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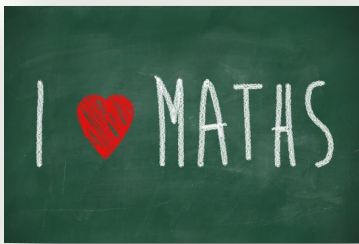


'True friends are never apart, maybe in distance but never in heart' - Helen Keller

Latest News

TT—Rock Week

This week we have had a celebration of Maths. In our school TT Rockstars tournament, the children made a huge effort in trying to improve their times tables understanding. Ultimately, 5SD won the Upper School event and 4RH won the Lower School event. However, the staff were very impressed by the energy and commitment that children in ALL classes put into it. In 'addition', today, we have hosted a whole school Maths event which was presented by an external creative maths company. A real-world scenario centred around the understanding of the maths involved in money. We have had a series of whole school and year group-based assemblies, workshops and in-class activities. This has been thoroughly embraced and enjoyed by the children. Henry said, "I thought it was presented really well and gave me the chance to explore the cost of things". Please ask your child about it! We want to thank the PTA for their very generous funding of this event - it has been an excellent use of some of the money that they so tirelessly raise throughout the year.



Value—Spring 1—FRIENDSHIP

Our focus on the value of **FRIENDSHIP** continues up to half term. PSHE lessons, Circle Times and weekly assemblies continue to centre around the value, what are the ingredients of a good friend? When have friendships been tested? And how do you know if you are a good friend? - Are just some of the questions that will be discussed. Once again, we appreciate any 'home talks' on the value you can facilitate with the children to give a wider perspective.

Online Parent Support

Mindworks Surrey, in conjunction with the Community Wellbeing Team, are providing a series of free online courses on supporting your children with worries, emotional management and transition to secondary school. Please click [here](#) to see more information and booking requirements.

Happy February

If you're in and around the school, you might notice some rather colourful calendars appearing! As a school, we have recently started using the 'Action for Happiness' wellbeing calendars in order to encourage children to take a few mindful moments each day. We're delighted that they've just launched 'Friendly February' where we're reminded to 'Be friendly to others and give your relationships a boost!'. It's as if it was made for GJS and our current value of **Friendship**! Why not explore the calendars at home or have a chat with your children during the week about what their 'Happy February' calendar 'challenge' was that day!

Godalming Learning Partnership's GET Teaching Programme

Why not GET Teaching with the Godalming Learning Partnership and Winchester University? The Godalming Learning Partnership is a large group of schools serving the children and families of the Godalming area. We are a strong collaborative group with a long history of working closely together to achieve more for our young people, schools and community.

We run an exciting opportunity to train as a teacher in partnership with Winchester University and are inviting applications to start in Sept 2024.

The one year school-led GET Teaching PGCE programme provides the perfect combination of immersive classroom experience in our local schools and academic study at Winchester University. Our current trainees are teaching and training across all our schools ensuring they gain invaluable experience of a wide range of settings.

If you are interested and want to know more e-mail Rachel: coordinator@godalminglearning.org.

School Lunches

Please remember that 'opt-in' days for school dinners are Wednesday and Friday only. If your child wishes to change from school dinners to packed lunches or vice versa please inform the office, giving a week's notice.

House Points

Neptune	1246
Jupiter	1199
Saturn	1123
Mars	1120



Our Designated Safeguard Lead and Operation Encompass Key Adult is:
Mr Samson—HT

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

'It's everyone's business'

PTA News

School Disco - Wednesday 7th February

It's dancing time again! Look forward to seeing you at the school disco this coming Wednesday. Timings are as follows:
 Years 3 & 4 6pm to 7pm
 Years 5 & 6 7.15pm to 8.15pm
 Pick up in the playground.

Future Events

Friday 22nd March—Parent's Quiz
 Friday 14th June—Parent's Casino Night
 Wednesday 10th & Thursday 11th July—Year 6 Play
 Friday 12th July—Summer Fair

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week

3AR — Rosie
 3EC — Darcy
 4JA — Ella
 4RH — Reuben
 5SD — Juno
 5NM — Alistair
 6EM — Ophelia
 6TA — Jemima



Attendance Winners: 3AR — 98%



FORGIVENESS Values Champions

3AR — Dylan
 3EC — Louis
 4JA — Evie
 4RH — Theo
 5SD — Beth
 5NM — Lulu
 6EM — William
 6TA — Jemima



Autumn Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5SD

Sports News

Good Luck!

Good luck to our netballers and basketballers who are in action next week. First up, our netballers go to Rodborough with Mrs Munz competing against other local schools. Following them, on Thursday our basketballers go to Rodborough with Miss Martin hoping to shoot themselves to victory!
 We will let you know how they get on in next week's newsletter!



Diary Dates

Spring 2024

February

5th: Y6 Netball Tournament @ Rodborough
 7th: PTA Disco
 8th: Basketball Tournament @ Rodborough
 9th: **INSET DAY**
 12th–16th: **Half Term**
March
 4th–8th: 10R—Book Week
 4th: SATs Information Talk @ 5pm
 7th: World Book Day
 8th: Dance Festival @ Broadwater
 9th: Swimming Gala @ Charterhouse
 11th–15th: 10R—Science Week
 12th: Y6 WWII Workshop
 12th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Late) TBC
 13th: GLP Board Meeting
 14th: Parent-Teacher Meetings (Early) TBC
 18th–22nd: 10R—Earth Week
 18th: Y4 Multiplication Check Talk @ 5pm
 20th: Y5 River Trip
 22nd: PTA Quiz Night
 28th: End of Term @ 1.15pm



Inset Days 2023/24
~~Friday 1st September 2023~~
~~Monday 30th October 2023~~
Friday 9th February 2024
 Monday 15th April 2024
 Friday 24th May 2024