

Love

Article 31:
Every child
has a right
to relax and
play



Live

Article 19:
Every child has
the right to be
protected from
abuse,
violence and
neglect

Learn

Article 28:
Every child
has a right
to an
education

Autumn 2
16th September 2022



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter



Latest News



State Funeral Bank Holiday

As you will be aware, to pay respect to Her Majesty The Queen and observe the first State Funeral of our generation, school will be closed on Monday 19th September. We will be open as usual on Tuesday 20th.

House Elections

ALL staff were blown away yesterday at the standard, the poise and the **CONFIDENCE** of ALL the children who put themselves forward in the House Elections. As always, it is a hugely tough decision for the rest of the school to decide on who will be their house ambassadors for the year and ALL year 6 children who threw their 'hat in the ring' deserve huge credit and praise. The 'easiest' thing would be not to take part. But this is not how GJS children roll!

After some amazing presentations the children who will be captains and vice captains are:

Mars—Captain: James Vice Captain: Maisie

Neptune—Captain: Kaio Vice Captain: Sophie

Jupiter—Captain: Merryn Vice Captain: Sam

Saturn—Captain: Jazzy Vice Captain: Seb

Gates

Just a reminder that in an attempt to create a more calm, settled and 'learning ready' start to each day, the school gates will opening slightly earlier at 8.25am each morning.

CONFIDENCE Values Champions

Our 12 values are a 'living' key component to the school's identity and encourage us all to develop our 'soft' skills. Along with our Unicef Rights Respecting work and our Love, Live, Learn motto, they truly underpin all we do at Godalming Junior School to complement our formal curriculum. This term the value of focus will be **CONFIDENCE** as we start the new year with optimism and positivity. We will be focusing on the importance of this value, what it 'looks' like (in the playground, in class and in life at home), how we can grow in confidence and how this links to other values. We very much appreciate parents reinforcing our values work at home and there are some useful websites if you would like to find out more on the values section of the website [here](#).

Living With COVID reminder

We would like to remind you of the latest guidance from the government stating that children should be self isolating for 3 days from a possible positive test if they experience symptoms. Though we understand that testing is only carried out by children if advised by a health professional and it is not mandatory to self isolate, we would like all members of our community to exercise caution and try to avoid attending school for 3 days or return to school when well enough. The latest 'Living with Covid' guidance can be found [here](#).

Food Bank

Thank you to those who have donated already and any more donations will be greatly appreciated. If you are able to make any donations of dried goods, tins and toiletry products, we would be most grateful.

School Uniform

We are currently aware of stock issues with our uniform supplier. We appreciate every effort being made to ensure your child is dressed in their full autumn/winter uniform. There is a limited supply of nearly new uniform at school should this help whilst you await orders to be delivered. If you would like to source any missing items or have any further concerns please do contact the school office. We value all the feedback we have received and have taken this into consideration as we review the provision of school uniform.

Mobile Phones & Smart Devices

If you feel it is necessary for your child to have a mobile phone or any smart device in school, a request in writing must be sent to the Headteacher and, if accepted, the phone/device must be handed into the school office when your child arrives at school in the morning and collected at the end of the school day.

Harvest Festival Lunch—Wed 5th Oct

We will be celebrating with a Harvest Lunch on Wednesday 5th October. Children are welcome to opt in to this special school dinner. Pre orders will be required for ALL children. Please complete the order form which has been sent via Parentmail by **Monday 26th September**. Please ensure your lunch accounts are topped up with £2.60. We will also be welcoming any 'Harvest Donations' leading up to this date. These donations will be delivered to the Farncombe Day Centre by Mr Samson and members of the School Council afterwards.

House Points

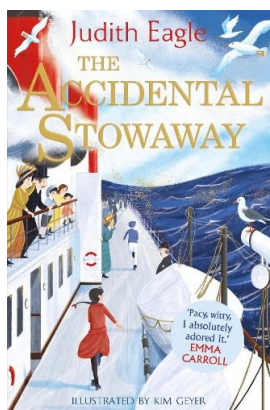
Jupiter	3452
Mars	2562
Saturn	2484
Neptune	2087



Upcoming House Event

IH Cross Country
Friday 30th September
Sign Up sheets available
now!

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Class Reps and Co Treasurer

Quick reminder that we are still looking to fill the class rep role for 5SD and find another Co-Treasurer - please let me (philipdcurtis@hotmail.com) or the reception know if your are interested.

Y3 Welcome BBQ

The Year 3 welcome evening - Bar and BBQ food is TONIGHT - 5.30pm to 7.30pm - we're looking forward to seeing you there! As this is a cash only event we would appreciate smaller notes and change where possible. These events have been hugely enjoyable in the past, a great way to socialise at the start of school.

Other Key Dates

Wed 19th Oct—School Disco Fri 9th Dec—School Christmas Fair PTA AGM (TBC)

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM—Ella
3EC—Sam
4LT—Archie
4GS—Felicity
5SD—Samuel
5NM—Neera
6EM—Jess F
6RH—Jess D



Attendance Winners: 5SD — 100%



Anti Bullying Stars Half Term Champions:

PERSEVERANCE Values Champions

3CM—Ollie H
3EC—Theo B
4EM—James E
4GS—David S
5SD—Harry LJ
5CJ—Digby E
6JP—Florence B
6RH—Grace B



Sports News

Inter House Cross Country

Our first inter house event will be taking place on **Friday 30th September** at the Canon Bowring (Chippie) Park. The lower school children will running roughly 1 lap of the park with the upper school children running 2 laps. The event is open to **ALL** children at GJS, **ALL** children signing up score points for their house, medals are available for the top 4 positions, there will be a boys and girls race for each year group and we hope as many sign up as possible!



Diary Dates

Autumn 2022

September

16th: PTA Welcome BBQ
19th—23rd: Y6 Trip to UKSA
30th: Inter-House Cross Country Event

October

3rd—7th: 10R—Poetry Week
10th—14th: 10R—Healthy Week
11th: School Photos (Individual)
14th: 'Hello Yellow' Mufti supporting Young Minds
19th: PTA School Disco
24th—28th: **HALF TERM**
31st: **INSET DAY**

November

5th: Parent Tour (September 2023 intake) @ 10.00am
7th—11th: 10R—Remembrance Week
7th: Parent Tour @ 10.30am
8th: Parent Tour @ 9.00am
9th: Parent Tour @ 6.00pm
15th: Parents Evening (Late)
17th: Parents Evening (Early)



Inset Days 2022/23

~~Thursday 1st September 2022~~

Monday 31st October 2022

Friday 10th February 2023

Monday 17th April 2023

Friday 26th May 2023