



Newsletter

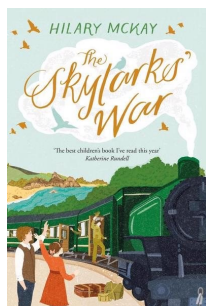
"Honesty is the best policy" - Benjamin Franklin

Latest News

House Points

Neptune	929
Jupiter	726
Saturn	570
Mars	532

Waterstones Book of the Month



The Skylarks War By Hilary McKay

Anti-Bullying Parent Workshop

The children had a great time on Monday learning all about the role of an Anti-Bullying Ambassador. They spent the day with their counterparts from The Chandler and Busbridge Junior School to work together and come up with a school wide campaign which will be shared with the rest of the school over the coming weeks. It was great to see parents attend the parent workshop afterwards and learn all about what the children had been working on together and also where to find more information. The parents learnt that not all behaviours constitute bullying and the importance of information finding before judgements are made. It was a great day all round and we hope to embed the role and receive annual training for those keen to be an Anti-Bullying Ambassadors in the future!

Keeping Dry in the Snow

Well done to all those who made it in today. Just a note to ask that children bring in a change of footwear when there is snow underfoot—without this they will not be able to go outside during break-time.

GJS Crossing Working Party

After receiving the disappointing news from the local authority that the school did not meet the threshold to have a permanent crossing outside the front gate, local councillor Penny Rivers is to spearhead a group to try and raise money from sponsorship and donations to get one installed. She has already contacted Waitrose who are to commit two months 'green tokens' to the cause. We are also looking for a working party who would be able to come up with some more fundraising ideas to help. If you are interested and would like to get involved then please contact the school office. We will then arrange a meeting with Mr Samson, Penny and the working party to move forward.

School Direct Teacher Training

We have recruited students to our Schools Direct programme for September 2019 and there are still spaces available! If you, or anyone you know, is interested in training to be a teacher then visit www.getteaching.org to find out more or feel free to book an appointment to speak to Mr Samson about it via the school office.

This term we will focussing on the value of...HONESTY

Continuing with our focus on core values which were introduced three years ago, we will be concentrating on the value of **HONESTY** this half term. The children will have weekly assemblies encouraging them to reflect on what this value 'looks like'. They will learn about how we all need the ability to be HONEST and how HONESTY links to other core values such as RESPECT and TRUST. 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.

Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching

The Chance 2 Shine initiative supported by Surrey County Cricket Club coaching sessions begin next week. Gabby Dunnage will lead the sessions with support from Carolyn Dawkins and Graham Ekins from our local cricket clubs. There will be 7 sessions initially running on Monday mornings, beginning with **Year 3 on Monday 4th February**. The full timetable will be displayed on our Team GJS sports notice board and the children will be made aware of this in assembly. Don't forget to check the newsletter each week where the next year group and training date will be announced. The children must have their PE kits in school for these sessions.

Late Arrivals

Please remember that if your child is returning to school following an appointment or arriving late it is important that they are dropped at reception and signed-in. This is to ensure our safeguarding guidelines are met.



PTA News

The PTA have secured 15 estate agent boards to promote the Godalming Food Festival on 7th July. So far we have 8 volunteers who have kindly agreed to have a board sited on their property (thank you!). We are therefore looking for 7 more willing volunteers to have a board sited on their property. **For each board displayed we raise £15 for the school so if we can reach the maximum 15 we earn £225!** Boards will be sited on 3rd June and removed on 8th July by Seymours Estate Agents. If you are able to display a board please contact Simon Parry at simoncparry1970@gmail.com.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM – Megan
3SD – Mary
4EM – Taila
4AJ – Alice
5EC – Eva
5CP – Imogen
6RH – Irfan
6JP – Raffy



FORGIVENESS – Values Champions:

3CM – Max
3SD – Bella
4EM – Charissa
4AJ – Amber
5EC – Frankie
5CP – Katie
6RH – Nate
6JP – Eva



Attendance Winners: 4EM 100%

Sports News

GJS Premier League 2019

Due to the adverse weather today and the under soil heating not working at the Meadow Ground, this weeks fixtures will now be played next Monday.

Swimming Gala - Sat 9 March / Practice Sun 10 Feb

***WANTED!! * We STILL need more boys to join the GJS team, along with some more Y6 girls!** Please contact Claire Marks on alandclaire@btinternet.com if any Y3, 4, 5 or 6 boys want to come along for the practice on Sunday 10 Feb at 3pm to see what it's all about - there are lots of fun relay races to take part in. If you have any questions about the event please email Claire directly.

Diary Dates

Spring 2019

February

5th: Safer Internet Day
5th: Yr 6 Flood Scheme Visit 6RH
5th: Yr 5 Anamazing Visit
6th: Yr 6 Flood Scheme Visit 6JP
11th–15th: Healthy Week 2–Diet and Nutrition
18th–22nd: **HALF TERM**
25th: **INSET DAY**
26th: Parent–Teacher Meeting (Late)
28th: Parent–Teacher Meeting (Early)

March

1st: Yr 6 World War II Roadshow
4th–8th: **BOOK WEEK**
7th: World Book Day
18th–22nd: **ARTS WEEK**
22nd: Yr 3 Butser Farm trip
29th March: Yr 4 Fishbourne Roman Palace Trip



Inset Days 2018/19
Monday 25th February
Tuesday 23rd April