

Weekly Update

Friday 24th June

Updates This Week

Celebrating Neurodiversity

Our whole school focus this week has been the celebration of neurodiversity and how amazing it is that we are all unique and fabulous in our own ways. We are so proud to be celebrating these differences as part of the ADHD Foundation's Umbrella Project – have you spotted the umbrellas outside our main reception?

It is important to recognise and respect that we don't all learn the same way. Some of the different ways of thinking, learning, interacting and perceiving the world have been given names, such as ADHD, Autism, Dyslexia, Dyspraxia and many more. They all come under the 'umbrella' term of Neurodiversity.





















Year 6 Enterprise Fete

The children in Year 6 held their Enterprise Fete and cake sale today, to help raise funds to go towards their 'treat week' later in the term. Everyone had a really GREAT time and the weather stayed dry. Thank you all for your fantastic support, they managed to raise an astonishing £346 - well done everyone!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

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Richard Ferris Headteacher





Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 5th July – Year 1/2 Trip to LittlehamptonTuesday 5th July – Year 6 Transition (Easthampstead Park School only)Wednesday 6th to Friday 8th July – Year 6 Residential Trip to Runways End Activity CentreMonday 18th July – Reports sent home and children meet new class teachersTuesday 19th July – Year 6 PromWednesday 20th July – Year 6 Graduation AssemblyWednesday 20th July – Last Day of Summer Term, school finishes at 2.15pm



Monday 5th September – Start of Autumn Term

PTA News

After an extended break due to Covid, we are keen to relaunch our PTA. During the past couple of years, we have had quite a lot of members whose children have moved on to secondary school, so we need new members to be able to keep our PTA going!

We cannot run a Parent and Teacher Association without the parents – so we would like to have four parent/carer representatives per class for next year.

We're really interested in your thoughts about our PTA, please take a moment to complete our short form.

https://forms.office.com/r/7jax1kZ3tv

The form will close at 9.00pm on Thursday 30th June – thank you for your support!

School Photographs – Deadline Extended!

After a few requests from parents/carers, we're happy to confirm that we have spoken with the photographer and have now extended the deadline for photograph orders to **Thursday 30th June**.

Summer Holiday Clubs and HAF (Holiday Activities and Food Programme)

We are really pleased to be running a summer holiday club this year at GHPS! You should have received an email earlier today with a link to a questionnaire, please take a couple of minutes to share your views! We are not yet HAF ready but hope to have this in place in the future. Please see more information on the flyer later in the newsletter.

The HAF programme has now been launched for families in receipt of benefit-related free school meals, further information can be found here: <u>Holiday Activities and Food Programme</u>

Nominate our school to win £1000!

At GHPS we love reading, and we want to continue to encourage our pupils to develop their own joy of reading for pleasure.

National Book Tokens are currently running a competition where you can nominate our school to win $\pounds1000$ to spend on new books, and you could also win $\pounds100$ to spend in your favourite bookshop or online!

Please visit the <u>National Book Tokens Website</u> for more information and to enter the competition.

School Nurse Drop-in

On 4th July we are able to offer some parent drop-in sessions with the school nurse. There are three sessions available, each 15-minutes long, with the earliest one being at 2.00pm.

The school nursing team can help with concerns around sleep, toileting, food related issues like diet, weight, healthy eating, fussy eating, allergies, as well as many other issues and will be able to signpost to the most relevant service and/or offer advice depending on the case.

Please let us know if you think you and your child would benefit from attending one of these sessions by emailing the SEN team direct at: ghpssen@maidenerleghtrust.org

Travelling Book Fair

We are delighted to be able to again welcome the Book Fair into school! It will be with us towards the end of this term. What a GREAT opportunity to top up on books for your child to enjoy over the summer!

It will also be a '3 for 2' Book Fair, so if you buy three books, you will receive the cheapest one free!

Keep looking out for more information in future newsletters!

Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – Foxes (97.1%)

2nd Place – Hedgehogs (96.0%) 3rd Place – Badgers (95.7%)



House Points

House points have been totaled up across the school and the winners this week are **SAPPHIRE** with an amazing **153** house points! Well done to everyone in Sapphire, GREAT work!

Parking at pick up and drop off

Please do continue to be mindful of our neighbours and do not park your car in Cunworth Court or any other residential area when coming to our school.

It causes unnecessary upset for people living nearby when parents of our pupils' park in residents' bays and block access for them. We are very fortunate to have two large public car parks very close to our school, please use these and not the residential car parks. Thank you!

Summer Activities

We often get sent information regarding activities, offers and events to share with our parent community.

<u>https://magazines.raring2go.co.uk/ascotbracknellandwokingham/summer/</u> Link for the summer edition of the 'Raring2go!' online magazine containing lots of ideas to keep the family busy over the summer break and beyond!



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