



Newsletter

"Life is about our growth, not our trophies" - Bear Grylls

Latest News



Welcome Back

I hope you all had a fantastic summer and were able to relax, get away somewhere and generally spend quality time with loved ones. I would like to welcome the year 3 children and parents to the school. The children have settled in so well to their new surroundings, look fantastic in their new uniforms and are ready to learn. They have also adjusted to the new routines and the safety measures we have in school really well. I am sure they will all do themselves proud. Here's to another fantastic year ahead! A revised COVID risk assessment can be found [here](#).

Curriculum Evenings

We are looking forward to seeing you all at our Curriculum Evenings next week which are returning live and in person. As mentioned in the letter yesterday, we do ask that one parent/carer attends to keep numbers inside the hall to a minimum. This will be a time to find out more about the coming year. This will include information about routines, expectations, trips and themes the children will experience in their different year groups. It would be great if we can finalise who will be Class Reps at these meetings too. If you feel you are able to give a small amount of time to liaise with other parents about class matters we encourage you to consider the role of Class Rep for the year, you may wish to share the role with another parent.

Clubs

Clubs will be returning in full and there is a list of the clubs accompanying the newsletter. Sign up will be next week with a view that most clubs will be up and running from the 13th September. We do ask that those wanting to join a club run by an external provider to contact them directly using the contact details on the club list document.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that the children should be in their autumn/winter uniform as outlined in the School Uniform Policy and we do encourage the children to come to school in their PE kits on the day they have PE starting from next week. The children will remain in their kits all day and wear them home. Here is a reminder of the PE days:

Y5 - Monday
Y6 - Tuesday
Y3 - Wednesday
Y4 - Thursday

School Shop

This year Mrs Munz, the School Bursar, will continue to run the School Shop selling stationery products that are on the children's kit list each Wednesday at morning break. Where possible please bring in correct money in a named, sealed envelope. A price list of the products can be found [here](#) in the Parent Information section.

School Value

Continuing with our focus on core values, we will be concentrating on the value of **RESILIENCE** this 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 **RESILIENCE** in order to be successful, particularly when beginning a new school year! 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. If there is anyone you feel we should be learning about who was or is a role-model for resilience then please let your class teacher know!

10Richment

One of the unique features of the GJS curriculum is our 10Richment programme. Over the course of the year, we run 10 theme weeks which link to either a local, national or global event or day. This is a wonderful opportunity to expose children to matters that fall outside of the formal curriculum and invite guests to the school, be immersed into projects and generally be creative. We will be keeping you updated when these weeks come around through the weekly newsletter. First up, to coincide with National Poetry Day on the 7th October, is our Poetry Week, commencing on the 4th October. The children will be exposed to wonderful classic and contemporary poetry and will also be encouraged to take part in our Inter House Poetry Competition. More information will follow..

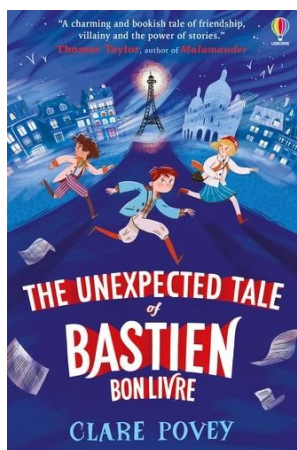
School Lunches

The cost of a school meal is £2.45 from Wed 2nd Sept. If you think you may be entitled to free school meals please contact the school office. Weekly cost will be £12.25 and the cost for this half term will be £88.20. We would like to remind you that it is Surrey County Council policy that school meals should be paid for in advance. Please remember to top up your account on Parentmail regularly. Many thanks.

House Points

Mars
Neptune
Saturn
Jupiter

Waterstones Book of the Month



PTA News

Welcome back to school from the PTA - we hope you've had a great summer. As always at this time of year we are looking for class reps for year 3 - please let me know if you are interested (simoncrparry1970@gmail.com). We are excited to be planning a number of events this year - starting with a new year 3 parents welcome evening on 17th September - 5.00pm to 7.00pm. There will be a paying bar and BBQ style food - looking forward to seeing you there. Watch this space for more information. Some other key dates for the calendar:

30th September - 8.00pm PTA AGM - venue to be confirmed.

20th October - School Disco - details and timings to be confirmed.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:



Attendance Winners:

Sports News

Schools Sports Assistant

We would like to welcome Bill Bingham to the GJS team this year. As well as his after-school athletics club, he will be running sports activities each Friday at lunch time and in the afternoon. To help encourage all children to find enjoyment in taking part in sports and with an increase in the number of events in the sporting calendar this year, he will help run trial and training sessions and small group activities for all children to enjoy.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2021

September:	
8th:	House Elections Year 3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm Year 4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
9th:	Year 5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm Year 6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
13th:	Year 4 Swimming Starts (16th)
17th:	PTA Year 3 BBQ Evening—5.00—7.00pm
30th:	PTA AGM 8pm (venue TBC)
October:	
4th:	GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Resilience
4th—8th:	10R—Poetry Week
7th:	National Poetry Day
10th:	World Mental Health Day
11th—15th:	10R—Healthy Week
15th:	#HelloYellow Mufti Day for Young Minds
20th:	PTA Disco—TBC
22nd:	INSET DAY
25th—29th:	HALF TERM
November	
1st:	GJS Morning Surgery—9.00am—Maths
1st—5th:	Y6 Bikeability
8th—12th:	10R—Remembrance Week
11th:	Armistice Day
16th:	Pupil Progress Evening - Late
18th:	Pupil Progress Evening - Early



Inset Days 2021/22

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