



Great Hollands Primary School

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21st September 2018

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to the start of a new school year! The children have settled into their new classes very well and are showing good behaviour for learning. Well done to everyone and keep up the GREAT work!



Over the next few weeks, we will be holding meetings to update you with expectations for your child's year and ways you can support them. Please make every effort to attend these important meetings, they will be held both in school time and in the evenings too.

We are a listening school. If you have any concerns and questions, you should always communicate with your child's class teacher in the first instance.

We have school leaders who act as phase leaders for the different areas of the school. Phase leaders look after the day to day running of a section of the school. If you have any questions that your child's class teacher is unable to help with, then they will be very happy to help you.

Our phase leaders are:

- **PHASE 1 - Nursery, Reception and Year 1 – Mrs York**
- **PHASE 2 - Years 2 & 3 – Miss Estcourt**
- **PHASE 3 - Year 4, 5 & 6 – Mrs Ajewole**

If you have any concerns regarding special educational needs then please contact Mrs Watson.

Please also see the attached staff list for more information on our staffing structure.

Morning drop off ...

Please help us make morning drop off short and simple.



Doors open at 8:40am and close at 8:50am.

Only children may enter the school building – please allow your child to come in on their own.



Teachers are now running 'Morning Maths' in Years 1-6 in this time slot so if you have a message **please hand in a note** as teachers need to focus on the children in the classroom and not be held up with conversations at the door.

Teachers are very happy to discuss matters with you at the end of the day once the whole class has been dismissed.

Reception Class 2018

Our new reception children have settled in really well and we are so proud of their great behaviour for learning. During the school day, they are playing well with their peers and have already learned to say, read and write some new sounds! In phonics lessons, they are practising these sounds and are using them to have a go at reading and spelling some simple words. This term they are learning about the colours of autumn and we plan to share learning with parents later in the term.

We are looking forward to our family learning maths sessions next week and hope as many of you as possible will be able to come along and share the fun with your child.



Lunchtime Controllers Needed!

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 Photographer

The photographer will be in school next week on Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th September. She will be taking individual photographs on Wednesday and sibling photographs will be taken on Thursday. Children should come into school in correct uniform (including jumper/cardigan).

SAY CHEESE!



School Uniform

It is lovely to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms and we are keen to continue this high standard. Here is a reminder of our uniform for school and PE. All children are expected to wear standard black school shoes.

Our school uniform consists of:

- Grey/black trousers / skirt / smart, tailored shorts
- White polo shirt, preferably with school logo
- School jumper / cardigan with embroidered school logo
- Plain black/grey socks / tights
- Black school shoes with sensible heel: not trainers / boots
- Summer dress – blue and white check
- Plain white socks may be worn with summer dresses
- Hair accessories should be simple and blue or white: Long hair should be tied back
- Sensible sunhat and named water bottle

For PE:

- Plain black/dark blue shorts
- White polo shirt with or without school logo
- Trainers
- A plain black/dark blue tracksuit may be worn on top of standard PE kit for outdoor PE in winter months
- Drawstring PE bag, sensible sunhat and named water bottle

Jewellery:

Jewellery is not permitted in school, except for one pair of simple stud earrings. Please do not get new ear piercings during school term-time, as studs need to be removed for PE days. Watches may be worn and are brought to school at the children's own risk.

It is essential that ALL items of uniform are **CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME**. If we are able to identify the owner of any item we can ensure it is returned to them.

Check you're wearing the correct uniform

UNIFORMatters



School Lunches from September

From the beginning of this term, the cost of a school lunch has increased. The price is now **£2.20** per day and dinners must be paid for in advance.

Please note that school dinners are still being managed, ordered and paid for through the ISS website at www.feedinghungryminds.co.uk and **not** on the ParentPay site.

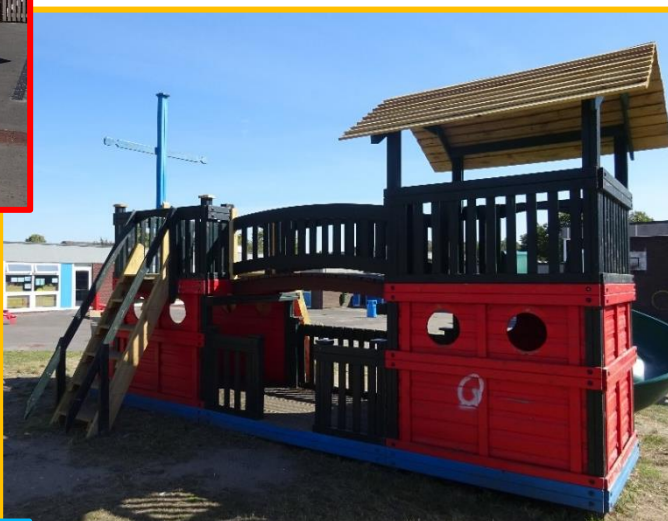
Packed Lunches

Children bringing packed lunches into school are asked not to share their lunch with anyone else. Some children have dietary needs or allergies which means they should not be eating certain foods. If your child brings a packed lunch into school, please remember we are a nut-free school and products containing nuts in any form should not be included in your child's lunchbox.



