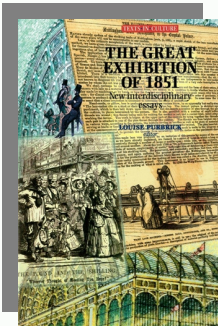




Newsletter

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

Latest News



Year 5 Great Exhibition

On Wednesday, 29th November, the school and parents travelled back in time to the Victorian era and visited the Great Exhibition. The children worked incredibly hard to research and creatively present an aspect of Victorian life or a prominent figure, from the Cadbury Brothers to Charles Dickens. It was great to see the children taking charge of their own learning and get so into character. It was also lovely to see so many parents being able to celebrate with us the commitment and learning of their children. Roll on next year!

Godalming Town Day

Last weekend the PTA were given the opportunity to run the children's activities at the Town Day. We would like to say a massive thank you to all of our helpers that volunteered on the day especially as several gave up their entire Saturday to be there. Rudolph and his friends will not go hungry this Christmas Eve as making reindeer food was by far our most popular activity!



House Points

Mars	358
Saturn	293
Jupiter	284
Neptune	249



Christmas Carol Concerts—12th and 14th December

Extra tickets are now available for the Lower School performances on Tuesday 12th December at 9.15am and Thursday 14th December at 1.45pm and for the Upper School performances on Tuesday, 12th at 1.45pm and Thursday, 14th at 9.15am. There are also a few tickets available on a first come first served basis for the Upper School performance on Thursday, 14th at 7.00pm.

Christmas Puddings!

Don't forget if you ordered Christmas puddings these are now available to collect from the school office. There will also be Christmas puddings available to buy at the Fair or if you prefer you can purchase these from the School office from Monday 4th December.

Late Arrival at School

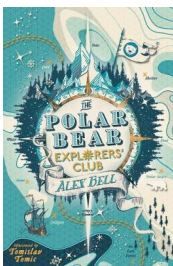
If your child arrives at school after the bell at 8.45am they must be signed in at the school office. This is for the safety of the children and to ensure our safeguarding procedures are adhered to. We appreciate your co-operation in this matter.

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.



Waterstones Book of the Month



The Polar Bear Explorers Club
By
Alex Bell

PTA News

Christmas Fair—Friday 8th December 6pm-8pm.

Thank-you to everyone for supporting our MUFTI day today and for those who have brought in donations—we appreciate your help in making the Christmas Fair a great success again this year. **Contributions can continue to be brought in until Wednesday 13th December** of alcoholic or soft drinks, sweetie bags, jolly jam jars and clean soft toys for the tombolas. Each class also will have their own theme this year and class reps have emailed with details of themed donations for the class hamper. Bottle donations should be taken to the classroom and other donations to the named bins which will be in the school hall. Thank-you!



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3AJ — Oscar Price
 3NJ — Garrett Williams
 4SD — Jemima Radford-Scott
 4EM — Clark Wareing
 5RP — James Wakefield
 5AC — Rory Mustill
 6RH — Brook Pearson
 6JP — Billy Arocas White



Attendance Winners: 3NJ

Sports News

Barrow Hill Cross Country Run—Monday 27th November

Well done to all the children who took part in the inaugural Barrow Hills Cross Country event in Witley on Monday. Everyone ran superbly on challenging terrain against ten other schools from Surrey, Sussex and Hampshire. We have also been invited back for the Year 3 and 4 event which will take place next term, so watch this space for more news about this event in the new year!

Diary Dates

Autumn 2017

December
 1st: MUFTI & donations for Christmas Fair
 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.