



Welcome to
Godalming
Junior School



Purpose of the Evening

- Meet key members of our school
- Help you and your child make a smooth transition to junior school
- Learn more about the school
- Put names to faces
- Meet me for the first time
- Meet members of the PTA
- Place uniform orders
- Have a nice time





*The principle goal of education in schools should be creating men and women who are capable of doing **new** things, not simply repeating what other generations have done.*
Jean Piaget





Handles

The parents
steering the bike
and child in the
right direction

Wheels

The children
working hard to
help **MOVE** them
on and make
progress

Peddles

The school
working hard for
the benefit of the
child



School Organisation

Senior Leadership Team

Mr Adam Samson- Headteacher

Mr Jonathan Poole- Deputy Headteacher

Mrs Andrea Crook - Assistant Headteacher

Miss Jones - Lower School Leader

Mrs Munz - School Bursar

Mrs Rachel Trinder - SENDCo

Support Team

Mrs Lorraine Balchin - HLTA

Mrs Jan Nash - LSA

Mrs Jackie Farrow - LSA

Teaching Team

Year 3 teachers - Miss Annabel Barlow, Miss Nicola Jones

Year 4 teachers - Miss Sam Dlugokecka, Mr Tim Tompkins

Year 5 teachers - Miss Rachel Pulleyn, Mrs Andrea Crook

Year 6 teachers - Miss Jess Stuckey, Mr Jonathan Poole



Extended Team Members

- Mrs Kate Cooney - Chair of Governors
- Katherine White - Koosa Kids
- Mrs Michelle Penson - Private Music Teacher
- Ms Juliet Clark - SCITT
- Mrs Karen Sutton - HSLW
- Madame Harvey -Williams - MFL



What do the year 6 leavers say about their time at GJS

- 'Don't be afraid of the older children, we are nice'
- 'The teachers are really encouraging and help you if you have a problem'
- 'The school trips are amazing'
- 'Always try your best'
- 'Everyone is really kind and if you have any problems the teachers will sort them out and try to incorporate your ideas and they involve you in activities'
- 'Always try hard and never give up'
- 'The best bits are the trips, PE lessons and our end of year production of Wind in the Willows'
- 'The UKSA trip was a lovely start to the year and I got to know people better than I had before'
- 'Lessons are fun'
- 'I see my friends everyday, having lunch and learning about new things'
- 'Highlights were the residential trips and the fundraising project for Protect our Wildlife'

Each school year the **PTA** hosts a very popular school quiz night (with our own resident quiz-master), halloween-themed and summer term discos, a fabulous christmas fair, christmas wreath making, ice lolly sales (when the sun is out!), movie nights and our successful summer fair with games, BBQ, stalls, raffle and much more.

In 2014 The PTA raised much needed funds to create the fantastic sports playground we have today. The PTA meet regularly with Mr Samson to help support the school's vision for a happy, stimulating and enjoyable school life for all. In 2015 the new library was supported with PTA funds and the future plans to re-develop the rear playground are in motion with PTA support.



Date for the Diary:
Welcome BBQ on Friday 15th
September. Everyone's invited!

As parents we are sometimes focused on the words '*good*' and '*outstanding*' when we describe our expectations of a school. At **Godalming Junior**, we are so much more than that! Here's what the children say about their school:

- 'The best part about Godalming Junior are the teachers because when you need them they will be there to help you'
- 'When you get there you have a buddy to look after you and be there for you'
- 'When you play in the playground you will meet new friends'
- 'It is a very caring school'
- 'Our school is fun and friendly'
- 'There are great sporting activities and opportunities offered'
- 'It's a safe environment and they encourage you and they keep you healthy'
- 'Don't worry they will look after you'
- 'The teachers are really friendly and make learning fun'
- 'I enjoy school because you always have friends and meet new people'

The **PTA** is a really active community of parents and teachers who come together a few times each year to raise much needed funds for the school, whilst socialising and having a lot of fun. As a parent you become a member of the PTA. The PTA benefits from everyone's help to make our fund-raising a success. You are warmly invited to get involved and help plan and deliver the events we run through the school year, or simply come along.

Contact:

PTA@Godalming-Junior.surrey.sch.uk

On **Friday 8th July from 6-8pm** the PTA summer fair is a

'Rio-Carnival Olympics 2016' themed spectacle so please join us for a drink, BBQ with Salsa sauce, stalls, games and fun for all whilst getting to know your school better before your children start.

