



Issue 3, February 2022

End of Term Round-up



This half term has easily been one of the most difficult that we have faced throughout the whole pandemic. We have had unprecedented levels of staff illness, which resulted in the unfortunate closure of three of our classes. This has also taken a toll on

staff in school who have been working tirelessly to cover their absent colleagues and continue to provide excellent learning opportunities for their pupils.



Throughout all the issues we have faced this half term, I know that your kind words of encouragement and thanks have been such a tremendous support to myself and the whole team here at GHPS. We all love the work that we do, and our collective efforts ensure that our pupils continue to receive a GREAT educational experience.

I am extremely thankful to you all for your continued support. Unfortunately, I have also been unwell this week and needed to self-isolate and would like to thank the amazing team for everything they do to keep things running smoothly.

Inset Days – Reminder

As mentioned in previous newsletters, we have had to make amendments to some of our inset days during this school year. We have two inset days in February, the first is tomorrow (Friday 11th) and the other is on Monday 21st. This means that children will return to school after half term on **Tuesday 22nd February**.

Our most up to date term dates can always be found on our website here: [GHPS Term Dates](#)

Swimming at GHPS

We are all very excited to be having a swimming pool set up in our school to enable our pupils to undertake lessons to learn this essential life skill. Restrictions during the past two years have prevented us from being able to provide the usual swimming lessons for children in Year 4 and we have had to look at finding a suitable way to provide lessons for all our Key Stage 2 children, while minimising the impact on learning time. During the half term break, the swimming pool will be set up inside a gazebo on the Year 3/4 playground. The pool is heated and the company supplying it will also provide a swimming coach and lifeguard for the lessons. Parents of children in Years 3-6 will have received a letter last week containing full details of the lessons. We plan to use these three weeks as a trial and, if it works well, will be something we can look at doing annually in the future.

This does mean that parents and carers of children in Eagles class will have a slight change to their route whilst on the school site. Once children have been dropped off or collected from the classroom, they will be exiting via the same gate that they entered by. Please be considerate of the increased traffic in this area as you make your way onto or off the school site.

CALENDAR

11 th February	Trust-Wide Inset Day
14 th -18 th February	HALF TERM
21 st February	Inset Day – School closed to pupils
22 nd February	Children return to school
24 th February	Year 6 SATs Information Meeting via Zoom
1 st April	End of Spring Term
19 th April	Inset Day
20 th April	Start of Summer Term
3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday
17 th May	Class Photographs
30 th May – 3 rd June	HALF TERM
20 th July	Inset Day
21 st July	End of Summer Term

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Remote Learning – Please don't get left behind!

This half term has demonstrated how important it is that we are all prepared to make the switch to remote learning at very short notice. Please make sure you have logged into Google Classroom so that your child can access their learning if they have to stay at home - <https://classroom.google.com/>

If you need any assistance with Google Classroom, Mrs Wise can be contacted via email to ghpsgoogleclassroom@maidenerleghtrust.org



House Points this Term

The house point competition for this half term is progressing steadily and although it is impossible to predict who will win the end of term reward at Easter, the children are all working hard at earning points for their house. The totals so far are...

1st Place - Ruby 1114

2nd Place – Sapphire 1103

3rd Place – Amber 1038

4th Place – Emerald 863

Well done everyone, GREAT work!

After School and Morning Club

The booking form for [after school and morning club](#) for next term is now available on our website or via this link – [Booking Form, Spring Term](#). Please can we ask that all sessions are booked at least 48 hours in advance as our clubs do get very busy and we may not be able to fit in any last-minute bookings.

If you have any questions about morning or after school club or would like to amend or cancel your child's booking, please email Mrs Wise at ghpsasc@maidenerleghtrust.org

Wishing you all a relaxing, safe and fun half term break.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

*We look forward to welcoming you all back into
school on Tuesday 22nd February!*

Our GREAT Learning

