



Newsletter

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

Latest News



Year 6 Protect Our Wildlife Showcase

On Tuesday, the children in Year 6 showcased their POW (Protect Our Wildlife) projects to the rest of the school and to their parents. The children demonstrated their powers of persuasion to create letters, adverts, reports, PowerPoint presentations and speeches to help raise awareness of how to protect our planet's wildlife. The children also raised an amazing £890 for the Born Free charity through selling official merchandise. Thank-you to all who supported us. (Any items that were ordered will be delivered during the week beginning 18th December.)

Teacher Run After-School Clubs

Just a reminder that all teacher run after-school clubs will finish today, Friday 8th December. Please check with external club providers for their term times as these may differ.

Godalming Junior School's Christmas Choir

The GJS choir will be performing at the St Peter & St Paul's Christmas Concert in Godalming tomorrow at 4pm, Saturday 9th December 2017. This is a lovely event and all are very welcome to attend.

Christmas Carol Concerts—12th and 14th December

The children have been busy rehearsing their songs and are looking forward to welcoming you to their performances next week. A programme and seating plan will follow by parentmail and can also be found on the school website in the Parent Information section at www.godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk. For the evening performances children can be dropped off from 6.45pm at reception where they will be met and taken to their respective classrooms. Please note that the school premises will not be open before this time.

Victorian Costumes

If you have any unwanted Victorian clothes or accessories please bring them to the school office. Many thanks.

GJS Christmas Puddings!

There will be Christmas puddings available to buy at the Christmas Fair or if you prefer you can purchase these from the School office while stocks last!

Reception and Junior School Applications

Please note that for parents with pre-school or year 2 children the closing date for Reception and Junior School applications for September 2018 entry is **15th January 2018**.

Late Arrival at School

If your child arrives at school after the bell at 8.45am they must be signed in at the school office. This is for the safety of the children and to ensure our safeguarding procedures are adhered to. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

SCITT (School Centred Initial Teacher Training)

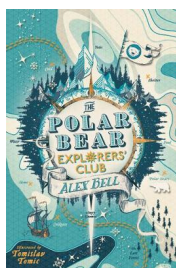
Godalming Junior School is a proud partner of the Surrey South Farnham SCITT program having become a partner school last year to train future aspiring teachers. On **Wednesday 10th January** we will be hosting an information seminar for anyone considering a career in teaching.

House Points

Mars	491
Jupiter	432
Saturn	339
Neptune	327



Waterstones Book of the Month



The Polar Bear Explorers Club
By
Alex Bell

PTA News

Christmas Fair—Friday 8th December

We look forward to welcoming you to the Christmas Fair from 6pm to 8pm for an evening packed with festivities. Bring friends and family along and enjoy performances from the GJS choir and Guitar Club while you browse the Christmas stalls. Drinks and hot food will be available to purchase as well as GJS Christmas Puddings!



School Achievement

3AJ — Freya Giles
 3NJ — Isla Burgess
 4SD — Jose Herrero
 4EM — Grace Field-Hodgson
 5RP — Max Fenner
 5AC — James Price
 6RH — Dylan Costa
 6JP — Kaylin Reed



Attendance Winners: 3NJ—100%

Sports News

Inter House Football—Godalming Premier League 2018

Over the next couple of weeks children will have the opportunity to sign up to take part in the Godalming Premier League which will kick off in the New Year. All children are welcome to sign up and this year there will be extra bonus points allocated to teams demonstrating school values, fair play, inclusion and whether they have the right kit, including house t-shirts! More information can be found on the House Notice Board and the Team GJS Board. Last year Saturn Athletic were the overall winners of the inaugural Premier League so we will see whether they can retain their title or whether Mars, Neptune or Jupiter can beat them to it this time around!



Diary Dates

Autumn 2017

December

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