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Care, Courtesy and Consideration

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Merit of the Week



Year 3: George M & Matilda H

Year 4: Jesses S & Maya B

Year 5: Juliet M & Bethan W

Year 6: Aston D & Olly H

Weekly Attendance

Year 3: 98.3%

Year 4: 98.3%

Year 5: 98.6%

Year 6: 97.4%

Whole School: 98.0%



Kindness Awards

Year 3: Hughie O'D

Year 4: Orla O'S

Year 5: Thomas L

Year 6: Fletcher E



Golden Table Awards



Year 3: Louie P

Year 4: Scarlett T

Year 5: Joseph P

Year 6: Kayden E

What's on at school next week?

(Week beginning 25th September)

Monday:

SWIMMING WEEK – 5EF

Homework Club (12:00pm)

Yr3/4 Football Club (12:30pm)

Yr3-6 Gardening Club (12:30pm)

Recorder Club (12:30pm)

Yr3 Moon Festival Workshop (PM)

Thursday:

Yr3/4 Homework Club (12:00pm)

Yr5 Friendship Workshop (AM)

Golden Table (12:00pm)

Cross Country (12:30pm)

School Council (12:30pm)

Yr4-6 Time Out Thursday (12:30pm)

Chess Club (3:35pm)

Tuesday:

Homework Club (12:00pm)

Drama with Desna (12:30pm)

Wednesday:

Yr5/6 Boys Football Club (12:30pm)

Friday:

Yr5/6 Girls Football Club (12:30pm)

Yr4-6 Film Friday (12:30pm)



Staffing at GJS

The end of this academic year will mark the end of an era here at GJS as Mr Gooden has made the difficult decision to take early retirement, after 29 years at the school, to follow his other passion and set up a gardening business. Mr Gooden has given so much to the school and to the wider community and this will be a sad loss for GJS but we look forward to remembering and celebrating his many years of passionate service and dedication over the coming year.



We would like to congratulate Mrs Green who will be making the move from GJS to the Oak Trees Head Office following her recent promotion as a member of the central team. Mrs Green will remain a part of the wider GJS family as a part of the Oak Trees MAT and we wish her well in her new role. We have appointed a new School Business Manager, Mrs Mulla, who will have the opportunity to work alongside Mrs Green before taking the reins later this term.

Chris Salmon Foundation – Thank You!



This week we were visited by Julie and Rich, Chris' Parents, who created the Chris Salmon Foundation in memory of their son who sadly passed away very suddenly aged just 15. He loved to read and hoped one day of becoming an author himself. Chris was a former pupil at GJS and is always remembered here. Our school library is named after him and each year we participate each year in the Chris Salmon Poetry Competition. To commemorate what would have been Chris' 30th birthday earlier this year, his parents have kindly donated £1000 from the foundation for us to buy books for our children, hopefully inspiring other authors of the future.

COVID Update

As we have reached that time of year when COVID and other respiratory illnesses are doing the rounds, I thought it may be helpful to clarify the current advice from the NHS which schools have been advised to follow.



You are no longer required to do a COVID-19 rapid lateral flow test if you have symptoms. If your child has a temperature or they are too unwell for school, they advised are not to attend until their temperature reduces and they feel fit for school BUT if you or your child have chosen to test and have tested positive for COVID-19 you should:

- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 3 days after the day the test was taken if you or your child are under 18 years old – children and young people tend to be infectious to other people for less time than adults
- try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days after the day you took your test if you are 18 years old or over
- avoid meeting people who are more likely to get seriously ill from viruses, such as people with a weakened immune system, for 10 days after the day you took your test

You can read the guidance in full here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/covid-19/covid-19-symptoms-and-what-to-do/>

This document is also helpful in deciding whether you should send your children to school when they are unwell.

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

Thank you for your support





Are you ready to rock?!?

This week, Jacob from Rock Steady came to visit our school to launch the new Rock Steady peripatetic music lessons which will begin next week. Each of the year groups enjoyed a workshop with Jacob which inspired a love of music through collaboration. We had a fantastic morning – check out X (previously known as Twitter) for a taster video of what we produced.

Online Safety

WhatsApp is the most widely used messaging platform on the planet, with over two billion users (forecast to become three billion by 2025), across more than 180 countries. The majority of those people (70%) open the app at least once a day – but what exactly are they seeing? Contact from strangers, fake news and convincing scams are all among the service's well-documented hazards.

According to Ofcom, WhatsApp is used by more than half of 3- to 17-year-olds in the UK (including one in three from the 8–11 bracket), despite its 16+ age restriction. If your child hops onto WhatsApp to stay in touch with friends or family, our updated #WakeUpWednesday guide to the service contains the key details you'll need to support them in doing it safely.



Menu

Please see attachment to this email for the menu next week. There is a change to the normal Week 1 menu and it is Pasta Bolognese on Monday. Please see the school website for allergy menus.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Emma Ball,
Headteacher

INSET Days 2023-2024

Monday 4th September

Tuesday 5th September

Friday 20th October

Monday 8th January

Friday 24th May

