



Spring 11  
24th March 2023



Godalming Junior School

# Newsletter

This year we are supporting  Guide Dogs

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

## Latest News



### Earth Week

Another week another 10richment event! This week we celebrated Earth Week at GJS as we encourage everyone to support the WWF and Earth Hour tomorrow by spending an 'energy free' hour at 8.30pm. This week the children have been learning about the role they play in tackling climate change and have been encouraged to, where possible, 'eat local, eat seasonal' in an attempt to reduce our carbon footprint. Once again, Sabrina Bazley has helped cook/prepare 'eco friendly' food and we also had Eco Club selling their recycled gifts today! Another fab week and we hope the work and areas of focus this week continue to be in all our minds as we protect our planet. As we slowly draw our 10richment programme to a close for another year, we start to look towards our European themed International Week next term, watch this space!

### School Value in Focus: COMMUNITY

This term the children are studying the value of **COMMUNITY** as part of our assembly programme, circle time themes and PSHE curriculum. As usual, we would always appreciate parents discussing this value further at home to reinforce our work and maybe consider the different COMMUNITIES they are part, including our GLOBAL COMMUNITY. Discussions could also be had around THEIR contributing to improving their local community. We have already enjoyed finding out and celebrating the efforts made recently by some families in fund raising for other COMMUNITIES around the world who are not as fortunate as us or who have experienced a recent trauma, and it would be great to hear more about the efforts at home to push this value further.

### Free Online Parenting Courses

Surrey CC, together with the Children & Family Health Surrey NHS would like to share details of the following [free guides](#) which include a variety of guides to help support your relationships with your child including mental health and wellbeing concerns. Surrey families can get free access to the online guides by using the code ACORN.

### Road Safety

It has been brought to our attention that some children are not travelling to an from school safely, especially those who are riding bikes and scooters. It appears that they are not aware of what is going on around them and whilst we have reminded children of some road safety rules during Circle Time today, we would really appreciate your support in reinforcing this message.

### Fit Fridays

Following the release of the Youth Sports Trust's Annual Impact Report 2022, we would like to encourage all members of our community to consider ways of living healthier lives and raising the levels of physical activity. Mr Samson will run Circuit Training on Friday lunchtimes for the upper school after Easter and anything you are able to do throughout the week to help promote a healthier lifestyle would be great! There are also links on our [website](#) to the Change 4 Life site with a range of further healthy ideas!

### Extended Road Works On Meadow

Please find attached a leaflet with information regarding new resurfacing works on Meadow following our safety improvement works.

Meadow-Lane closures-27 March-For 1 week-8pm - 6am

Kings Road and Catteshall Road-Road closures-27 March-For 1 week-24 hours a day

### And Finally...

Thank you to everyone who came to the parent/teacher meetings this week. It was great to see you all and hope you found the meeting with your class teacher useful and informative. Please remember to contact the office or the teacher directly if there is anything you would like to follow up on.

### House Points

<b>Mars</b>	<b>1414</b>
Jupiter	1364
<b>Saturn</b>	<b>1265</b>
Neptune	1132



### GJS Staff 'Reads of the Year'



**SAFEGUARDING**  
Our Designated  
Safeguard Lead is:  
Mr Samson-HT

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

## PTA News

### Quiz Night – Friday 24th March—Doors open at 7.15pm.

Tonight is the big social occasion of the year with the Godalming Junior School Quiz. Again, we've nearly sold out of tickets and looking forward to seeing you all.

Tonight we are hoping to trial our new card machine but do bring cash in case of technical issues.

Doors open at 7.15. Quiz starts at 8.00pm and the evening is set to finish around 10.30pm. Get some last minute cramming in!



## School Achievement

### Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Flynn  
3EC— Solomon  
4JL— Nathan  
4GS— Henry Ch  
5SD— Indigo  
5NM— Christie  
6EM— Harry  
6RH— James



Attendance Winners: 5SD— 98.5%



Autumn Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5NM

### HONESTY Values Champions

3CM— Arthur  
3EC— Leo  
4JL— Amelie  
4GS— Steren  
5SD— Florence  
5NM— Oliver  
6EM— Lorelei  
6RH— Sophie



## Sports News

Further sports updates to follow soon!

## Diary Dates

### Spring 2023

March	
31st:	END OF TERM @ 1.15pm
April	
17th:	<b>INSET DAY</b>
24th—28th:	TT Rock Festival—Summer
May	
1st:	School Closed—Bank Holiday
8th—12th:	SAT's Week
8th:	School Closed—King Charles Coronation
12th:	Y6 Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
15th—19th:	Scholastic Book Fair
15th:	Y5 Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
23rd:	Y4 Sports Day (am) - Y3 Sports Day (pm)
24th:	Y5 Sports Day (am) - Y6 Sports Day (pm)
25th:	Y5/6 Girls Cricket Tournament @ Farncombe CC
26th:	<b>INSET DAY</b>
29th—2nd:	<b>HALF TERM</b>
June	



### Inset Days 2022/23

~~Thursday 1st September 2022~~  
~~Monday 31st October 2022~~  
~~Friday 10th February 2023~~  
**Monday 17th April 2023**  
Friday 26th May 2023