

Issue 1, 25th October 2019

News Round-up

This half term seems to have raced along and it is hard to believe we're already at the end of October.



The children have all settled in to their classes extremely well and have been showing fantastic behaviour for learning across the school.

There have been trips, workshops, and family learning sessions this half term, all of which enhance the children's learning experiences. We thank you for your contributions to these events as they cannot take place without support from parents and carers.

Our sporting teams have also had a busy half term with football and tag rugby tournaments already taking place. All the children who have taken part have shown excellent sportsmanship and GREAT perseverance. Well done everyone!

At the end of this newsletter you will find a list of diary dates for this academic year. We always try to give parents as much advance notice as possible and hope this information is helpful. However, if any of these dates have to be unavoidably changed, we will inform you as soon as we become aware.

CALENDAR

4 th November	Children return to school – doors open at 8.40am, school starts at 8.50am Year 1 Traditional Tales Dress-up Day
5 th November	FRoGS Fireworks Display Gates open at 6.30pm, display begins at 7.30pm
7 th November	Year 5 Viking Workshop and Dress-up Day
8 th November	Year 2 Party Planners Day
12 th November	Parents' Evening – 3.30pm-5.30pm
13 th November	Stonehenge Trip – Mr Stapylton's Group Red Group Family Learning – 'Magic Pebbles' 1.45pm-3.15pm Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement
14 th November	Parents' Evening - 6.00pm-8.00pm Blue & Purple Group Family Learning – 'Magic Pebbles' 1.45pm-3.15pm
15 th November	Nasal Flu Vaccinations, Years R-6 Children in Need – Non-uniform Day
19 th November	Macmillan Cake Sale – 2.30pm in Gold Hall, continuing after school, please send in cake donations for the sale



Advance Notice – Inset Day in January

We hope you all have a relaxing half term, including the inset day on Friday 25th October. Don't forget we also have an inset day on Wednesday 29th January 2020. This date has been set by Maiden Erlegh Trust, across all their schools.

Anti-bullying Poster Competition

You should have received an email last week with details of our anti-bullying poster competition. There are two different competitions, depending on your child's year group. Children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 have been asked to design a poster about kindness and Years 3-6 have been asked to design an anti-bullying poster. Please return all entries to Mrs Watson or Mrs Wise in the school office before the end of school on **Monday 4th November**. Full details can be found on our [Anti-Bullying](#) page on our website.



Starting School September 2020?

Come and see what's new at
Great Hollands Primary School

Open Morning

On Friday 29th November we have our third and final open morning for parents with children who are starting school in September 2020. This is an ideal opportunity to come and view our school and ask

any questions you may have in order to help you decide which school is right for your child. Even if you have older children in school already, we encourage you to come and view our school and find out about our fabulous Reception classes.

School Photos

The deadline for photo orders to be placed in school has now passed, but please be aware that if you were unable to get your order placed in time, you can still order direct from the photographer. You can go to www.imagepartner.co.uk and log in using the reference and password from your photo proof envelope. Orders placed after the deadline will be subject to a £5.00 P&P charge.



House Captains

Our House Point captains have been chosen and the competition is once again well underway. A selection of children from Year 6 wrote speeches to be considered as House Captains for this academic year. The children in Years 3-6 voted for who they wanted to represent their house and the winners for this year are:

Amber – Jayden and Jessica

Ruby – Josh and Beth

Emerald – Rebecca and Archie

Sapphire – Ayman and Lily

Well done to everyone who took part and congratulations to our House Captains!



Macmillan Cake Sale

On **Tuesday 19th November** we will be holding a cake sale in aid of Macmillan. Parents will be able to come in to Gold Hall from 2.30pm. We will be asking for cake donations for us to sell to raise funds on the day. Please look out for a letter with more information coming home soon.

Harvest Celebrations

The children in Reception classes enjoyed sharing some of the things they have been learning about Harvest in their special event for their parents this week. They sang songs and gave a GREAT performance. Parents were then able to visit the classrooms to see the work their children have been creating and to find out more about the activities their children do at school.



Family Learning Sessions

We have had lots of family learning sessions in school already this half term. Parents, carers and children from Nursery, Year 1 and Year 2 have all enjoyed taking part in sessions to help support learning at home. The PowerPoint presentation from each session has been uploaded onto our school website and can be found in the Parents section of the website or by clicking on the following links:

[Year 2 Maths 'Criss-Cross Addition'](#)

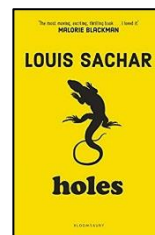
[Year 1 Maths '100 Square'](#)

[Nursery Maths 'Washing Lines'](#)

There will be more family learning sessions in the coming months, we look forward to seeing you there!

