

Summer 10
7th July 2023



Godalming Junior School

Newsletter



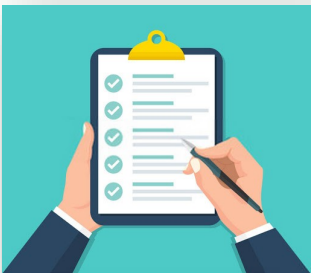
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"Creativity is being imaginative, positive and having a growth mind-set" - Izzy Y4

Latest News



GJS Surveys

Thank you to all stakeholders who responded to the recent surveys that were sent out by the Governing Body at GJS. Children, parents and staff were all surveyed on a number of school matters ranging from behaviour, workload and communication to curriculum content, attendance and safety. ALL responses have been analysed during our recent Governor Day and subsequent committee meetings. We are now in the process of celebrating the areas of strengths within the school but most importantly setting about addressing the areas of improvement identified that will become school priorities for the coming year. These include reviewing the lines of communication between home and school and continuing to concentrate our efforts in ensuring progress and attainment in all areas is as high as it can be.

Year 5 Mubarak Mosque Visitors

On Thursday, Year 5 received a visit from the Imam and his wife from Mubarak Mosque in Tilford. We learnt about what the mosque was like, what happens at the mosque and how Muslims recognise and practice the 5 Pillars of Islam. The children were able to build on their knowledge from their RE unit on Islam and asked very thoughtful and respectful questions to help increase their understanding.



Registration Time Change—September 2023

You may be aware that the DfE (Department for Education) recently released guidance regarding the length of the school week, found [here](#). The expectation currently states that the minimum length of a school week is 32.5 hours from **registration** to the end of the day. Currently, the GJS day is 10minutes short of this expectation and we are planning on implementing a slight change to the **START** of the school day from **September**. From Monday 4th September (the first day of term) we are proposing that the start of the day, and therefore registration, is taken from 8.35am. The school gates at Marshall Road and Hallam Road will continue to be opened from 8.25am each morning. We feel this part of the day would be easier to manage for parents and staff alike than extending the end of the day (thus having a greater impact on pick up arrangements at our local feeder schools by parents or carers). Whilst this has yet to be confirmed, we would welcome views on this from our stakeholders in the hope that we can give a definitive response to these expectations in the coming weeks before the end of term and for any parental arrangements to be covered by the start of the autumn term. Please contact the school office via phone, in person or by email at: info@godalming-junior.surrey.sch.uk if you would like give your view on this proposal.

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.

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

House Points

Neptune	2145
Jupiter	2074
Saturn	1774
Mars	1714



**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—Friday 14th July 6.00—8.30pm

MUFTI donations next Friday 14th July—book donations. All donations can be dropped off in the cookery room. We will be running the token scheme again for people to pay for the games and stalls. The value of each token is 50p and the stalls will cost either 50p or £1, so either 1 token or 2. The tokens can be purchased on the night from a dedicated stall, but to avoid possible long queues, they can be pre-bought either by making a bank transfer to (note, new Bank details) Godalming Junior Parent Teacher Association, Sort code 30-99-50, account number 65867168 (please add child's name and class in payment reference), or we will be selling them in the playground after school next Mon, Wed & Thurs. As we only have one card machine please do bring cash for certain stalls on the evening.



School Achievement

Pupil of the Week:

3CM— Abigail
 3EC— Warwick
 4JL— Beth
 4GS— Kayla
 5SD— Etienne
 5NM— Matthew
 6EM— Elyse
 6RH— Barnaby



Attendance Winners: 6EM— 98.9%



Spring Anti Bullying Stars Champions: 5SD

TRUST Values Champions

3CM—Florence
 3EC—Evie
 4JL—Jacob
 4GS—Oscar
 5SD—Indigo
 5NM—Jess
 6EM—Evie
 6RH—Huxley



Sports News

District Sports

On Tuesday, the fantastic GJS Athletics team competed at the District Sports Athletics festival at Charterhouse School. Faced with 5 other schools (some of whom are larger than GJS), our children excelled; they performed with enthusiasm, skill, speed and strength. We won a number of events in each year group and finished up in the middle of the pack overall. Jasmine and Ollie were awarded medals for the outstanding performances of the day. That said, we were immensely proud of how all of the children competed and behaved throughout a wet and adrenaline-filled morning.

Diary Dates

Summer 2023

July	
10th:	Y6 Production Rehearsal @ Charterhouse School
12th & 13th:	Year 6 End of Year Production @ Charterhouse 7pm
14th:	MUFTI—Book Donations
14th:	GJS Talent Show
14th:	PTA Summer Fair 6.00-8.30pm
August	
16th & 23rd:	School Uniform Shop Open from 9.00-11.00am
September	
1st:	School Uniform Shop Open from 12.00-1pm



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