School Improvement

The work on the playground equipment in Years 1 & 2 has now been completed by Mr Baker and Mr Helyer and was fully funded by our FRoGS PTA. We are sure you will agree that it looks amazing!



The FRoGS are always keen to hear from people who are able to lend a hand with school events. The fundraising they do allows the school to buy and do things that tight budgets don't ordinarily allow for. They run events in school including discos, film nights and school fairs to raise valuable funds for our busy school. All children in all year groups benefit from their fundraising efforts and have a lot of fun when they attend these events.



Being involved with the FRoGS is a great way to meet other parents of the school and be a part of the school community.

If you would like to offer some time to help out with the events run by FRoGS, even if you can only spare an hour or two, you can drop them an email at frogspta@gmail.com or leave your contact details with the school office.

If you have any feedback about our school, please pay a visit to main school reception and collect a feedback form from the carousel. I welcome all feedback, both positive and negative so that we can continue to build a better school together.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

GHPS Staff List – 2018/19

School Leadership Team

Headteacher	Mr R Ferris
Deputy Headteacher	Ms N York
Assistant Headteacher – Inclusion	Mrs N Watson
Assistant Headteacher - Learning	Miss S Ward
Phase 1 Leader (N-Y1)	Ms N York
Phase 2 Leader (Y2-3)	Miss V Estcourt
Phase 3 Leader (Y4-6)	Mrs C Ajewole

Class Structure

Year	Teacher	Support Staff	Inclusion
Foundation Stage 1 am	Miss P Marsh	Mrs C Bird	
Foundation Stage 2	Mrs C Pratt Miss K Kriketou	Miss S Taylor Mrs K Griffin	Mrs L Parry
Year 1	Mrs K Fifield Miss L Hawkins	Mrs D Lindsey Mrs K Malczewska	Ms R Sharp
Year 2	Miss V Estcourt Mrs V Andrew	Mrs A Wheeler Mrs G Graham	Miss S Harrison Mrs R Locker Mrs E Pace
Year 3	Mrs G van der Rest Miss E Smith	Mrs H Sparshott	
Year 4	Miss L Baillie Mr S Phillips	Mrs H Martin	Mrs M Creech Miss R Docherty
Year 5	Miss S Ward Mr R Lee	Mrs S Botley Miss J Brown	
Year 6	Mrs C Ajewole Mrs C Pesani	Mrs M Matthews Mrs S Fallon	
Physical Education	Mr J Roberts		
Teaching Support	Miss K Muir		



Diary Dates



Academic Year 2018/2019

SEPTEMBER 2018

Tuesday 25 th	Reception 'Magic Pebbles' – 1.30pm-3.00pm
Wednesday 26 th	Reception 'Magic Pebbles' – 1.30pm-3.00pm
	School Photos - Individual
Thursday 27 th	School Photos - Siblings

OCTOBER 2018

Monday 1 st	Year 3 Parents Information Meeting – 2.45pm or 6.00pm
Tuesday 2 nd	Year 2 Parents Information Meeting – 2.45pm or 6.00pm
Wednesday 3 rd	Year 3/4 Football Tournament
Wednesday 10 th	Year 1 Maths Game – 1.45pm-3.15pm
Thursday 11 th	Year 1 Maths Game – 1.45pm-3.15pm
Monday 22nd – Friday 26th	HALF TERM
Monday 29th October	INSET DAY
Tuesday 30th October	Children return to school – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am

NOVEMBER 2018

Tuesday 13 th	Year 2 Calculation Skills – 1.45pm-3.15pm
Wednesday 14 th	Year 2 Calculation Skills – 1.45pm-3.15pm
Thursday 15 th	Year 2 Calculation Skills – 1.45pm-3.15pm
Tuesday 20 th	Reception 'Magic Box' – 1.30pm-3.00pm
Thursday 22 nd	Reception 'Magic Box' – 1.30pm-3.00pm

DECEMBER 2018

Thursday 20 th	End of Nursery Term
Friday 21st	End of Autumn Term – school finishes at 2.15pm

JANUARY 2019

Monday 7th	INSET DAY
Tuesday 8th	INSET DAY
Wednesday 9th	Start of Spring Term - School starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Tuesday 15 th	Year 1 'Story Sandwich' – 1.45pm-3.15pm
Wednesday 16 th	Year 1 'Story Sandwich' – 1.45pm-3.15pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Year 3 Calculation Skills – 1.45pm-3.15pm
Wednesday 23 rd	Year 3 Calculation Skills – 1.45pm-3.15pm



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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)