All welcome





School Packs - Contents

- Welcome letter
- Kit List
- Uniform List
- Home School Agreement
- 2015-16 Term Dates incl INSET Days
- Home School Link Worker letter
- Medical Forms
- Use of Images Consent Form
- Local Visit Consent Form
- Dietary Requirement Form
- School Meal Form
- Application for FSM
- Koosa Kids Flier
- Surrey Arts Flier
- Mrs Penson Letter - Private Music Lessons

To be returned





Behind the scenes

- The transition team have already met with infant school teachers
- SENDCo's have made contact
- Children have already met their class teacher





Exciting Times

- This year we have rolled out a NEW curriculum **bespoke** to the school
- We continue to strive to ensure the learning experiences are **RELEVANT**, **CHALLENGING** and **ENGAGING**
- New Assessment and tracking systems rolled out across the school
- Refurbishment plans





Uniform

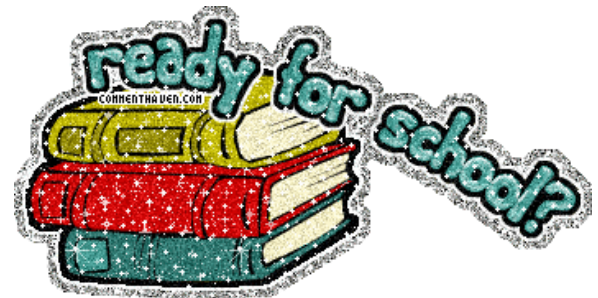
- This changed last September
- Two year timetable
- Available from Ballet-hoo, Godalming High Street
- Further information in the pack
- **NEW!** House T-shirts available from the school office
£2.00





The plan of the day

- o **8.30am** - Children allowed into playground or their classroom
- o **8.45am** - Bell rings for start of school
- o **11.50am** - Children will meet and have lunch with their buddies
- o **2.00pm** - Meet buddies again for an orientation activity
- o **3.05** - End of the School Day





How do we encourage children do their best?

- We believe in positive reinforcement by giving verbal praise and feedback.
 - House Points and Class Rewards
 - We hold a weekly Celebration Assembly on a **Friday** to celebrate achievements inside and outside school.
 - Attendance class winners are also announced.
 - We model **exemplary** behaviour
 - We treat each other with **courtesy, respect** and **dignity**
 - Restorative Approach to dealing with behaviour and incidents
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- ***Love** thy neighbour and treat people how you want to be treated*
 - *Develop skills and attributes in order to **Live** a fruitful life*
 - *Develop a hunger and a desire to **Learn***





School Council

We value the importance of pupil voice and welcome their ideas for change.

- Each class has two representatives (a boy and a girl) elected by the class to represent them
- The representatives will share ideas and opinions in class and take them for discussion at regular meetings with the Headteacher giving feedback to their class





House System

- There are 4 houses named after planets **Mars**, **Saturn**, **Neptune** and **Jupiter**
- Houses are led by 2 year 6 children (boy and girl captains)
- House events take place every **half term**
- ALL** children are encouraged to take part whenever they can
- House events **DO** vary
This year they included:
 - Quiz
 - Bleep Test
 - Art Competition
 - Poetry Competition
 - Kwik Cricket Tournament
 - Talent Show





Lunches

- School dinners - cooked on site
- Packed lunches
- Snack for break-times - should be in a plastic container and **healthy** e.g. carrot sticks, tomatoes, grapes
- Children should also bring in a **named** water bottle



We are a 'NUT' free school as we have some children with severe allergies!





Anti-Bullying

- ◉ We stand against bullying and bullies at Godalming Junior School
- ◉ We hold anti-bullying week in October each year
- ◉ Children are encouraged to speak out against bullying of any kind
- ◉ Pupil surveys are carried out each year
- ◉ New Restorative Approach
- ◉ Policies on the website
- ◉ E-safety workshop for parents





Koosa Kids

KOOSA Kids provide a safe, reliable and fun after school childcare option at Godalming Junior School. The after school club is fully registered with Ofsted and runs straight after each school day until 6.00pm.

visit www.koosakids.co.uk





Clubs

We offer 'THE BEST' range of after school and lunchtime clubs - some require payment and some are FREE!

- We ensure there is a good range
- We alternate phases or year groups half termly
- Greater provision for year 3 in the **Spring term**
- Parents are welcome to run clubs - DBS check
- Participation analysis is carried out by the office termly





Trips and Visitors

- Egyptian Day - Autumn Term
- Butser Iron Age Farm - Spring Term
- Swimming - Summer Term
- *NEW! - Residential in year 4*





Thank You for Coming

- Please return forms to the office
- Order uniform
- Ask any questions
- Keep checking the website for updates
- Contact the school:
info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk
01483 421597

We look forward to seeing you in September
Year 3 Curriculum Evening:
Wednesday 14th September @ 6.00pm

