with only 4 goals scored. In the battle for the Red Planet bragging rights between Mars City and AC Mars there was no separating them as the game ended 0-0. Sparta Neptune were narrow winners and it was Saturn Rangers who were left blue as they went down 1-0. It was 'Ruhm-Ruhm' Bayern Mars as they were 1-0 victors over Neptune Wanderers. In the final game of the day it was Saturn Town who ran rings round Jupiter Athletic as they ran out 2-0 winners.

Players of the Match:

Mars—Charley Stevens, Saturn—Alfie Barker, Neptune—Reuben Cox and Jupiter—Liam Bull.

Next week we see another 8 teams go head to head before our winter break and the competition resumes after half term!

Diary Dates

Spring 2018

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.