

NEWSLETTER

February 2016 – Number 5

Godstone Village School



Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your continued support this half term. A new year makes us evaluate what we have achieved so far, and I too have reflected on my aims and achievements since the start of the school year. One aim in September was to improve communication and introduce teachers email. I am now pleased to inform you that we have moved over to Microsoft 365 and your teachers email address is detailed within this newsletter! This additional form of communication is not meant to replace any of our existing ones but is available to you if you wish to contact your child's teacher. I am also pleased that we have provided parents with the opportunity to attend our maths and writing workshops (with the reading workshop to follow this week) which I promised we would provide during the school year. It was great to see children in the writing workshop enjoying working from the same stimulus and applying their writing skills. Thank you too for completing the evaluation forms at these sessions – I think everyone now expects to receive an evaluation form at any of our events!

On Wednesday last week, it was a pleasure to invite three local head teachers to conduct a 'Peer Review'. They visited classes, talked to children and interviewed staff. I thought you would like to hear some of the many compliments they gave us: Godstone Village School is a very welcoming school, children feel safe and take on responsibility, children take pride in their learning, behaviour is extremely good, children get on well with their class teachers and there is a real sense that they are valued, there is a strong sense of learning focused environments, children trust and speak very highly of the head teacher (and no I didn't get them to say all that - but how sweet!). However a caveat to all this is that school attendance is a current weakness. To improve attendance we have updated our attendance policy which sets out the protocol to follow and expectations. The document gives everyone clarity. Currently, there are too many children arriving at the school office, late for school. As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding all children, the policy also outlines what to do when your child is ill and the examples of documents you will be required to give us. In addition, from now on any family booking holiday within term time will be issued with a penalty fixed notice. Holiday must be taken within the 13 designated weeks and additional Inset days when children are not in school. I wish to acknowledge here that the majority of parents do not take their child or children out on holiday within term time. I know we can improve whole school attendance together and I thank you for your support.

Candida Jarrott-Chase
Head Teacher

Messages from the School Office

Dear Parent and Carers,

School Office Opening - please can we kindly remind you that the School Office does not open until 8:30am in the morning.

Reply Slips for Trips etc. - please can any reply slips e.g. for trips, tournaments etc. be handed via your child to the class teacher.

Collecting Children – please notify the teacher (via home link books or the school office) if your child is going home with someone else. If contacting us by telephone, please can you ensure, where possible, to contact us before afternoon registration commences at 1:10pm.

New Email Addresses for Class Teachers – we have finally moved to Microsoft 365, therefore email addresses have changed for class teachers. These are listed below. When emailing a teacher direct, the response time can take up to 48 hrs. If your query is urgent, please send any requests through to ‘admin@godstone.surrey.sch.uk’ or via the telephone on 01883 742326.

Robins:	jo.andrews@godstone.surrey.sch.uk
Robins:	adam.stevens@godstone.surrey.sch.uk
Kingfishers:	hayley.beegan@godstone.surrey.sch.uk
Owls:	sacha.booth@godstone.surrey.sch.uk
Class 3:	heather.jones@godstone.surrey.sch.uk
Class 4:	adam.kohlbeck@godstone.surrey.sch.uk
Class 5:	richard.leonard@godstone.surrey.sch.uk
Class 6:	kayleigh.evans@godstone.surrey.sch.uk
Class 6:	naeem.awan@godstone.surrey@sch.uk

Lost Property – we have once again accumulated a large amount of unmarked lost property in the school office. All the items will be put out in the main playground before and after school on Wednesday and Thursday. Unclaimed items will be sold on Friday as second-hand uniform at 50p each. Anything left will be recycled.

Please can you all ensure that all uniform is clearly marked so we can return to their rightful owners.

Thank you for your help and understanding.

School Office

MATHS WORKSHOP

Thank you very much to all of the parents and carers who attended our first Maths workshop of the year, we had a great turn out. The morning begun with a short talk about progression in written calculation across the school. The adults were then invite back to their child's classroom to see how the theory related to the practice in each year group. Look out for more Maths workshops later in the year.

