



Newsletter

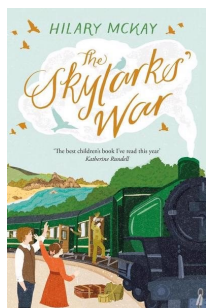
"Honesty is the best policy" - Benjamin Franklin

Latest News

House Points

Jupiter	589
Mars	531
Neptune	528
Saturn	369

Waterstones Book of the Month



The Skylarks War
By
Hilary McKay

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 2 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.

Music Works

The Music Works are offering free taster sessions for their music lessons which start next week at Godalming Junior School. To book your place directly with the Music Works visit www.themusicworks.co/freelesson or call 01483 516060 by Monday 28th January. Flyers were sent home yesterday with further details.

Anti-Bullying Parent Workshop

On Monday 28th January at 3.30pm in our Art Studio we will be running a parent workshop on anti-bullying for any parents who are interested. The session will be led by Jake Saunders, an anti-bullying training officer. He is here for the day to train our anti-bullying ambassadors and will be running the session for parents afterwards. If you are interested in attending the session, which should run for no more than an hour, then please contact the school office as numbers will be restricted to be accommodated in the Art Studio. It is sure to be a very useful and informative day!

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

We have once again have been chosen as a school which will receive FREE cricket coaching sessions through the Chance 2 Shine initiative supported by Surrey County Cricket Club. 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 aim of the PTA is two-fold - naturally to raise funds to support the school, making the environment and experiences better for the children and secondly to hold events that are fun, inclusive and aligned with the school's values. This year we are looking forward to an exciting year of events and working to raise funds that will help with the following initiatives:

- A Sensory Garden, including seating all around and the creation of reflection zone for the children to relax, talk and read, perhaps with the potential of a pergola to provide shade. Renovation of the trim trail and a climbing wall.
- Year group visitors, linked to a topic throughout the year.

As always, the PTA is looking for new members. If you are interested in joining the PTA please contact Simon Parry – simoncrparry1970@gmail.com

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM – Thana
3SD – Jacob
4EM – Oscar
4AJ – Polly
5EC – Holly
5CP – Callum
6RH – Rory
6JP – George



FORGIVENESS – Values Champions:

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



Attendance Winners: 5EC – 99%

Sports News

GJS Premier League 2019

FC Mars started the afternoon with a 2-0 win over AC Saturn and then Lokomotiv Jupiter were 'railroaded' 5-1 by Neptune Wanderers. Mars Town narrowly beat Neptune Athletic 1-0 before Saturn United and Sporting Neptune played out a 0-0. Final game of the day saw Dynamo Mars beat Jupiter Rovers 1-0.

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

January	
28th:	Anti Bullying Parents Workshop (3.30–4.30pm)
February	
5th:	Safer Internet Day
5th:	Yr 6 Flood Scheme Visit 6RH
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	
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

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.