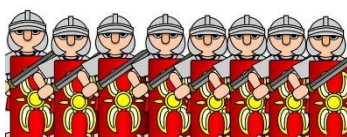
Year 6 Animal Edutainment

On Monday 21st October, Year 6 had an afternoon visit from Animal Edutainment for an animal classification workshop. The children got the opportunity to handle a variety of living things such as a milk snake, geckos and even a tarantula. It wasn't safe to handle all of the creatures, but they did see and learn more about a scorpion and a hedgehog. The children talked about different animal characteristics in order to classify them. One of the most popular creatures was the bearded dragon lizard, which was very similar to the one described in our class book for this term, *Holes* by Louis Sachar.



Year 4 Chiltern Open Air Museum

As part of their topic work looking at life in Roman times, Year 4 enjoyed a chilly visit to Chiltern Open Air Museum earlier this month. They took part in the Roman and Anglo Saxon Experience, learning about what a day would have been like for a Roman and participating in an Anglo Saxon Warrior Workshop.



Frogs News

Firstly, the FRoGS would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents, carers and staff who helped out with our Monster Ball discos yesterday. The event was a huge success and all the children had a fabulous time. There were witches and cats, vampires and skeletons along with many other spooky and scary costumes. We look forward to updating you with our fundraising total during next half term.

Our next event is the **Firework Display on Tuesday 5th November**. We are still looking for helpers for the night, **each person who helps will be entitled to some freebies**, so please get in touch with us if you are able to help out.

We understand that not everyone has had the chance to buy their firework tickets yet and school is now closed for half term. **If you wish to buy tickets and still pay the advance ticket price of £3.50, please email us at frogspta@gmail.com – we can then reserve your tickets for you.**



FRoGS presents,

Great Hollands Primary School

FAMILY FIREWORK DISPLAY

Tuesday 5th November 2019

Gate opens at 630pm.
Fireworks start at 730pm.

Glow Stall

All Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets in advance £3.50 each
Tickets on the night £5.00 each

Advance Tickets on sale
7th October to 23rd October
please give your slips and correct money in at the main reception

BBQ and refreshments on sale

**STRICTLY: NO SMOKING, NO ALCOHOL, NO PETS
NO PERSONAL FIREWORKS or SPARKLERS ON
THE SCHOOL GROUNDS**

The Firework display is designed and set off by a professional fireworks display company.



A Focus on... Sexual Development in Children

As children get older, the way they express their sexual feelings changes. There is no doubt that children are exposed to sexual images at a far younger age and in more places than ever before, including music videos, websites and social media. So it is not surprising that sometimes children's sexual development can seem out of step with their age.

It is important that you have a good idea of what is normal sexual behaviour and can also spot the warning signs if something might not be quite right.

The NSPCC provides information for parents of children of all ages which helps explain what is usual at each stage of development [HERE](#).

We hope you all have a relaxing and safe half-term break and we look forward to seeing everyone back in school and ready to learn on **Monday 4th November**.



Diary Dates



THINKING AND LEARNING TOGETHER, ACHIEVING FOREVER

Academic Year 2019/2020**NOVEMBER 2019**

Monday 4th	Children return to school – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
	Year 1 Traditional Tales Dress-Up Day
Tuesday 5 th	FROGS Firework Display – Gates open at 6.30pm-Fireworks start at 7.30pm
Thursday 7 th	Year 5 Viking Workshop and Dress-up Day
Friday 8 th	Year 2 Party Planners Day
Tuesday 12 th	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Wednesday 13 th	Mr Stapylton's Group visiting Stonehenge
	Red Group Family Learning 'Magic Pebbles' – 1.45pm-3.15pm
	Year 6 Height and Weight Measurement
Thursday 14 th	Blue & Purple Group Family Learning 'Magic Pebbles' – 1.45pm-3.15pm
	Parents' Evening 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Friday 15 th	Nasal Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6
	Year 4, 5 & 6 Cross Country Tournament – letters coming out after half-term
	Children in Need – Non uniform Day
Monday 18 th	Year 1 Trip to South Hill Park Cinema
Tuesday 19 th	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon and Cake Sale – from 2.30pm in Gold Hall, letters coming out after half term
Friday 22 nd	Year 1 & 2 Castles, Knights and Princesses Workshop
Friday 29 th	Reception Open Morning for children starting school in September 2020 - 9.15am, please call to book your place
	Nursery Family Learning: English 'Messy Writing' – 9.00am-10.15am

DECEMBER 2019

Tuesday 10 th	Year 1 Trip to see 'The Bear' at Norden Farm
Thursday 12 th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play – timings TBC
Friday 13 th	Year 1 & 2 Christmas Play – timings TBC
Monday 16 th	Whole School Carol Concert at Easthampstead Church – 10.00am
	Reception Nativity – 2.00pm in Gold Hall
Wednesday 18 th	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day – any jumper is also fine if children do not wish to wear a Christmas one
Thursday 19 th	FROGS Christmas Disco
	Reception, Year 1 & 2 – 4.30pm-5.30pm
	Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6.00pm-7.30pm
Friday 20th	End of Autumn Term – school finishes at 2.15pm

