



Newsletter

'Alone we can do so little, together we can do so much' - Helen Keller

Latest News



Welcome Back

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and were able to relax, get away and generally spend quality time with loved ones. I would like to welcome the year 3 children and parents to the school. The children have settled in so well to their new surroundings, they are ready to learn and I am sure they will all do themselves proud. They are also being well looked after by their year 6 buddies. Here's to another fantastic year ahead!

Safeguarding

You may have noticed changes to the school site including new internal and external doors and as part of our new safeguarding procedures we do ask that ALL visitors to the school at any time of day MUST enter through the main doors in reception. This includes formal or informal meetings with class teachers where we ask that you sign in at reception. The office staff will then inform the teacher concerned who will meet you at reception and take you down to the relevant classroom.

Curriculum Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our Curriculum Evenings next week. This is a time to find out information about the year in your child's class. This will include routines, expectations, trips and themes the children will be experiencing in the different year groups. There will also be an opportunity to speak to your child's teacher. The days and times for the meetings can be found on the reverse of the newsletter in the dates section and on the website calendar.

Clubs

The club list for this term was sent home this week and it can also be found on the school website. We are thrilled, once again, to offer a wide range of clubs led by external providers, parents and staff. Today the children had the opportunity to sign up for the school-run clubs. They will start the week beginning 19th September—with the exception of Mr Poole and Miss Stuckey's clubs as they will be in the Isle of Wight with year 6. The office will collate the sign up sheets next week and ensure a fair spread of clubs so do not worry if your child was not the first name on the list. Letters will then be 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. Please note that some externally run clubs start next week and you should check the individual fliers for more information.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that the children should be in their autumn/winter uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy and we do encourage the children to have their PE kits in all week and if possible to avoid wearing kits home as it is often forgotten when required again.

School Shop

This year Mrs Munz, the School Bursar, will be running a School Shop, with the help of Year 6 children, selling stationary products that are on the children's kit list. A price list of the products is attached.

School Value

Continuing with our focus on core values that were introduced last year, we will be concentrating on the value of **COMMUNITY** this term. The children will have weekly assemblies that encourage them to reflect on what this value 'looks like' and will learn about how we are all members of different communities. 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.

School Dinners

School meals are £2.20 per day, however, if you think you may be entitled to free school meals please request a form from the office. Please also note that if your child has a school lunch they must have this for the whole week and we ask for one week's notice to change from either pack lunch or school meal. Universal free school meals are for infant schools only.



House Points

Mars

Neptune

Saturn

Jupiter



PTA News

Welcome back to everyone from the school PTA. We hope you all had a wonderful summer and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at next week's Welcome BBQ where we will be offering A FREE DRINK on arrival. This will be taking place on **Friday 16th** between **6.00pm** and **8.00pm**. This is a great opportunity to meet up again after the summer holidays and also welcome our new families into the Godalming Junior School community. Flyers should have come home today!



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

These will be announced next week



Attendance Winners:

Sports News

Chance 2 Shine Cricket

We discovered this week that Godalming Junior School will receive a further 40 hours of **FREE** coaching from Surrey County Cricket's Vicki Howard this year. Last year proved to be a fantastic year for cricket at the school with each child receiving coaching, the school making links with local clubs and our wonderful Inter House Cricket Day last summer. The school also received complimentary tickets to see England and Surrey as part of the initiative and the school made the Surrey Advertiser this summer with a story about the Chance 2 Shine project.

Inter House Football Tournament—The GJS Premier League

This term the GJS Premier League will 'kick off' the school house events. More information will follow once our House Captains have been elected!

Bleep Test

As part of our Healthy Week later this month, the children will once again attempt to beat their previous scores in the first Bleep Test of the year. This will take place on **Friday 30th September**. More information to follow.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2016

September:

- 9th: School Council Elections
- 9th: Club Sign Up
- 14th: Year 3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
- 14th: Year 4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
- 15th: Year 5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
- 15th: Year 6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
- 16th: PTA Welcome BBQ @ 6.00pm
- 19th—23rd: Year 6 trip to UKSA
- 19th: Year 3 Egyptian Day
- 21st: Year 4 Greek Day
- 26th—30th: Healthy Week
- 30th: Bleep Test

October:

- 6th/7th: Year 4 Bikeability—Level 1
- 10th—14th: 'Hero' week
- 10th—14th: Year 6 Bikeability—Level 2
- 24th—28th: **HALF TERM**



Inset Days 2016/17
31st October 2016
10th February 2017
18th April 2017