

Summer 11  
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Godalming Junior School

# Newsletter

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*"Creativity is being imaginative, positive and having a growth mind-set" - Izzy Y4*

## Latest News

### GJS Talent Show

This morning, we were incredibly lucky to have been entertained by some fabulous acts in our Talent Show. Way back in February, Mrs Johnson and the house captains held auditions across the school, allowing any pupil to showcase their talents. From the 38 acts that auditioned, 12 were selected to perform to the rest of the school in the actual Show. The acts included singers, dancers, comedians and musicians, playing piano, guitar and drums. It was brilliant to see a range of children, from brave Year 3's to super Year 6's, have the courage to get up on stage in front of the whole school, especially those children who performed solo. While the house captains went out to decide upon a winner, the school was further entertained by 2 acts who the judges thought deserved to share their talents. We even saw a special video put together by the staff inspired by some well known TikTok videos. Finally, the big moment came to announce the winner: in 3rd, was Sam, who played drums to Dua Lipa's 'Levitating'; in 2nd, was Christie, who sang 'Rises the moon' by Liana Flores and 1st place went to Toby, who blew us all away with his amazing guitar solo of 'Hotel California' by 'Eagles' and 'Bad Moon Rising' by Creedence Clearwater Revival. It fills us with immense pride to see our pupils embodying our values of Confidence, Creativity, Perseverance and Respect and want to say a massive congratulations and thank you to all who took part!

### Year 6 End of Year Production

Oh, what a show! Year 6 transported us all to the depths of the Indian jungle this week with their performance of 'The Jungle Book'. To say we are proud of them is an understatement. The children have been fully involved and invested every step of the way: making costumes and props, becoming sound technicians, making suggestions for how lines should be delivered and how the action would run on stage and designing tickets and programmes. Each and every child shone throughout both performances and their singing was particularly enthusiastic. What a creative bunch of students! A big thank you to all of the parents who contributed throughout the rehearsal and performance period - the Year 6 staff are very, very grateful.

### Registration Time Change—September 2023

You may be aware that the DfE (Department for Education) recently released guidance regarding the length of the school week, found [here](#). The expectation currently states that the minimum length of a school week is 32.5 hours from registration to the end of the day. Currently, the GJS day is 10minutes short of this expectation and we are planning on implementing a slight change to the START of the school day from September. From Monday 4th September (the first day of term) we are proposing that the start of the day, and therefore registration, is taken from 8.35am. The school gates at Marshall Road and Hallam Road will continue to be opened from 8.25am each morning. We feel this part of the day would be easier to manage for parents and staff alike than extending the end of the day (thus having a greater impact on pick up arrangements at our local feeder schools by parents or carers). Whilst this has yet to be confirmed, we would welcome views on this from our stakeholders in the hope that we can give a definitive response to these expectations in the coming weeks before the end of term and for any parental arrangements to be covered by the start of the autumn term. Please contact the school office via phone, in person or by email at: [info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk) if you would like give your view on this proposal.

### School Uniform Shop

We shall be opening the school uniform shop during the summer holidays to collect any orders placed during the summer break. These dates are **Wed 16th & Wed 23rd August between 9-11am**. In addition, orders can be collected on the INSET day (Fri 1st Sept) between 12-1pm. Orders can be made via Arbor and any early orders placed before the end of term can be collected or sent home with your child before the end of term on 21st July.

### Second Hand Uniform

If you are have good quality uniform which is no longer needed then please consider donating it to our nearly new second hand shop. Any donations can be dropped off in the school office.

### Combe Road Play Area Consultation Survey

From Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July Waverley Borough Council will be launching a consultation on the refurbishment of several play areas in the Borough, including the Combe Road play area in Farncombe. A survey has been created to capture people's feedback and will remain open until 5pm, 25 August 2023. Please register your feedback here: [www.waverley.gov.uk/playareas](http://www.waverley.gov.uk/playareas)



### House Points

Jupiter	1963
Saturn	1744
Neptune	1731
Mars	1534



Our Designated  
Safeguard Lead is:  
Mr Samson—HT

Our Deputy Designated  
Safeguard Leads are:  
Mr Maclver- Deputy HT  
Mrs Wilkinson—SENCo  
Mrs Munz—Bursar  
Mrs Kirby—HSLW

## PTA News

### Summer Fair—Friday 14th July 6.00—8.30pm

We are all looking forward to a glorious evening later for our summer fair!! This is a quick note from the PTA to assure everyone that has not pre ordered tokens that there will be plenty available to purchase on the night if needed. We look forward to seeing everyone there!



## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Whole class  
 3EC— Whole class  
 4JL— Seb  
 4GS— Remy & Ella  
 5SD— Whole class  
 5NM— Grace  
 6EM— Merryn  
 6RH— Oli & Archie



Attendance Winners: 6EM— 98.9%



Spring Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5SD

### TRUST Values Champions

3CM—Florence  
 3EC—Evie  
 4JL—Jacob  
 4GS—Oscar  
 5SD—Indigo  
 5NM—Jess  
 6EM—Evie  
 6RH—Huxley



## Sports News

### GJS Staff v Year 6 Netball Match

On Thursday, the School Staff had a chance to gain revenge for their loss to Year 6 at football! Over half of Year 6 took up the challenge of a netball match against the Staff but this time the adults prevailed. The children played fairly and competitively until the end and the match was very enjoyable for all playing and for those children that chose to watch as well.

## Diary Dates

### Summer 2023

#### July

14th: PTA Summer Fair 6.00-8.30pm  
 21st: Term ends @ 1.15pm

#### August

16th & 23rd: **School Uniform Shop Open from 9.00-11.00am**

#### September

1st: **School Uniform Shop Open from 12.00-1pm**



### Inset Days 2023/24

**Friday 1st September 2023**  
**Monday 30th October 2023**  
**Friday 9th February 2024**  
**Monday 15th April 2024**  
**Friday 24th May 2024**