

Be Cautious

Protect
our
bubbles

Keep
School
Open

Spring 11
26th March 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

Parents Evening

Thank you to all the parents who arranged meetings with their class teachers this week. It was a great opportunity to celebrate how well the children had accessed the online learning during the school closure, how well they had settled back to school and a general opportunity to check on the wellbeing of both parents and children.

GJS 'COVID Comeback'

During our whole school assembly this week, the children shared THEIR thoughts as to what their 'Covid Comeback' should look like. The most common response was to bring trips and visitors back, the return of school clubs, the full 10Richment programme and for the return of Digby! There was also requests to have more buddy time, a school initiative which has been difficult to operate effectively so far this year, more inter house events and to bring back the use of lockers. Though ALL of the suggestions will return, we must make sure we take every step to bring them back with caution. Clubs will begin next term but teachers will only be running clubs for their class or year group to avoid contact with other bubbles, trips and visitors for next year are already being discussed and risk assessed and dates for our 10Richment weeks are already being plotted on the calendar for next year.

Earth Week

This week, we have been celebrating Earth Week as part of our 10Richment programme. As a school, we looked at the book 'If the World Was a Village' which linked to our value of **Community** and looked at how Godalming Junior School is made up. We also talked about how different life can be in other parts of the world and how we can make changes about what the future will look like. As part of this, we encourage everyone to take part in Earth Hour on Saturday evening and do something small to help look after the world we live in. Click [here](#) to find further ideas on how we can all make a difference.

School Value

Appropriately, this term our focus is on the value of **COMMUNITY** and at this time, working together has never been more important. We will once again be using this theme to inform assemblies and PSHE lessons and we would once again appreciate your support in reinforcing the importance of this value at home.

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**. Further details with a complete timetable will be sent out next week.

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.

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:

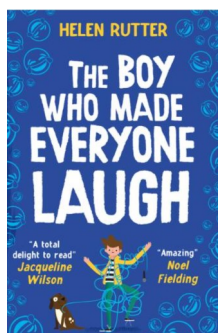
Y3: 1.15pm Y4: 1.10pm Y5: 1.05pm Y6: 1.00pm



House Points

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| Neptune | 2839 |
| Saturn | 2654 |
| Jupiter | 2439 |
| Mars | 2221 |

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

Pupil of the Week

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| 3CM | - Toby |
| 3SD | - Darcy |
| 4EM | - Barnaby |
| 4GS | - Christie |
| 5CJ | - Abby |
| 5EC | - Sam |
| 6JP | - Daisy |
| 6RH | - Grace |



HONESTY—Values Champions

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| 3CM | — Samuel |
| 3SD | — Ted |
| 4EM | — Freddie |
| 4GS | — Liam |
| 5CJ | — Ruby |
| 5EC | — Rosie |
| 6JP | — Karenza |
| 6RH | — Maya |



Sports News

Inter-house Sports Competition - Netball Shoot results

Congratulations to **SATURN** who held off Neptune to take a second title and become our netball champion shooters this week!

Final scores: **Saturn 1775** **Neptune 1705** **Jupiter 1520** **Mars 1175**

Look out for more sporting fun next term.

Sports Day

As you can see by the dates below, we will intend to run our Sports Day this year but to avoid mixing of bubbles, these will be held on 4 afternoons at Canon Bowring Rec during the year groups PE sessions. More details will follow early next term



Diary Dates

Spring Term 2021

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| March | |
| 22nd–26th: | EARTH WEEK |
| 27th: | Earth Hour (between 20.30–21.30pm) |
| April | |
| 1st: | END OF TERM (It really is) |
| | Y3: 1.15pm Y4: 1.10pm |
| | Y5: 1.05pm Y6: 1.00pm |
| May | |
| 20th: | Class photos |
| 27th: | Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths (STEM) |
| | Learning Day for Y4 & Y6 |
| June | |
| 21st | Sports Day - Y5 (pm) |
| 22nd | Sports Day - Y6 (pm) |
| 23rd | Sports Day - Y3 (pm) |
| 24th | 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