



Weekly Update

Friday 9th July

Updates and Information this week...

As we approach the final week of the school year, I would like to share some important updates and information with you all.

Staffing Updates

As we reach the end of term, it is time for us to say a fond farewell to staff who will be moving on to pastures new. I am sure you will want to join with me in wishing them all the best for their future plans.

Miss Kriketou will be leaving us to take on a new challenge at a school in the Reading area and we wish her well on her new adventures. **Mr Phillips** and **Mrs Botley** will be leaving us after 9 and 16 years at GHPS respectively. Both have been key members of our team over the years and I would like to thank them on your behalf for all they have done to support the children, many of whom will now be adults in their own right. We also have to say goodbye to **Mr Roberts** who has unfortunately been unwell since the start of the year and will be leaving us to focus on his health. Many of the children will have had wonderful memories of PE, clubs and tournaments led by Mr Roberts over the past 2 decades and we are hugely thankful for all he has done, not least for all the residential trips he has organised over the years. We obviously wish him the very best for a speedy and full recovery. If any parents wish to pass on any messages or cards they can do so through the main school office and we will ensure they get to the correct recipient.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate **Mrs Kalampaliki** on her appointment as Reception class teacher from September 2021. She has been a dedicated member of our EYFS team for the past few years and is looking forward to her new role with GREAT enthusiasm.

Meeting new teacher

On Monday 12th July, the children will have a short session to meet their new class teachers. This will be undertaken in a socially distanced way as we recognise it to be an important part of the children's transition before the end of the school year.

This can be an exciting and anxious time for children and I would like to emphasise that a considerable amount of thought, effort and time is devoted to organising the new classes, and we do not accommodate parental requests for particular teachers or classes. As classes change most years, children are able to make new connections whilst still seeing old friends at break and lunch, we believe that being able to manage change is an important life skill.

School Uniform and Jewellery Reminder

During the past few months we have been very understanding about the varied situations of our families and the difficulties faced by some in purchasing the correct school uniform items for their children. However, when we return in September, we would again like to ensure our high standards of uniform and will expect all children to be in full school uniform in the autumn term. Full details of our uniform, including suitable footwear, accessories and rules regarding jewellery can be found on our [website](#) and also later on in this newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support and have a lovely weekend.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Attendance Stars



Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1st Place – **Kestrels (100%)**

2nd Place – Foxes (99%)

3rd Place – Hedgehogs and Hawks (97.9%)



Year 6 Activity Week

The children in Year 6 will be enjoying their end of term activities all next week, which includes their prom, graduation ceremony, picnic, water day and much more! Parents of all our Year 6 children should have already received letters containing full details for the week and these can also be found on our [Parent Letters](#) page.

If you have any questions about the activities week, please get in touch with your child's class teacher or a member of the Year 5/6 team.

Summer Reading Challenge 2021 Launches Tomorrow!



Go wild for reading with the Summer Reading Challenge!

For this year's challenge, The Reading Agency has partnered with WWF to create 'Wild World Heroes'. Designed to inspire children to explore ways of helping to save the planet, with a focus on taking action for nature and tackling real-world environmental issues, from plastic pollution and deforestation to wildlife decline and nature loss. Through taking part in the Challenge, children will be able to join the Wild World Heroes to help solve some of these threats, learning about the importance of the environment while helping to restore nature levels in the neighbourhood of 'Wilderville'.

With exclusive incentives to collect and plenty of brilliant books to enjoy, the Challenge is the perfect summer activity to build young readers' skills and confidence during the long break from school. The Challenge is available in libraries this summer. Children can also take part online through the digital Challenge platform www.wildworldheroes.org.uk

Libraries will be holding a number of events throughout the summer holidays including author visits, craft sessions and creative writing workshops. Regular updates are shared on their [website](#).

Grab-a-Jab in Bracknell Town Centre

Are you 18 years or over and yet to receive your first job? Have you previously declined the job but have now changed your mind?

A Covid-19 vaccination pop-up unit will be situated in Union Square (near to Primark) between Friday 9 July and Monday 12 July.

Simply turn up between noon and 7.00pm to 'grab-a-jab'. No appointment or ID is necessary, just your name and address. *Please note that this service is for first doses only.*

Getting vaccinated means we can get back to what we want to be doing and protect our community. More information can be found by clicking on the following link:

<https://www.frimleyccg.nhs.uk/news/95-bracknell-forest/329-grab-a-jab-in-bracknell-s-town-centre>

Our School Uniform

We are proud of how smart the children at Great Hollands Primary look in their school uniform, thank you for your support in making this a success at our school.

If you are buying new shoes for school, please make sure they are **STANDARD SCHOOL SHOES**, not trainers or boots. Children not in the correct uniform stand out and this can make them feel uncomfortable. It is also unfair for the children to have to keep explaining to adults in school why they are not in the correct uniform, so please help us avoid this by making sure your child is in the correct uniform.

Here is a reminder of our uniform for **School** and **PE**. Please remember that we expect children to wear **standard black school shoes**.

School Uniform

- 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 or 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 tied back
- Sensible sunhat and water bottle
- **All** items must be **named**



PE Uniform

- Plain black / dark blue shorts
- White polo or T- 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 water bottle
- **All** items must be **named**

Jewellery / Make up / Fashion Accessories are not permitted in school, with the exception of 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 on non-PE days and are brought to school at the children's own risk.

As the children wear school uniform and articles of clothing are almost identical, **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT ALL ITEMS, INCLUDING SOCKS/TIGHTS AND HATS, ARE CLEARLY MARKED WITH THE CHILD'S NAME.**

Uniform can be ordered online at www.brigadeuniformdirect.uk.com

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21st July to 27th August



Activities include...

Go Karts, Drama, Rounders, Science, Golf, Uni Hoc, Cricket, Arts & Crafts, Lego, Football, Crossbow Challenge, Relays, Water Play, Space Hoppers, Obstacle Challenge, Building Bonanza, Big Chief, Hama Time, Parachute Games, Paint Party, Nature Fun. Plus many more!

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Open each weekday between
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