



# GUILDFORD SAINTS FC

FA Charter Standard Development Club

*Can we have our ball back please...*

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June 2020

## Dear Members,

Guidance recently received from the FA indicates that **small group training sessions can commence**, whilst still observing the social distancing guidelines. We are currently looking at the logistics of this but hope to re-commence training sessions in the next few weeks...more info to follow.....

### Challenges

Thanks For the clips already sent in, deadline for entering: **30<sup>th</sup> June 2020**.

**Send us a small video clip of you undertaking the challenge** (or a parent undertaking the challenge), we will upload them as a montage to our **website/YouTube**.

**4 Nike footballs** up for grabs for the **best clips**, which will be judged by [Head Coach Kevin](#).

These challenges can consist of:

- Those set by Kevin and Peter on [YouTube](#)
- The **toilet roll** challenge
- The **Thierry** challenge
- The heading **rolled socks** into a container challenge
- Or any other football related challenge.

You can send the clips to us via [email](#) or [Whatsapp](#);

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***We look forward to receiving your clips!***

### **Now as promised some TEAM NEWS;-**

The **Guildford Saints Hawks U14** had our results. With 1 game remaining we were top of the league and best ever season in terms of **into the final of the plate competition** against the same team. Obviously, there are bigger things in the world but it seems harsh on the teams efforts over the course of the season to be negated and the team prevented winning its first full season trophies. Our team know how Jurgen Klopp and Liverpool players must be feeling right now!  
Stay safe everyone.



## The U13 Swallows

Managed to squeeze in 6 matches before the shutdown and continued to show moments of real quality, winning three of them, whilst lacking the consistency of other seasons. This was reflected in our results where **we beat league leaders, GPR Raptors**, 4-1 in a fantastic display before losing to them 5-1 three matches later! The **2019 highlight** was undoubtedly an **8-2 victory over Woking Town Wildcats** at St Peters which saw us play some of our very best passing football and leave us one place higher than them in the SPL Premier League in a very respectable 4th position. It has been a really interesting first season playing 11-a-side and both the players and managers have learnt a lot which puts us in good stead to come back even stronger next season.

**The boys (and parents!) are a pleasure to manage** and it has been fantastic to use the wonderful astro at Kings this year. Come on you Saints!

Ashley and Matt.

## U14 Jaguars

Not a great deal to report as only 3 games were played in 2020. A **close cup semi-final** was lost in the dying minutes that still hurts. Many **thanks to all the parents** especially the ones who took it upon themselves to arrange the extra training sessions in March to keep the season going. Very special thanks to [MANYA BUILDING SUPPLIES](#) for their continued support of our squad this season. We have a fantastic group of players and parents. We are looking forward to 20/21 already!! COYS

## Guildford Saints U8 Tigers

The boys have continued to play well as a team in the top levels of the seeding groups against some very good teams and have received numerous positive comments from opposition coaches. Their **improved passing** over the course of the season has enhanced their performances and it was disappointing that the season came to an early end. Their **attitude and work rate** throughout the season has been **brilliant** and they have the **makings of an excellent team** if they continue to practise and improve both individually and as a team. Their decision making and confidence in different positions during the matches continues to grow and **they have entertained** both myself and the parents with their skills and goals. What has been particularly pleasing is the way they have played football which includes both a **smile on their faces** and **respect for the referee** and the other teams. This was highlighted by the fact that they were **joint top of the U8 respect table** before the season finished. I am looking forward to next season and want to thank the boys for being so great through-out the season! Melvin



## The U9 Tigers

Progression this season has been short of **amazing** .. 12 children from 7 different schools, only 25% of them having previously been part of a football team. Long gone are the days of a default 0-0-6 formation, the kids positions are rotated and all know how to adapt and play each position well.

The emphasis of the team has been **team work, camaraderie and understanding** over and above outright wins and this is now paying dividends with a number of children scoring their first goals in the new year. It took a while for us to win our first game (you can see the excitement in the pic when this happened) and since January the team have only lost one game. We had been looking forward to our cup final game and bringing home a Cup in our first season together ..

.. **a big thank you to the parents** that dedicate their time each week to bringing the kids to matches and also help in practical ways on match days, and also the club coaches which make the manager's lives much easier !

- Panos



Even-though the season has been cut short. **The PAN team** and I can still celebrate a great season. With all the hard work put in, we managed to once again come out with a trophy (congratulations to the **Premiership 2 team for winning the respect award 2019/20**) .



