



Newsletter



"A person's a person, no matter how small" - Dr Seuss.

Latest News



Well done Year 6

Well done to all of Year 6 for their efforts during SAT's week. Everyone at the school is immensely proud of them for the way they have approached their exams with great maturity and focus. We would also like to say a well done to the rest of the school who demonstrated very respectful behaviour during the tests!

401 Foundation Fundraiser

There has been a great response to 'Operation: 401' with children throughout the school coming up with creative fundraising ideas and there is still time to get a form from class teachers. A reminder that we will be asking the children to wear 'odd socks for £1' on **Friday 25th May**. The children then have the option to raise further funds by collecting sponsors to perform something 401 times over the half term holiday. This could range from swimming 401 lengths to reading 401 pages, the choice is theirs! Our aim is to raise AT LEAST £401 for the 401 Foundation.

Values—Summer 1 RESPECT

THIS half-term our value is **RESPECT**; how to gain/lose **Respect**, who and what deserves **Respect** and sharing who the children **Respect** and why. We do ask, once again, this is reinforced and if there are opportunities to capitalise on discussions around **Respect** at home then please do so. Any ideas you have on reinforcing the value at school, we would love to hear them, just let your class teacher know!

Staying Safe in the Sun

As we move into the summer months please remember to pack a water bottle and if needed apply sun-screen and a sun-hat.

Going Home Arrangements

If you need to inform the school about a change to regular pick-up arrangements for that day we ask that you please send a note with your child in the morning addressed to their teacher. We appreciate that sometimes plans change last minute but do request that where possible you call the office before 2.00pm.

Inset Days—Academic Year 2018-19

The INSET dates for next year are:

Tuesday 4th September 2018 — Confederation wide

Wednesday 5th September 2018

Monday 29th October 2018 — Confederation wide

Monday 25th February 2019 — Confederation wide

Tuesday 23rd April 2019

Parking at GJS

Although we appreciate that parking is difficult around the school we politely request that parents do not use the staff car-park to drop-off and collect children as access to this car-park is required at all times.

Year 4 'Big Weekender'

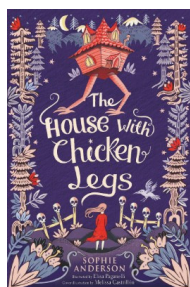
The weather looks great, the staff are ready and the children are raring to go as they spend the weekend at Sayers Croft. We are sure they will all have a fab time and we look forward to hearing all about it next week!

House Points

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| Jupiter | 465 |
| Saturn | 437 |
| Neptune | 350 |
| Mars | 276 |



Waterstones Book of the Month



The House with Chicken
Legs
By
Sophie Anderson

PTA News

School Disco

We have an exciting date for the diary as it's the GJS School Disco on June 14th! Watch this space for more details.



GJS Summer Fair


This year's summer fair plans are also well underway. We are having our next meeting in the Cricketers on Thursday 7th June from 7pm and everyone is welcome. If you are unable to come but would like to get involved please contact your class reps. We can't stress enough that without ideas and helpers these fantastic events would not happen. This year's theme is based upon "The Greatest Showman" - expect circus style stalls!!!!

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AJ – Amy Ward
3NJ – Grace March
4SD – Daisy Dalton
4EM – Isaac Holder
5RP – Hajna Yeoh
5AC – Charley Stevens
6RH – WHOLE CLASS!
6JP – WHOLE CLASS!



Attendance Winners: 6RH—99.4%
Whole School: 99.4%

FRIENDSHIP—Values Champions:

3NJ – Yamini Thaker-Wilson
3AJ – James Barnettson
4SD – Matthew Chalmers
4EM – Ava Fooks
5RP – Elena Lidstrom
5AC – Annabel Mitchell
6RH – Louisa Cook
6JP – Jack Wilson



Sports News

Inter House Cricket Tournament

Good luck to all the teams taking part on Monday at Broadwater Park. Each house has 2 teams and we look forward to seeing who will walk away with the individual medals and who will pick up the overall winners award 'The Gashes'.

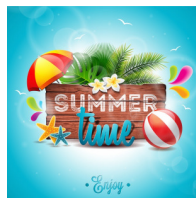
Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching

We are pleased to announce that the children WILL continue to receive FREE cricket coaching after half term. Both Graham Ekins and Carolyn Dawkins will be offering the coaching after the weather disrupted the sessions recently. Please see below for dates relevant to each year group.

Diary Dates

Summer 2018

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| May | |
| 19th: | Year 4 'Big Weekender' Sayers Croft |
| 21st: | Inter House Cricket Day |
| 22nd: | Year 6 Kwik-Cricket Tournament |
| 25th: | Odd Sock Friday |
| 28th-1st June: | HALF TERM |
| 4th June: | Year 6 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching |
| 11th: | Year 6 First Aid Training |
| | Year 5 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching |
| 18th: | Year 4 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching |
| 25th–29th: | Healthy Week 3—Mental Health and Wellbeing |
| 25th: | UKSA Parent Meeting (Year 5 parents) |
| | Year 3 Chance 2 Shine Cricket Coaching |
| 29th: | Sports Day |
| July | |
| 4th: | 'Moving Up' Day |
| 6th: | District Sports Day |



Inset Days 2017/18

23rd July 2018

Inset Days 2018/19

4th and 5th Sep 18

29th Oct 18

25th Feb 19

23rd Apr 19

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.