JANUARY 2020	
Monday 6th	Start of Spring Term - School starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Thursday 9 th	Year 6 Fred in the Shed Magic Show – 1.45pm-2.45pm
Friday 17 th	Year 5/6 Indoor Athletics Tournament – timings TBC
Friday 24 th	Year 1 Chinese New Year Celebration Day
Wednesday 29th	INSET DAY
Thursday 30 th	2VE Family Learning: English 'Story Mountain' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
Friday 31 st	2VA Family Learning: English 'Story Mountain' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
FEBRUARY 2020	
Wednesday 12 th	Year 3 Family Learning (Maths) – 9.00am-10.30am
Thursday 13 th	Year 4 Family Learning (Maths) – 9.00am-10.30am FRoGS Valentines Disco Reception, Year 1 & 2 – 4.30pm-5.30pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6.00pm-7.30pm
Monday 17th – Friday 21st	HALF TERM
Monday 24th	Children return to school – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am Year 1 Toy Story Dress-Up Day
Tuesday 25 th	Mr Stapylton's Group visiting Hampton Court
Thursday 27 th	Red Group Family Learning 'Magic Box' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
Friday 28 th	Year 3/4 Indoor Athletics Tournament – timings TBC Purple & Blue Group Family Learning 'Magic Box' – 1.45pm-3.10pm FRoGS Year 1 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
MARCH 2020	
Tuesday 3 rd	Parents' Evening 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Thursday 5 th	Parents' Evening 6.00pm – 8.00pm
Friday 6 th	Year 6 Trip to Ufton Court
Thursday 12 th	Year 5/6 Girls Football Tournament – timings TBC
Tuesday 17 th	Year 5/6 Hockey Tournament – timings TBC
Friday 27 th	FRoGS Year 2 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
APRIL 2020	
Thursday 2 nd	Year 3 Family Learning: Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – 9.00am-10.30am
Friday 3rd	Year 4 Family Learning: Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar – 9.00am-10.30am End of Spring Term, school finishes at 2.15pm
Saturday 11 th	FRoGS Easter Egg Hunt – 10.00am-12.00pm
Monday 20th	Start of Summer Term – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Wednesday 22 nd	Year 1 visit to Mill Pond
Thursday 23 rd	1KF Family Learning: English 'Story Sandwich' – 1.45pm-3.10pm
Friday 24 th	1LH Family Learning: English 'Story Sandwich' – 1.45pm-3.10pm FRoGS Year 3 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm

MAY 2020	
Friday 1 st – Friday 29 th	KS1 SATs Testing
Friday 8th	May Bank Holiday
Monday 11th – Thursday 14th	SATs WEEK
Friday 15 th	Paul Nolan WW2 Author Visit
Tuesday 19 th	Class Photos
Wednesday 20 th	Year 1 Pond Dipping at Pinewood
Friday 22 nd	FRoGS Year 4 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
Monday 25th	Spring Bank Holiday
Tuesday 26th – Friday 29th	HALF TERM
JUNE 2020	
Monday 1st	Children return to school – school starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am
Tuesday 9 th	Year 5/6 Athletics Tournament – timings TBC
Monday 8 th – Friday 26 th	Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Monday 8 th – Friday 12 th	Phonics Screening Check
Wednesday 10 th	FRoGS Great Hollands Got Talent – Round 1 3.30pm-5.30pm
Wednesday 17 th	Year 1 Trip to Marwell Zoo
Thursday 18 th	Year 5 Family Learning 'Transition to Year 6' – 9.00am-10.30am FRoGS Summer Disco Reception, Year 1 & 2 – 4.30pm-5.30pm Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 – 6.00pm-7.30pm
Friday 19 th	Year 6 Family Learning 'Transition to Year 7' – 9.00am-10.30am
Wednesday 24 th	FRoGS Great Hollands Got Talent – Round 2 3.30pm-5.00pm
Friday 26 th	FRoGS Year 5 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm
Tuesday 30 th	Kwik-Cricket Tournament – timings TBC
JULY 2020	
Wednesday 1 st	Transition Day for Year 6 to Secondary Schools
Thursday 2 nd	Transition Day for Year 6 to Secondary Schools Evening viewing of Exhibition 3.30pm – 6.00pm
Friday 3 rd	Nursery Family Learning: Transition to Reception – 9.00am-10.30am AM viewing of School Exhibition 8.00am – 8.45am Y6 to view Exhibition Sports Day (to include Exhibition viewing at lunch time)
Saturday 4 th	FRoGS Summer Fair – 12.00pm-3.00pm
Monday 6 th	Back up Sports Day
Tuesday 7 th	Kwik-Cricket Tournament – timings TBC
Friday 10 th	FRoGS Year 6 Cake Sale – 3.15pm-4.00pm Y6 Graduation 9:15am – 10:15am Y6 Prom – timings TBC
Monday 13 th - Friday 17 th	Year 6 Residential Trip to Condover Hall and Year 6 Activity Week
Thursday 16 th	Nursery last day of Term
Friday 17th	End of Summer Term – school finishes at 2.15pm

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)