



# Newsletter

*'Hope is being able to see that there is light despite all the darkness - Desmond Tutu*

## Latest News



### Year 5 Macmillan Coffee and Cake Afternoon

On Friday 29th September Year 5 will be running a coffee and cake afternoon in aid of Macmillan. In the Art Studio from 3.05pm you will be able to buy a coffee (or tea) and a cake for £1 with all proceeds going to Macmillan. There will also be larger sumptuous cakes available to be purchased by making a donation. Miss Pulleyn and Mrs Crook will be organising the event so if you are a Year 5 parent willing to contribute we ask that you get in touch with your class teacher.

### School Photos—10th October 2017

The photographer will be visiting the school on 10th October for our annual school photographs.

### Clubs

As mentioned last week, we are thrilled, once again, to offer over twenty clubs led by external providers, parents and staff. Many started this week with the exception of football, netball, newspaper and chess club (as the staff leading these clubs were in UKSA with Year 6) – these clubs will begin next week. The office have collated the sign up sheets and ensured a fair spread of clubs. Letters have been sent home, for after-school clubs, and they must be returned **BEFORE** your child starts the club. For further information please contact the school office.

### School Improvement Planning

This week saw the launch of our School Improvement Plan board in the reception area. Here we have displayed what our main objectives and targets are for the coming year. Each term this will be updated so you can see how we are getting on. If you have any questions or queries then please do let us know.

### House Poetry Competition—RESILIENCE

This week we launched our first house event of the year and during Poetry Week the children will be attempting to write a fantastic poem using our value of **RESILIENCE** as their stimulus. The children will all score points for their entries, there will be prizes on offer and one lucky winner will have their entry added to Poetry Corner outside. The closing date is Friday 29th September and we will have a visiting poet to help judge the entries!

### Waterstones—Book of the Month

Another new addition in our newsletters is our Book of the Month feature to support reading for pleasure at Godalming Junior School. We also strongly believe that children should be reading daily either in or outside school. Not only does this help develop many skills but it is also a great way to pass time!

### Parking around GJS

We have received further complaints from residents, particularly in Hallam Road, concerning parking around drop-off and pick-up time with some residents having their driveways blocked. We politely request that you park considerately at all times when visiting the school.

### Year 6 UKSA

We look forward to welcoming Year 6 back from the Isle of Wight this afternoon and look forward to hearing about their adventures. If you haven't already do check out the blog on the website which can be found under Parent Information/Year 6.

### House Points

Saturn	311
Mars	284
Neptune	238
Jupiter	222



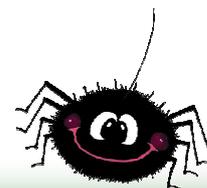
### Waterstones Book of the Month



Pax  
By  
Sara Pennypacker

## PTA News

Thank-you to everyone who came along to the PTA Welcome BBQ last week. Next up in the busy PTA calendar is the school disco— more details to follow but rumour has it that it will have a Spooky Halloween theme!



## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3AJ— Sofia Hawkins  
 3NJ— Monna Almazi  
 4SD— Joey Lewis  
 4EM— Isla Edward-Caton  
 5RP— Felicite Tong  
 5AC— Jacob Leggett  
 6RH— Whole class!  
 6JP— Whole class!



Attendance Winners: 5AC & 5RP

## House News

### House Captain Elections

Thank you and well done to ALL Year 6 children who put themselves forward last week and gave speeches in an effort to become their House Captain and Vice Captain; the standard of speeches was phenomenal! The children spoke with confidence, passion and sincerity which made the whole voting process so, so difficult. In the end the children elected were:

**Neptune:** Captain: Poppy Juniper Vice Captain: Toby Carmichael-Parsons

**Saturn:** Captain: Billy Arocas-White Vice Captain: Tosca Michielin

**Jupiter:** Captain: Gracie Petersson Vice Captain: Alexander Egan

**Mars:** Captain: Charlotte Martin Vice Captain: Matthew Bevan

Congratulations to the above children and here's to a successful year of house events!

## Diary Dates

### Autumn 2017

#### September

25th–29th: Poetry Week

#### October

3rd: Year 5 Victorian Trip

6th: Year 4 Greek Day

9th–13th: Healthy Week

9th: Skipping Workshop

10th: School Photographs

13th: Bleep Test

16th–20th: Hero Week

19th: PTA Disco

23rd–27th: **HALF TERM**

30th: **INSET DAY**

31st: Born Free Visiting Speaker—Year 6

#### November

6th–10th: Remembrance Week

17th: Year 3 and 4 Nasal and Flu jabs

22nd: Parent -Teacher Consultation Evening 6.00–8.30pm

23rd: Parent–Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30–6.00pm

29th: Year 5 Victorian Exhibition 6.00–7.00pm



**Inset Days 2017/18**  
 30th October 2017  
 16th April 2018  
 23rd July 2018