



Spring 12
1st April 2021



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter

"Life's most persistent and urgent question is, what are you doing to help others?" - Martin Luther King Jr

Latest News



Milestone Met

Well done to every member of our GJS **COMMUNITY** in ensuring the return to school, up until the Easter break has gone as smoothly as it has. We very much consider this to be a significant milestone which has been met. During this time we have run virtual parents evenings, run 2 house events and have taken our first steps in planning our 'Comeback'. Thank you for all the support you have given and I hope you will join us in thanking our wonderful staff for their ongoing commitment to do the best we can for the children here. Please have a restful and relaxing Easter break and we look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 20th April**.



School Value

Well done to all the **Community Values Champions** who were announced this morning in our final Spring assembly. It was lovely to read the words of the teachers who identified who had gone above and beyond for their class, school and local communities. The recipients can be found on the reverse of the newsletter. Next term our focus will be on **Trust**. Once again, we will discuss the importance of this value, what it means to each of us and share examples of when our trust in others has been tested.



Return of extra curriculum clubs

We are so pleased to be able to start reintroducing clubs next term. Sign up sheets for our teacher-led lunch and after school clubs will be available on **Tuesday 20th April** for children to join. Clubs will begin from **Monday 26th April**. For further details please refer to the Parentmail sent out earlier today.

Surrey Specialist Teachers Padlet

Surrey's Specialist Teachers for Inclusive Practice (STIPs) have produced a Padlet detailing a wide range of support for parents. This interactive notice board will be regularly updated by the STIPs team and includes support for home learning, managing children's emotions and parent's mental health. To access the Padlet please click [here](#). The Padlet will also be accessible via our website in the Parent Information section.

House Points

Neptune	4375
Mars	4206
Saturn	4171
Jupiter	3927

School Travel Survey

The Safer Travel Team at Surrey County Council would like parents support completing a school travel survey to help them gain a clearer understanding on how they can support active and safer travel for children in the future. Link to the survey can be found [here](#).

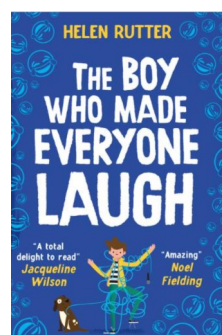
Summer Uniform

Vanessa Peacock can be contacted directly on 07970 925025 should you require any additional 'nearly new' uniform. Stocks include summer dresses, ready for our switch to summer uniform after Easter.

Last Day of Term

Staggered departure times will be in place on Thurs 1st April, our last day of term. Please avoid any congestion at the gates. Times are listed here:
Y3: 1.15pm Y4: 1.10pm Y5: 1.05pm Y6: 1.00pm

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

As we head towards restrictions being lifted and what we all hope will be a brighter summer, we are starting to consider a calendar of events. Watch this space! Looking forward to re-creating the sense of community and raising some funds for the school!

School Achievement



COMMUNITY –Values Champions

3CM – Tilly
3SD – Darcy
4EM – Sam F
4GS – Freddie
5CJ – Evie B
5EC – Josh
6JP – Gabi
6RH – Noah



Sports News

The Team GJS Road to the Olympics Activity Challenge!

The 2021 Olympic and Paralympic Games are being held in Tokyo and we are wanting, as a whole school, to take part in an activity challenge to Tokyo! Yes, that's Tokyo in Japan, 5,985 miles away!

The challenge this summer term is to work as a GJS team and try to accumulate together as many miles (through walking, running, cycling, scooting...) to the equivalent of travelling to Tokyo in time for the Opening Ceremony on 23rd July - just after we break up!

You will have the chance to log each activity you do on a survey form (see link below). Your activities can include (but not restricted to) walking to school, a family bike ride, a run around the park or a scoot to a friend's house. Each activity will be added together with all the pupils, families and staff at GJS, with regular updates in our newsletter.

So the question is, can Team GJS, in just the summer term, come together and travel 5,985 miles from Godalming Junior School to the Olympic Stadium in Tokyo in Japan? It's an ambitious effort, but one where we can come together and achieve!

For those who are data driven, that will work out at about 23 miles per child/staff member. But of course, our Team GJS doesn't stop there! It includes all families as well! Yes, mums, dads, brothers and sisters, you are part of the team too! And you can start NOW!

Log your activity [here](#)

Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

April 1st:	END OF TERM (It really is) Y3: 1.15pm Y5: 1.05pm	Y4: 1.10pm Y6: 1.00pm
May 20th: 27th	Class photos Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) Learning Day for Y4 & Y6	
June 21st 22nd 23rd 24th	Sports Day - Y5 (pm) Sports Day - Y6 (pm) Sports Day - Y3 (pm) Sports Day - Y4 (pm)	

Inset Days 2020/21

~~Tuesday 1st September 2020~~
~~Thursday 5th November 2020~~
~~Friday 26th February 2021~~
Monday 19th April 2021
Monday 7th June 2021

Inset Days 2021/22

Wednesday 1st September 2021
Friday 22nd October 2021
Monday 21st February 2022
Tuesday 19th April 2022
Friday 27th May 2022