Mrs Evans (Maths Leader)

WRITING WORKSHOP

Thank you to all parents and carers that attending the Writing Workshop last Thursday. We hope that you found the session informative and have a better understanding of how we teach writing across the school. The children loved the stimulus 'Something Fishy' and all classes produced some great writing as a result.

Mrs Beegan (Literacy Leader)

Reminder: the Reading workshop will take place this Friday at 09:00 in the School Hall.



Sports Update



GIRLS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - YEARS 5 & 6

On Monday 11th January a girl's Football Tournament took place for Year 5 and 6. I took place in this event with Isabel, Paige, Amelie, Leah and Neve. Now, we are an amazing team, we didn't even concede once! In total we scored 16 goals 2 for Skye, 1 for Leah, 1 for Isabel and 12 for me (sorry if I got that wrong). For me it felt like I was playing a championship tournament all in 1 day! I knew we were going to win because I had faith in my team and I believed in them. We have won this twice in a row but let's stick to this year. We won matches by 1, 2, 3 or even 4 goals to be honest I can't even remember just that we scored too many. Thanks to Mr Kohlbeck we got good training and he wasn't even being strict. We ended up playing the St Mary's A team and beat them 1 goal to none. We were glad about our victory in fact we felt like jumping all over the place but it was raining. I'm proud of you guys.

By Lily (Year 6)

BOYS FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT - YEARS 5 & 6

On 16th of January Years 5 and 6 had a Football Tournament after school. We had to drive to Oxted School where we started off with a warm up of passing and shooting. We were split into 2 teams; A and B. We were in the A team which was organised by Mr Kohlbeck, the B team was organised by Mr Awan. Our first match was against St Mary's A team, we lost they were really good! During the other four matches we didn't score any goals but we drew two.

Our B team did very well they drew two and passed greatly between their players. Unluckily neither of the teams made it into the semi-finals. So we headed home after playing on the almost freezing pitch.

By Luka and Harry! (Year 6)

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT – YEARS 5 & 6

On 19th January Year 5 and 6 both went to a Basketball Tournament. There were 7 teams including Godstone A and B. Our Godstone A team came 7th and Godstone B came 3rd. But, at the end of the day, there was not one person who didn't try their best. We all found it a fun yet challenging experience due to the competition and amount of times we had to play.

We recommend if you get the opportunity to play and participate in a tournament, you should go for it, and have fun!

By Oscar and Jacob (Year 6)

HANDBALL TOURNAMENT – YEARS 3 & 4

On 3rd of February 2016, Years 3 and 4 played in a Handball Tournament. There were two teams; A team and B team (I was in the A team). The first game we won 2-0, what a result for our first game! The team put in a really good effort and I was in the lucky position to be able to score. The second game wasn't as good a performance; we lost 4 nil. We sat out for 5 minutes since we didn't have anyone to play, then, started the penultimate game. It was against Nutfield (my football club friends!) Poor Jack D had a nose bleed and he missed a bit of this game. We lost 2-1 but the goal we scored was a great piece of team work including Jack D who threw the ball an amazing distance to me, helping me to score. The last game was brilliant! The team were amazing and scored 2 goals – what a win!

The B Team played well too and a huge pat on the back to Oliver C for scoring a winning goal in their last game! The results were fair as both teams came 4th. A big thank you to Mr Kohlbeck for taking Godstone School to play the games.

By Freddie (Year 4)



SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 7th February is Safer Internet Day. To celebrate this day the children will have a special assembly on Tuesday to help promote the safe and responsible use of digital technology. Throughout the week the children will have lessons and take part in activities which will help the children better use the internet responsibly. To support Safer Internet Day the school will be sending out some information sheets to parents to help support your children use the internet safely.

Mr Leonard
Computing Leader

DROP OFF

I wish to thank all parents/carers for your support during drop off in the morning. I have noticed families changing their routine to ensure they are not parked in the drop off area.

