



Newsletter



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

Latest News



School Day Arrangements (3.05pm)

Now that clubs have started by external providers we would like to ensure the end of the school day is as calm, orderly and safe as possible and that everyone is clear on their end of day arrangements. We have a system at GJS where by the children are lined up in 3 groups at the end of the day in their classes. **Group 1** are those who attend clubs and are 'handed over' to meet the leads for these clubs in the school hall. A member of the school staff then brings the rest of the children (**Group 2** and **3**) outside. **Group 2** are those who leave independently and **Group 3** are those who wait with staff until a parent or carer picks them up. It is crucial that if the 'end of the day' arrangements change, for whatever reason, the school office are notified as soon as possible. We ask that contact is made no later than 1.30pm, via email, including your child's name and class. After this time, please call the school office with any last minute changes. This gives the office staff plenty of time to pass these changes onto class teachers.

Dogs on Site

Whilst we welcome 'furry' friends on site we do politely remind parents of our protocols as we start a new year. If you are bringing dogs to pick up your child we do insist that either they are small enough to be carried or you wait with them by The Pod near the Meadow gate—away from the larger gathering of parents and children. If parents do not follow these protocols we may need to consider banning them altogether

RESILIENCE Values Champions

We once again will be immersing the children during school assemblies, circle times and PSHE lessons on our 'in focus' values. Each half term we learn about, promote, reflect and consider one of our 'Desirable Dozen' values and what these values 'look like' in others, in our behaviours, in society and consider ways we can develop these values in ourselves. At GJS we hold our values very dear to us and believe that during their time here, whilst becoming academically successful we want EVERY child to become more socially and emotionally aware. Our unique values education plays a significant part in achieving this and helps the behaviour at GJS continue to be a true strength.

This term, fittingly with children moving year groups and new children joining the school, our first 'in focus' value is **RESILIENCE**. All staff will be on the 'look out' for children displaying resilience in lessons, on the playground and even during their residential trip away from home! The more this can be further reinforced at home, the better. Please feel free to continue 'home talks' on our values and maybe even share examples YOU have had to show resilience and generally YOUR views on the value and the importance of being resilient in life!

School Photographs

We have the school photographers, Imago, in school on **Wednesday 4th October** to take individual photographs. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct autumn uniform.

Rodborough Open Evening

Please see the attached flyer regarding the Rodborough Open Evening on Thursday 21st September and dates for their Parent Tours.

Thank You

Thank you all for your patience whilst we attempt to fix out Hallam Road gate. Please call using the number on the sign for the school office 01483 421597 and we hope the issue is rectified as soon as possible



House Points

Mars	1440
Saturn	1064
Neptune	987
Jupiter	930



**Our Designated
Safeguard Lead is:
Mr Samson—HT**

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

PTA News

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! These events have been hugely enjoyable in the past, a great way to socialise at the start of school.

Other Key Dates

Thurs 12th Oct—PTA AGM

Wed 18th Oct—School Disco

Fri 8th Dec—School Christmas Fair

School Achievement

Well done to ALL the Y6 children who put themselves forward for house captains. The most GJS has ever seen! Our Captains and Vice Captains for the coming year are:

Mars—Captain: Florence

Vice Captain: Etienne

Neptune—Captain: Lilian

Vice Captain: Samuel D

Jupiter—Captain: Toby W

Vice Captain: Niamh

Saturn—Captain: Charlie

Vice Captain: Amberley



Summer Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 4GS

CREATIVITY Values Champions

3CM—Oliver

3EC — Eva

4JL — Bobbie

4GS — Ella

5SD — Simona

5NM — Ben

6EM — Jess

6RH — Sammy



Sports News

Sport Provision 2023-24

We have now found out some events that will be coming up this term at different venues and children will be able to sign up for these in the coming weeks. First up, we have some football tournaments taking place at Tillingbourne. To begin with, there is a Year 3 boys, Year 4 girls and a Year 6 girls tournament taking place in early October. Once names have been collected, letters will be sent out and we do ask for a quick turnaround with these. We are hopeful of using Charterhouse minibuses again this year and if they are not available we may need to call upon parents to help with transport.

Other tournaments and events this term include Year 5/6 Netball at Rodborough, Sports Hall Athletics at Woolmer Hill and the hopeful return of the Glebelands Cross Country Run in November. More information on these events will be shared in due course.

Diary Dates

Autumn 2023

September

15th:

PTA Welcome BBQ @ 5.30pm

18th-22nd:

Y6 @ UKSA

29th:

Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run

October

2nd-6th:

10R—Poetry Week

4th:

School Photos—Individual

9th-13th:

10R—Healthy Week

13th:

'Hello Yellow' Young Minds Mufti Day

18th:

PTA Discos

23rd-27th:

HALF TERM

30th:

INSET DAY

31st:

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

November

6th—10th:

10R—Remembrance Week

7th:

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

14th:

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse

14th:

Parent-Teacher Meetings (late)

16th:

Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early)

21st:

Y6 Science @ Charterhouse



Inset Days 2023/24

~~Friday 1st September 2023~~

Monday 30th October 2023

Friday 9th February 2024

Monday 15th April 2024

Friday 24th May 2024