

# Godalming Junior School

# Newsletter

"Love all, trust a few, do wrong to none" - William Shakespeare

## Latest News

This year we are supporting:

SAMARITANS









## **House Points**

Neptune 1517 Mars 1392 **Jupiter** 1060



Our Designated Safeguard Lead, Operation Encompass Key Adult and Attendance Lead is:

Mr Samson-HT

Our Deputy Designated Safeguard Leads are: Mr MacIver-Deputy HT Mrs Wilkinson-SENCo Mrs Munz-Bursar Mrs Kirby-HSLW

'It's everyone's business'

Lost Property
Even at this stage of the school year, please ensure that all uniform, snack boxes, water bottles etc are named. We have over £400's worth of uniform and school supplies in the lost property at the moment. Anything that is un-named has been laid out in the hall for children to claim, and anything left at the end of the second-hand stock.

Guildford and Godalming Croquet Club

Last week, members of our local croquet club visited the school in an effort to promote their club, in the hope that an after school club may be provided for the upper school. The first FREE taster session took place after school on Tuesday, and there is another next Tuesday 20th May for any Year 5 or 6 interested at the club on Meadrow, between 3.30 and 4.30pm. Fliers, registration forms and contact details of the club have been sent to Year 5 and 6 and if there are spaces, we will then open it up to Year 4 and so on. This is a wonderful opportunity to try something new so why not give it a go!

Attendance
We would like to remind parents that where a child is taken out of school for 10 sessions or more and the 'leave of absence' is without the authority of the Headteacher, each parent is liable to receive a penalty notice for each child who is absent. If a parent/carer has not incurred a penalty notice relating to the relevant child/children since 19 August 2024, then the penalty notice will be charged at the rate of £160.00, per parent/carer per child, if paid within 28 days. This will be reduced to £80.00 if paid within 21 days of receipt of the notice. Failure to pay the Penalty Notice will result in Surrey County Council considering legal proceedings against you in the Magistrates Court. Further information is given within our <u>Attendance Policy</u>.

## Wellbeing Support That's Out There

At GJS, we know that at any point people might be facing challenges or difficulties in their personal life, within their family or at work. We also know that it can be really hard to reach out and find the support that's out there. With that in mind, we've made a range of information padlets that can be accessed by anyone, at any time and completely anonymously. Within them is a range of guidance, strategies, and agencies that might be of use so please do save the link and spend some time seeing what support is out there, just in case it's ever needed.

Support and guidance for helping children with their mental health

Additional support agencies

If you have any questions then please don't hesitate to contact Miss Coleman, the Wellbeing Lead.

<u>Asthma Support for Parents/Carers</u>
The Surrey Heartlands children and young people's team are hosting a half hour session for parents and carers enabling them to understand and take better control of their child's asthma. This will take place online on Wednesday 18th June, 7.30-8pm. Please click here to book.

Summer Uniform
You can find the school uniform policy <u>here</u>. Please note that though winter uniform is still an option, the children are required to wear a tie IF they are wearing the 'winter' shirt. Please can you inform the school office or your child's teacher if for any reason you are experiencing any uniform issues and ensure all uniform on 5th June when form is named. Please also note that children must be dressed in full winter uniform on 5th June when their class photographs will be taken. Please email the office if you require any second hand uniform, and new uniform can be ordered through Arbor.

## Lunch Menus

School lunch menus can be found <u>here</u> on the school website. Polite reminder that children can either have school dinners or packed lunch every day, or, if they wish, children having packed lunch can opt into school dinners, but they must **only** do this on a Wednesday and/or Friday.

Our 'in focus' value: TRUST
This half term, we continue to focus on the value of TRUST, when the children will learn the importance of this value, what it 'looks like' at GJS, how we try and engender a culture of this value at school and the importance of building and maintaining TRUST and that it needs nurturing to avoid it being broken. Once again, any 'home talks' you can have with the children on the value is always much appreciated.

Finally...
It has been great to see so many children with water bottles, hats and being sensible at lunch time taking their own 'time-outs' from games to stay cool. Should there be further warmer weather this term we may shorten lunchtimes OUTSIDE in order to give the children a 'cool down' period before afternoon sessions. Please also ensure that children have a water bottle in school every day, regardless of the temperature!

# **PTA News**

### **URGENT**

We are in urgent need of a new Chair and Treasurer to help with the running of the PTA (these roles could be shared between two or three people). Without a Chair or Treasurer we can't function as a charity. If you are interested in getting involved with the PTA, or want to know more details, please reach out to Phil (philipdcurtis@hotmail.com) or Rhian (Rhianhooper@hotmail.com) who can give you an overview of what is required.

# School Achievement

Pupil of the Week 3AR — Ottilie Sh 3EC — Luke 4JS — Sophie 4NS — Josie 5NM — Warwick 5KW— Jacob 6EM — Bobbie 6SD — Remy



TOLERANCE Values Champions

3AR — Annabel 3EC — Finn

4JS — Milly 4NS — Ella

5KW - Henry

5NM — Sam 6EM — Ollie

6SD - Henry Cu



# **Sports News**

Sports Days

Sports Days next week will take place as follows: Tuesday 20th May - Year 3 @ 9.30am, Year 5 @ 1.30pm Wednesday 21st May - Year 4 @ 9.30am, Year 6 @ 1.30pm

Morning sessions should be finished by 11.30am and afternoon sessions by the end of school. Please note that timings are approximate, as they depend on many variables!

The weather forecast is looking good for next week, so please ensure you apply suncream before school, and that your child has a hat and water bottle with them.

Please ensure that your child has a house-coloured t-shirt ready for Sports Day next week. If your child needs a new one it can be ordered via Arbor for £2.50.



# **Diary Dates**

## <u>Summer 2025</u>

**May** 20th:

Sports Day (1) - Year 3 am—Year 5 pm Croquet Club—Taster Session (2) @ Guildford & 20th:

Godalming Croquet Club

Sports Day (2) - Year 4 am—Year 6 pm 21st:

23rd:

June 5th:

Y5 Boys Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00—5.00pm School Photos (Winter uniform) 3rd:

10R-International Week-Asia

9th-13th: 9th: Y5/6 Girls Kwik Cricket Tournament @ FCC 1.00-5.00pm

Choir Blast 14th:

16th-18th: Y4 @ Sayers Croft



