



Newsletter



This year we are supporting



"Creativity is being imaginative, positive and having a growth mind-set" - Izzy Y4

Latest News

Year in Review

What. A. Year. Thank you to every member of our school community for their support and engagement this year. Another school year is about to end and we once again bid farewell to members of the school. Firstly, we say goodbye to Ms Loveland, who has been part of the year 4 team this year, we wish her all the best as she leaves us. We also bid farewell to Miss Mayhew after 5 years at GJS. Not only has Miss Mayhew led the lower school and Year 3 during her time here so well, she has been our biggest 'cheerleader' for maths! After 20 years service at GJS, we are also saying a sad goodbye to Mrs Wright in the school office. The office and 'front of house' will not be the same after seeing so many children pass through the school, picking up a bandage or plaster or two on the way, and we all wish Mrs Wright all the best in her retirement. We also say congratulations to Scarlett Close who has trained to be a teacher this year as part of our School Direct programme with Winchester University. She has trained in 3EC and after a successful year, will be joining the staff at Holy Trinity School in Guildford from September. We also wish Miss Leal all the best for her 'big day' as she gets married during the summer holidays! Finally, we say goodbye to Year 6. They leave us as mature, **respectful** and kind individuals who are ready for the next phase in their journey. Those who leave are always welcome at GJS and we are sure to see many of them return for future fairs and events! We want to wish everyone a wonderful, restful and safe summer break!

CREATIVITY Values Champions

Well done to all our Values Champions for their awards on Monday. Whether it was their ability to 'think outside the box' to problem solve, for their 'creative' writing or showcasing their 'talents' during the Talent Show recently, it was clear there are many talented and creative children at GJS. ALL winners can be found on the reverse of this newsletter and well done to all Values Champions for this year! We begin to look ahead to September and focus on value of RESILIENCE as we welcome new members to the school community!

Reading Passport—Summer

Well done to all the children who engaged with their year group Reading Passport initiative this year. We all know that the ability to read and showing a thirst for reading is a clear indicator of success in later life. Special mention goes to the 'Golden Gold' children who read all 8 of the reading passport books during the autumn, spring and summer! We hope all children read over the summer and engage in the reading passport scheme next year. For those wanting inspiration for books to read, click [here](#) for the Waterstones 'must reads' of 2023 for children!

Registration Time Change—September 2023

Following previous notices in the newsletter, from Monday 4th September (the first day of term) we will be starting the school day, and therefore registration, from **8.35am**. The school gates at **Marshall Road** and **Hallam Road** will continue to be opened from **8.25am** each morning. Thank you to everyone who contacted the school with comments, questions, queries and support. We have been in close contact with the local authority who have supported the change and also suggested a transition period until October half term for families to make further arrangements, should they need to, if making changes and putting arrangements in place is not possible or difficult for the 4th September start of term. We hope this period helps alleviate any stress on families and to ensure the children can enjoy a 'soft start' to the day and term for a new school year.

School Uniform Shop

We shall be opening the school uniform shop during the summer holidays to collect any orders placed during the summer break. These dates are **Wed 16th & Wed 23rd August between 9-11am**. In addition, orders can be collected on the INSET day (Fri 1st Sept) between 12-1pm. Orders can be made via Arbor and any early orders placed before the end of term can be collected or sent home with your child before the end of term on 21st July.

Second Hand Uniform

If you have good quality uniform which is no longer needed then please consider donating it to our nearly new second hand shop. Any donations can be dropped off in the school office.

Combe Road Play Area Consultation Survey

From Monday 10th July Waverley Borough Council will be launching a consultation on the refurbishment of several play areas in the Borough, including the Combe Road play area in Farncombe. A survey has been created to capture people's feedback and will remain open until 5pm, 25 August 2023. Please register your feedback here: www.waverley.gov.uk/playareas

Finally...

Just a reminder that we begin next term on Monday 4th September following our inset day on Friday 1st September.



House Points

Neptune	19787
Mars	19137
Saturn	18680
Jupiter	18601



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

Summer Fair—A massive thanks to all those who braved the torrential weather to attend the annual summer fair last Friday. An even bigger thanks to everyone who helped out to set up, manning the stalls, BBQ and bar. Considering the weather we raised a fantastic £1,200.

PTA Roles—Also wanted to say a big thank you to Paula Franklin who has been one of our long term serving Treasurers and finishes the role this year. We will be looking for class reps for the up coming year so would be great for more people to get involved.

Welcome BBQ—Friday 15th September—As the school year ends we look forward to welcoming the new year s and parents to the GJHS family. If you have a child joining year 3 then please come along to meet teachers and other families.

School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:
 3CM – Whole class
 3EC – Whole class
 4JL – Seb
 4GS – Remy & Ella
 5SD – Whole class
 5NM – Grace
 6EM – Merryn
 6RH – Oli & Archie



Attendance Winners: 6EM— 98.9%



Summer Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5SD

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

Well done to ALL the children who either represented their house or the school during the various events this year and who were fantastic role model and ambassadors for the school. We continue to believe in being an inclusive school which offers as many opportunities as possible to as many children as possible. We also continue to run inclusive house events that have become a unique part of our identity. Our Cross Country Run, Football Tournament and G'Ashes Kwik Cricket Tournament have all been open to ANY child who has wanted to participate, represent their house and score points! These events, along with other house events, will continue into next year. We are pleased to announce that Bill Bingham will be extending his work with GJS and will be with us all day as part of our Fit Fridays from September. On these days Bill will work alongside Mr Samson in running trials, practice sessions and also lead out Activ8 sessions across the school. More information will be shared during our Curriculum Evenings next term.

Diary Dates

Summer 2023

July	
21st:	Term ends @ 1.15pm
August	
16th & 23rd:	School Uniform Shop Open from 9.00-11.00am
September	
1st:	INSET DAY
1st:	School Uniform Shop Open from 12.00-1pm
4th:	Start of Term (NEW registration time: 8.35am)
5th:	Y3 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
5th:	Y4 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
6th:	Y5 Curriculum Evening @ 6.00pm
6th:	Y6 Curriculum Evening @ 7.00pm
15th:	PTA Welcome BBQ @ 6.00pm
18th-22nd:	Y6 @ UKSA
29th:	Inter House 'Chippie Chase' Fun Run
October	
2nd-6th:	10R—Poetry Week
9th-13th:	10R—Healthy Week
13th:	'Hello Yellow' Young Minds Mufti Day
23rd-27th:	HALF TERM



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