



Newsletter



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

Latest News



Welcome Back—From Mr Samson

I hope you all managed to have an enjoyable and restful half term! Already the children have enjoyed so much in such a short space of time. Year 3 enjoyed their Egyptian Day, Year 4 their Greek Day, Year 5 have visited Preston Manor and Year 6 spent a week at UKSA! All this on top of our poetry, hero and healthy weeks! We now head into our very busy festive period with so much going on for the children to immerse themselves in!

Year 6 'Born Free' Project

Laura Gossett from the wildlife organisation Born Free visited Year 6 on Tuesday. She spoke to the children about one of the projects she is involved with and the children learnt about orcas and how life for them in captivity is vastly different from living in their natural habitat. She talked about how Born Free monitor orca out in the wild. It has inspired the children to research other animals in similar situations and to begin to hone their powers of persuasion for their work ahead in English. There will be a chance for you to support Born Free later in the term when the Year 6 children present their work to the rest of the school.

UKSA Information Evening

It was great to see so many Year 5 parents come along to find out more about the Year 6 residential this week. We really hope ALL children take up the fantastic opportunity to go to the Isle of Wight next September and enjoy all the activities on offer. More information on the trip will be available in the new year. In the meantime, please feel free to contact Mr Samson via the school office if you would like to find out more.

Parent-Teacher Consultations Wednesday 22nd and Thursday 23rd November

Sign-up sheets are now available in reception. We do ask that you find a time that is convenient either coming in yourself or ringing the office to check availability. There are always more slots than children but please be aware that your preferred slot may not be available. For these meetings in the Autumn term your child is welcome to attend. Please note that Mr Samson will be available to talk with parents both days and Mrs Trinder, the school SENCO will be available by appointment on Thursday, 23rd November from 3.30pm to 6.10pm. **PLEASE NOTE THERE WILL BE NO TEACHER-LED CLUBS AFTER SCHOOL DURING THIS WEEK (FROM MONDAY 20TH TO FRIDAY 24TH NOVEMBER).**

Staff News

Last week we said 'au revoir' to Mrs Crook who began her maternity leave. I am sure you will join us all in sending Andrea and Sam our best wishes as they await the new arrival to the Crook family.

Poppy Appeal—Royal British Legion

Yasmin and Daniel in Year 6 will be selling poppies each morning break-time to the children until Friday 10th November. They can also be purchased from the office at other times. We will also be holding a minute silence next Friday at 11.00am

School Absence

If your child is absent from school please call the school office each day the child is not in school to inform them of the reason for your child's absence (unless you have completed an absence form). This ensures the safeguarding of all children.

School Meal Accounts

If a child leaves school unwell after 10am and they have ordered a school meal, this meal will still be charged to their account. This is due to catering allocating the meals.

Lost Wallet

A wallet has been found on the path leading from the back playground to Marshall Road. If you think it may be yours please contact the school office.

SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training)

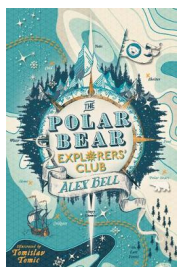
Godalming Junior School is a proud partner of the Surrey South Farnham SCITT program having become a partner school last year to train future aspiring teachers. On Wednesday 10th January we will be hosting an information seminar for anyone considering a career in teaching. You will have been sent the flier with times and booking arrangements along with the newsletter this week if you or anyone you know would be interested in attending.

House Points

Mars	462
Saturn	369
Jupiter	324
Neptune	241



Waterstones Book of the Month



The Polar Bear Explorers
Club
By
Alex Bell

PTA News



Halloween Disco

Thank you to all the children who came to the Halloween Disco, they threw some great dance moves and their costumes were fantastic! Thank-you also to all the wonderful helpers.

GJS Race Night - Friday 17th November 7.30pm

We now turn our attention to our inaugural GJS Race Night. Join us for a great night out and a chance to have a flutter on the horses—all races are previewed on a giant screen in the hall—this event comes highly recommended! Look out for booking forms which will be out next week. Tickets only £5 including free drink!

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3AJ — Sam Ball
 3NJ — Joshua Mills
 4SD — Merryn Pasley
 4EM — Cameron Summerfield
 5RP — Felicite Tong
 5AC — Leah Jhawer
 6RH — James Thackeray
 6JP— Isaac Adam



Attendance Winners: 3NJ

Sports News

Glebelands Cross Country Run—Saturday 11th November

There has been a fantastic response to the cross country event this year and it looks as though we will have more children representing the school than ever before, which is brilliant! Further information can be found on our 'Team GJS' board regarding start times and distances etc.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2017

November

3rd: 'Phil-The-Bag'
 6th–10th: Remembrance Week
 11th: Glebelands Cross Country Run
 17th: Year 3 and 4 Nasal and Flu jabs
 PTA Race Night
 22nd: Parent -Teacher Consultation Evening 6.00–8.30pm
 23rd: Parent–Teacher Consultation Evening 3.30–6.00pm
 25th: Godalming Town Day
 29th: Year 5 Victorian Exhibition 6.00–7.00pm

December

5th: Year 6 'Born-Free' Evening 6.00–7.00pm
 8th: PTA Christmas Fair
 12th/14th: GJS Christmas Shows
 13th: Christmas Lunch
 15th: 'Save the Children' - Christmas Jumper Day
 21st: **END OF TERM (1.15PM)**



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.