Both Morning and Championship team have also done a **fantastic job this year** and I could not be more proud of the whole squad. We have had some **fantastic new additions** and the return of one of the original members this year, and they have really strengthened our teams I am hoping all of you return next season with the same desire and dedication. It has been sad not to be able to coach this team on a Sunday, as they are one of the highlights of my week. **The passion and dedication of this group is second to none**. I miss you all and am looking forward to seeing you all as soon as possible. Stay safe! Mike

## The U11 Hawks

Have had a **steady second half of the season**. We welcomed a few new players, who fitted in nicely with the boys. We had some **tough games**, but the boys persevered to get the results. I would like to thank all the parents for their support from the sideline, come rain or shine.



## GSFC U18 Vipers

An incredible continuation of form following the Christmas break with only **one loss in a run of 10 league games** up to our last match on 8th March. The last three games alone saw the team score a total of 18 goals and concede just 3. A **remarkable end to the season and a fitting end for the U18s** many of whom have played through all the age groups. Each player stepped up and made significant contributions to the success of the teams his year, but we must also acknowledge the **terrific match preparation from our coach Man**, and the **formidable leadership of our captain Dawid**.

I know I speak on behalf of all the parents, when I say we have **thoroughly enjoyed** supporting the team over the months and years and we'll much miss the individual characters and contributions on the pitch, from the sidelines and from behind the scenes. We **hope the players will go on and continue to enjoy their football** for many years to come.

- John



## U8 Lions

The team has been **incredibly enthusiastic** throughout the year, which has helped to attract several new players. The now, full squad have all been coming to training every week and everybody wants to play in every match (pleasant headache for the coaches).

There have been some **good successes** on the pitch and some highly competitive and enjoyable matches for everybody involved. The team is getting stronger with every kick of the ball and we have seen **great improvement** in ability from all of the players. We all look forward to getting back to games very soon.

- Mark



## U11 Jaguars

Season may have ended early, but nothing can take anything away from the **fantastic performances** that the team gave this year. Like Liverpool we find ourselves stranded at the top of the league, but even better than them, we **won every game after moving up two divisions** following the Christmas break. That is testament to the depth of team spirit that the U11 Jaguars have, when things are going against them they pull together and encourage each other. This **positivity played a big factor** in our amazing cup run, **two penalty shootout victories** took us to the **semi-final**. Sadly we then had to taste the disappointment of losing on penalties, but the boys showed great character in rebounding the following week with another league victory. Hard to believe that that was our final game of our season. Every member of the team can be **very proud** of the part they played in an immensely **successful season**, and how much progress they've made. Thank you to the boy's parents and friends for supporting the team so positively this season, and a **big thank you** for **all the volunteer linesmen** (Alan, I think you have a job for life), not to mention the match day goalpost construction team. No one should doubt the mental agility required on cold Sunday mornings! We all look forward to coming together as a team again next season....

- *John, Matt & Bill.*



## Ladies

With a slow start to the season and many injuries. We were really starting to find our feet before the lock-down. I am truly blessed to coach the as they are a **fantastic group of women**. The change of training at Kings College has improved their **overall performances brilliantly**. All aspects of the game have moved to the next level. And I expect an even greater improvement next season. I am sure these ladies will come extra hungry next season and with some great discipline and hard work, we have all the tools to do very well and be in contention. I am looking forward to seeing **ALL** of you back; ready to go and all guns blazing! Please stay safe and see you soon.

- Mike.





## U10 Cobras

Had another successful season prior to lockdown, making it through to the **Semi Finals of the Intermediate Cup** with a comprehensive 11-0 result in the Quarter Final game. The boys are very disappointed to not get the opportunity to finish the Cup competition. In the league games, the boys were **competitive** in all their matches, grinding out results, and developing well as a team. Most importantly the boys **enjoyed their football**, and took the learnings from Saturday training sessions into Sunday's games, which was great to

see. **Big thanks for all parents, family and friends** for their continued support throughout the season. Looking forward to next season, moving upto 9 aside and offside rule being introduced. Until then, stay safe everyone!



A **successful season** for the **u9 Cougars** saw the team go on a **13-match winning** streak spanning September to February. This was brought to an end in the cruellest of fashion by a semi-final penalty shoot-out defeat in early March, in what would be the last game of the season. The **squad adapted to the step up from 5-a-side to 7-a-side** well, improving their passing game and positional awareness. Similar to the previous season, all players have had spells in all positions, and all contributed to the season **goal tally of 85 in 16 matches**. Well done team!



