



# Newsletter

*"The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is the attribute of the strong" - Mahatma Gandhi*

## Latest News



### Human Rights Week

What a momentous week... Here at GJS, the children engaged with activities linked to the Convention of Children's Rights this week. They created pieces of art linked to the 'articles', they studied key individuals who have worked tirelessly for human and children's rights, such as Malala Yousafzai and with their 'magic pen' the children drew things they would like to see in the world such as peace, education for all and no pollution. The week has been a fantastic example of how the children here think of others, especially at this time of year! This week has further helped our cause to become a Unicef Rights Respecting Silver School!

### Year 5 Victorian Exhibition

This term Year 5 have been learning about the Victorians and this inspired us to have our very own Victorian Exhibition this week. The children created projects based on different aspects of Victorian life ranging from the introduction of the railway to Victorian baking and also how fashion has changed from Victorian times to the present day. On Monday we held our exhibition for the school and on Thursday invited family and friends to visit and share the hard work of Year 5 as well as learn a song from a popular Victorian inspired musical!

### Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you to everyone who brought in £1 to support our annual Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Festive Friday with all proceeds going to the Royal Surrey County Hospital charity.

### Morning Christmas Carols

This year we will be holding morning carols following the theme of FORGIVENESS. They will take place in the hall and will be performed by different year groups on different days in the lead up to Christmas. This will be a 'drop in' event from 9.15am and we expect the performance to last for about 20-30 minutes. The order of play for the week will be:

Monday 16th December— Year 3

Wednesday 18th December—Year 5

Tuesday 17th December—Year 4

Thursday 19th December— Year 6

Those able to stick around for a tea or coffee will be warmly welcome to join us in the dining room after the carols each day. **Parents are asked that they enter the carol concerts through the Year 3 doors each morning rather than through the main entrance.**

### Reception & Junior Applications - September 2020

A reminder that the closing date for reception and junior applications for next September is **15th January 2020**. Online applications can be made via <https://www.eadmissions.org.uk/eAdmissions/app> and full information is available on Surrey's website at [www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.surreycc.gov.uk/primaryadmissions).

### Surrey Youth Games—Young Ambassadors

The Surrey Youth Games are seeking Young Ambassadors to help promote the next Specsavers Surrey Youth Games in schools. If you are between 7 -16 years and have previously taken part in SSGY or you have a keen interest in sport then you should complete the online application form. The scheme is a great opportunity for young people to develop their leadership skills and confidence.

### GET Teaching

The Godalming Learning Partnership, in partnership with Winchester University, are currently recruiting their 2nd cohort of trainee teachers starting in September 2020. The one year **GET Teaching** training programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our 7 current trainees are teaching in two of our schools with more training sessions planned throughout the year to ensure they gain invaluable experience in a wide range of settings. To find out more about the course and how to apply visit [www.getteaching.org](http://www.getteaching.org) or arrange to chat it over with Mr Samson by contacting the school office.

### School Value

Well done to all the **FORGIVENESS Values Champions**. Next half term the children will have weekly assemblies encouraging them to reflect on what the value of **FRIENDSHIP** 'looks like'. They will learn about how we all need the ability to be a good and effective friend and how difficult this is to do at times! 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 showing **FRIENDSHIP** then please let us know!

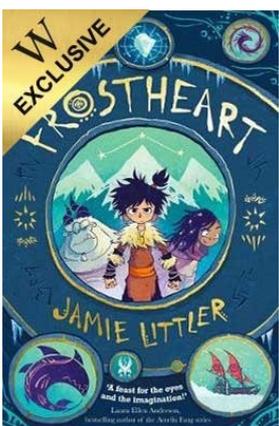
### End of Term Friday 20th December 2019

And finally just a reminder that school finishes at **1.15pm** on Friday 20th December. Happy Christmas!

### House Points

Saturn	6949
Neptune	6838
Jupiter	6533
Mars	5501

### Waterstones Book of the Month



## PTA News

### Christmas Fair 6th December 2019 6pm-8pm

Thank-you to all those who attended our wonderful Christmas Fair and to our fantastic PTA who pulled it all together. We knew we were in for a lovely evening when the school choir sung beautifully at the beginning and the evening just got better and better! Well done to all the raffle winners and everyone who made the event such a success. We are delighted to report that a brilliant £1428 was raised for the enhancement and enrichment of the children's learning experience and GJS! On behalf of everyone at the PTA, thank you once again.



Next up is the children's disco in February (more details to follow). In the meantime the PTA would like to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

## School Achievement



Attendance Winners: 3CM – 97%

### FORGIVENESS – Values Champions:

- 3CM – Jasmine B
- 3SD – Rosie
- 4EM – Mia
- 4SV – Heidi
- 5EC – Louis
- 5CH – Zac
- 6RH – Ava
- 6JP – Amelie



## Sports News

### Inter House Football Tournament

The teams are set and on display on the school sports board. More information will be announced early next term!



## Diary Dates

<u>Autumn 2019</u>	
December	
13th:	Christmas RE Day–Forgiveness
20th:	END OF TERM finish at 1.15pm.
<u>Spring Term 2020</u>	
January	
6th:	BEGINNING OF SPRING TERM
13th:	Year 5 Planetarium Trip



### Inset Days 2019/20

~~Wednesday 4th September 2019~~

~~Monday 4th November 2019~~

**Friday 14th February 2020**

Monday 20th April 2020

Friday 22nd May 2020