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October 2017

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. Throughout the school, the children have quickly settled into their new classes and are focussing well on their learning. They are looking fantastic in their uniforms and are showing us daily how they are ready to learn and succeed.



I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all for filling out the parent questionnaire that was sent home last week. I read through every single one and always value your thoughts and opinions of our school, whether they are positive or negative. It is only by hearing your feedback that we can keep doing things well or, where necessary, change things that are not going so well.

End of Year Results 2017

We were all extremely proud of the children's achievement in the 2017 End of Year tests. As a school we have worked tirelessly to rapidly improve our results in the new, harder school curriculum. All members of our school community have been dedicated to helping to bring about some GREAT improvements. Key Stage 1 saw increases in the percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard in Writing and Maths, while Key Stage 2 saw a huge increase compared to results in 2016. Congratulations to all the children and their families for their hard work and commitment to achieving so well.

Reading	Mathematics	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling
66%	70%	74%

Year Group Meetings and Newsletters



It was wonderful to see so many parents at our recent year group meetings. They provided an invaluable insight into the next phase of your child's learning journey and enabled you to meet some of the staff and ask any questions you might have. It is vital for us to build a strong partnership between home and school so that we can work together to provide the very best start for all our children. You may

have also by now received a newsletter solely for your child's year group. These give information about PE days, homework and staff, so that you can support your child's learning by helping them to be prepared. As always, any concerns or issues that may arise can be discussed with your child's class teacher.

Staffing Updates

We are delighted to announce that Miss Baillie will be joining us after half term. There has been a slight delay due to procedures that we could not have foreseen but we are now assured that everything is in place and we look forward to finally welcoming her to the Year 4 team. We would like to thank Miss Barnes for taking good care of the class and for all her hard work over the past few weeks and wish her all the best for the future.





Family Learning

We are once again working with the Family Learning Team who provide learning activity sessions in school. The children in FS2 (Reception) have enjoyed making 'Magic Boxes' and Year 1 & 2 children have made a maths game. The learning fun continued today (Friday) for the children in FS1 (Nursery), when they enjoyed their playdough 'make and take' experience.

These sessions are an enjoyable way to support your child's learning and they really love having one of their grown-ups coming in to school to work with them! Please join us for future sessions if you are able to, we do our best to give as much notice as possible for working parents and regularly update our calendar list on the school website so you don't miss out.

Fundraising Fairies and Elves

On Tuesday 10th October, we held a cake sale in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. We organised our cake sale by making posters and writing letters to Mr Ferris and all the parents to ask for help and support with this. We are really happy to announce we have raised an amazing **£535**. This will go to help care for people with cancer.

Our cakes (and doughnuts) were very popular!

Keep an eye out for our next fundraising event, details will follow soon. Many thanks for your continued support.



By Nathan, Year 6



Lunchtime Controller Vacancy

We currently have a vacancy for a Lunchtime Controller in school. The position involves supervising the children while eating lunch and playing outside in the playground. If you are interested in becoming one of our fabulous lunchtime team or if you have any queries, please pop in to the school office to pick up an application form.

School Uniform

It is GREAT to see all the children looking so smart in their school uniforms, please keep it up. However, we do have a few reminders:

- Shoes should be black and with a sensible heel – not trainers or boots.
- Jewellery should not be worn in school. Stud earrings are permitted but must be removed on PE days.
- **All items MUST be named.**

A full list of our school uniform is always available on the school website at www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk, under Information > School Uniform.

Parent & Teacher Meetings

Our Parent & Teacher consultation evenings will be on Monday 13th November from 3.30pm to 5.00pm and Thursday 16th November from 6.00pm to 8.00pm. Letters will be coming home after half term.

Finally, I want every child in this school to achieve more than they ever thought possible, I truly believe that a strong partnership between home and school is essential to achieve this – please keep talking to teachers so we know what is working and what needs to change, we really appreciate your feedback.

Best wishes,

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Our Neighbours

It is important that you always show consideration to our neighbours when you are visiting our school. Whether you are collecting or dropping off your child, spare a thought for the many families who live close by. Please do not cause excessive noise or disrupt our neighbours with inconsiderate parking.



Lost Property

Please make sure that your child's uniform is clearly labelled so that we can unite any lost items with their owner quickly.

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Nut-free School

We are a nut-free school. Please do not send your child to school with any items in their lunchbox that contain nuts or nut products.



Cars on Site

Remember there is no parking on our school site at **any time**. Even if you are just dropping a child off, there is no space on site to do so and it creates a danger for children walking to school if there is unnecessary traffic entering the site. The two large public car parks nearby can be used by parents collecting and dropping off.



Bikes and Scooters

Please ensure all children walk their bikes and scooters while they are on school property. This is to avoid accidents and help keep everyone safe.



Site Safety

Could you please make sure that your children do not use the playground equipment before and after school. Thank you for your continued support.

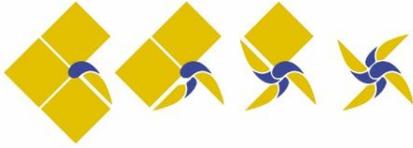
Smoking/Vaping on Site

We have had reports of people vaping on the school site. Please could you refrain from smoking or vaping either on site or by our school gates to show consideration for children and parents alike.

Diary Dates



October 2017	
Monday 23 rd – 27 th	HALF TERM
Monday 30 th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 31 st	Children return to school – doors open at 8.40am
November 2017	
Friday 3 rd	Year 2 Party Planners Dress-Up Day
Tuesday 7 th	Open Morning for FS2 2018 Intake – 9.30am FS2 (Reception) Magic Pebbles – Miss Jones' Class
Wednesday 8 th	FS2 (Reception) Magic Pebbles – Mrs March's Class Year 6 Tag Rugby Match at Whitegrove
Monday 13 th	Parent Teacher Consultation Evening – 3.30pm-5.00pm
Wednesday 15 th	Mr Stapylton's Year 6 Group to British Museum Year 1 Stay & Learn – 9.00am-10.00am
Thursday 16 th	Open Morning for FS2 2018 Intake – 9.30am Parent Teacher Consultation Evening – 6.00pm-8.00pm
Friday 17 th	Year 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country Tournament
Friday 24 th	Dr Phillip Lee MP visiting school – 11.00am
December 2017	
Tues 5 th – Mon 11 th	Book Fair in School
Friday 15 th	Christmas Dinner
Monday 18 th	Carol Concert – 10.00am at St Michael's Easthampstead
Tuesday 19th	END OF TERM – School finishes at 2.15pm
January 2018	
Wednesday 3rd	INSET DAY
Thursday 4th	Start of Spring Term – School starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Wednesday 10 th	Open Morning for FS2 2018 Intake – 9.30am
Friday 12 th	Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Tournament
Tuesday 16 th	Year 3 Maths Make and Take Session
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Feedback Form

Please let us know your thoughts on school life... You can tell us anything, for example:

Well done, I really like...

Please pass on my thanks to...

My child says it is really good when...

I would like more information on...

Can I have some help with...

I am unhappy about...

Please try to improve by...

I can help in the school with...



My child is in Year _____

Name: _____ (optional)