Mrs Jarrott-Chase

MESSAGE FROM ROBINS

‘Show and Tell’ will continue to be held on a Monday each week, and is directly linked to Special Interests Writing Table.

Many thanks for your support with this, we have had a wide and varied range of wheeled vehicles for the children to discuss and write about.

Hope this is what you need.

Mr Stevens / Mrs Andrews

ACTION AID

We sponsor a little girl through Action Aid called Thidar Lwin and pay a £15.00 per month to support Thidar and her community.

Over the half term break, please could you gather up any of your loose change so we can add to this wonderful cause? Let’s see which class can raise the most money.

GREENHOUSE UPDATE

We have been given a very generous donation of £200 from Godstone Village Association and £50 from Darby and Joan Club. These, together with the donation from The Lions Club and the offer from Friends of Godstone Village School to make up the difference, will enable us to order and erect the Greenhouse in time for Easter. This will mean we will have lots of flower and vegetable plants for sale at the Summer Fair. The Environmental Club are very excited about this.

Sue Barnard

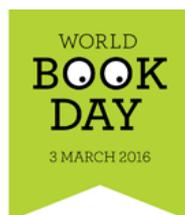
ECO CLUB UPDATE

The children of Environmental Club are taking part in the Eco Action Award by the RSPB. The award is all about finding out about wildlife and doing practical things to help the wildlife. The children aim by the end of the school year to have gained the silver award. For this the children need to take part and document 12 different activities across 4 areas which are; finding out what is happening, helping the environment, being environmentally friendly, and spreading the word. The children over the last two weeks have completed a bird survey and made bird feeders, so we only have 10 more tasks to complete.

Mr Leonard
Eco Leader

WORLD BOOK DAY **THURSDAY 3RD MARCH 2016**

Please come to school dressed up as your Favourite Book Character or wear your own clothes to school on this day. We will be running a competition on this day, further details to follow.





GIRLS ATTACK!

NETBALL | ROUNDERS | MULTISPORTS | PARTIES



**LEARN NEW SKILLS,
HAVE FUN AND TAKE PART!**

DETAILS

Netball Camps, girls 6-14

½ term Feb 15th & 16th 2016 9.30am-12

Oxted School, RH8 0AB (£35)

Easter Apr 4th, 5th, 6th 10am-3pm

Hazelwood School, RH8 0QU (£75/all 3 days,
£28/day or £18/am)

**All abilities welcome. For more info and to book
email us: girlsattackit@gmail.com**



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Info at www.pitchero.com/clubs/girlsattack

Contact Maggie & Lynn, your qualified, enthusiastic sports leaders!

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DIARY DATES

Date	Time	Event
Thursday 11 th February		Year 5 Bay Pond Visit - AM
Friday 12 th February	School Finishes 3.20pm	End of first half term
Monday 15th – Friday 19th February		Half Term
Monday 22 nd February		Start of second half of Spring term
Monday 22 nd February – 26 th February	1.15pm – 3.00pm	Year 6 Bikeability – Group 1 (letters to be sent out in January)
Monday 29 th February – 4 th March	1.15pm – 3.00pm	Year 6 Bikeability – Group 2 (letters to be sent out in January)
Thursday 3 rd March		World Book Day
Monday 14 th March	4.40pm – 7.30pm	Parents Evening Robins, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Wednesday 16 th March	3.30pm – 5.40pm	Parents Evening Robins, Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6
Monday 14 th – Friday 18 th March		Cygnets Parents Appointments – dates and times to be advised by Ms Cruwys.
Thursday 24 th March	School Finishes 3.20pm	End of term
Friday 25th March – Friday 8th April		Easter Holidays
Monday 11 th April		Start of first half of Summer term
Thursday 28 th April	AM	Class Photos (Tempest Photography)
Friday 27 th May		INSET DAY – school closure
Monday 30 th May – Friday 3 rd June	School Finishes 3:20pm	Half Term
Monday 6 th June		Start of second half of Summer term
Friday 24 th – Monday 26 th June		Year 6 PGL Camp
Friday 22 nd July	School Finishes 3:20pm	Summer holiday