

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 14

10th December 2021

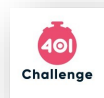
Godalming Junior School

"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

It is regrettable that we feel we need to cancel our Christmas Carol Assemblies. With the number of both staff and children absent, we simply do not feel it is right to hold these events. Though we are all disappointed, we will be filming the children perform their songs on Wednesday, in their Christmas attire, and will be posting the videos onto the Google Classroom platform for you all to enjoy.

FORGIVENESS Values Champions

Congratulations to our Values Champions this half term. These wonderful ambassadors for the school have embraced the school value of FORGIVENESS, learnt not to dwell on the past, move forward and also develop the ability to forgive themselves when making mistakes. The list of our FORGIVENESS VC's can be seen on the reverse of the newsletter.

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—Wednesday 15th December

Last week the School Council met with Mr Samson to decide on the charity we will be supporting for this year's Christmas Mufti on Wednesday. This year the School Council voted for Shooting Star Chase Hospice in Guildford. We are asking children to bring in 'at least' £1 for this worthy cause. You can find out more about their work [here](#). Incidentally, Cancer Research UK was a close second in the voting so the School Council and Mr Samson decided to run a fund raiser for this charity in the Spring term so watch this space!

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 'Omnicon' 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 unauthorized absence as insisted by the local authority. Though not a requirement for junior age children, Lateral Flow Tests are readily available if you feel this is necessary.

Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 15th December

A reminder that if you have pre-ordered a Christmas lunch for your child please remember to check your account is in credit. The cost of a school lunch is £2.45. Please note that children will not be able to 'opt-in' on the day, as they would normally be able to on a Wednesday. Children who have not already pre-ordered cooked lunch will need to bring in a packed lunch.



House Points Mufti: Mars Friday 17th December

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



Waterstones Book of the Year



PTA News

Thanks to everyone for making last Friday's inaugural Outdoor Christmas Fair such a success. After a huge effort by all the amazing volunteers, it was wonderful to see so many of you there and enjoying it. We have had some really positive feedback (thank you) and we're delighted to say that as well as it being a great community event, we also managed to raise a significant amount of money - almost £3600 in takings and a profit of almost £1800. All of which goes towards enriching our children's education!

Have a Merry Christmas and look out for next event details in the New Year!

School Achievement



Attendance Winners: 3EC - 97%

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	
13th:	RE Day
15th:	Christmas Mufti Day
15th:	Christmas Lunch
17th:	Mars House Mufti
17th:	END OF TERM @ 1.15pm



Inset Days 2021/22

~~Wednesday 1st September 2021~~

~~Monday 1st November 2021~~

Monday 21st February 2022

Tuesday 19th April 2022

Friday 27th May 2022