- Mark



It has been an **absolute pleasure managing the U7s**. They have got better and better as the season progressed and, on a roll, before we went into lockdown. A very harsh 2-1 away defeat to Eversley was followed up with a hard-fought 4-4 home draw against Send. It was then the boys really kicked on with a thumping 4-1 away win against Mayford and a resounding 7-2 home win against Staines. What stood out for me was how the **boys started to control**

**games better**. They also began to press more and defend and attack in numbers. But best of all was how their **passing game improved**. It was a real joy to watch at times. It is so hard to pick out any individuals because they all gave everything to the cause and played as a team.

**Nina Richards** is **growing in confidence** and doesn't shy away from getting stuck into tackles. **Harry O'Donnell** has **a real eye for goal** and was our leading goal scorer. **Sebastian Hazell** is **great at setting the tempo** for our team and leading by example. **Henry Horrocks'** **passing has stepped up another level** and he also weighs in with some goals. **Oscar Bolton** has an **all action box-to-box** style of play and covers every blade of grass (artificial or real). **Olly Ayling** is more **focussed**, has put in some **crunching tackles** and is getting closer to getting on the score-sheet. **Adam Wheeler** follows instructions down to the last letter and is so **solid at the back**. **Joshua Bone** brings **real**

**pace and energy** and is now looking up more and passing which has taken his game to another level. Finally, **Henry Mankabady, our super-sub**, is dogged in defence and has added some lovely little drag-backs to his game (you call tell who's been watching Van Dijk)! Finally, a big **thank you to all the parents** for their loyal and committed support.

- Martin.

## The U9 Jaguars

Enjoyed and had a good season its just unfortunate that the season finished early. The team have been so **enjoyable to watch** and the matches have been really exciting with the team working together better with every game they play. After Christmas the team played some really good opposition with most matches being really close but had a really good **cup run making it to the Semi final**, which was their last game, in which the team showed great spirit and determination after unfortunately going 3-0 down in the first 20 minutes to bring the game back to 3-2 and were very unlucky not to take it to penalties after playing some superb football. I think like most teams I'm sure they will be keen to get back to playing football soon.

- Tim.



## U12 Eagles (great selfie!)

Despite an unfortunate and premature end to the 2019/20 season there are still a **lot of positives** to take from it. After welcoming three new players at the start of the season, all from Send United, the three boys slotted in straight away to 'hit the ground running'. **Matthew and James** brought **additional 'steel'**, tactical awareness and energy to the midfield and defence and **Fin providing a lot of the goals** the Eagles were missing last season.

During the course of the season the Eagles have had **many positive performances** in both the league and cup competitions. With the exception of a very strong and much improved ESPA team, who were the clear league leaders at the time of postponement, the boys **only lost 1 other league game** all season. In the cup competition, following two successive cup finals for the two previous seasons, the Eagles were unfortunate to lose in the quarter final but did beat some strong opposition along the way.

With the end of season awards on hold and with a very late winning run in the league, it is with a sense of disappointment that we have had to end the season so early. However, **the future looks bright for the team** and with the addition of two new players joining the squad over the summer, we prepare to start our jump to 11-a-side full sized football next season. Let's hope we don't have to wait too long!

Well played boys, **you've been fantastic!**



*Dale and Will*



"In 2019-2020 the **U15 Girls** demonstrated how they have become a **coordinated footballing unit** able to take anyone on ! Whilst the results have been mixed, the abiding memory of the season is of **outstanding team performances** and great spirit shown by all."



**U10/11 Girls:** It seems like a long time since any football has been played but reflecting on the season for the girl's teams it would be hard not to view it as a **success**.

We've seen the number of U11 girls playing football almost double, so we've been able to set up a second team @ U10. This has been great as it means all the girls will be able to get more match time but still able to build upon the friendships they have formed at training. We **still need a few more numbers** so if anyone knows of any girls who enjoy playing football then once training starts up again please encourage them to come along and give it a go!

Until the football season came to a premature close, **both girls team** were having some **great results**, and putting in some **amazing performances** too - in particular the teamwork and attitude shown was a great source of **pride to the managers**, parents and most importantly the girls themselves. Yes, there were some great wins, but there were some hard fought draws in there too which exemplified the **never-say-die attitude of the team**, but always with **smiles on their faces** and laughter never far away - win, lose or draw.

The girls are great fun to be around and Lee, Simon and myself are looking forward to training and the football season starting again, but before that happens we'd like to say a **big thank you** to all the **parents**. Without your support it would not be possible to enjoy football as much as we do.

It's a shame we're unable to have an end of season get together to celebrate the girls achievements but can you please let the girls know that we've missed them and look forward to seeing all of them again once things settle down,. **Go Saints!!**

Cheers  
Andy

**To Everyone**  
**Stay safe and well – we will see you all again soon.**