



# Weekly Update

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

## Important Updates This Week

### Google Classroom

This week, parents of children in Years 1-6 who haven't already joined their new Google Class should have received an email containing their child's login information for Google Classroom and their new class code.

Although we are in school and learning with the children face to face, it is important that we are prepared for any eventuality and we make sure our online learning platform is ready to use.



Bearing this in mind, please sign your child into their new classroom using this information as soon as possible. If you are having any issues with Google Classroom, Mrs Wise can be contacted directly via email to [ghpsgoogleclassroom@maidenerleghtrust.org](mailto:ghpsgoogleclassroom@maidenerleghtrust.org) and she will do her best to help resolve any issues.

Some common issues can be caused by the following:

- Our classrooms are secure and can only be accessed using an email address provided by us – this will end in [@maidenerleghschools.co.uk](mailto:@maidenerleghschools.co.uk)
- Make sure you are logged in to the correct google account by clicking on the circle at the top right-hand corner of the screen. Google doesn't automatically log you out so it's important you are using the right account.

Parents of Reception children will receive their login information early next week, along with details of how to login and join a class for the first time.

Please remember we are here to help – if you need support with Google Classroom, or have any questions, please get in touch and we'll do our best to support you!

### Children in Need

Thank you for supporting our recent non-uniform day for Children in Need. I'm happy to announce that we raised a fantastic £280 for the charity. Well done everyone!



### Farewell to Mrs Bird

Today we say goodbye to Mrs Bird in our Early Years team. She has been an important part of our Nursery for a number of years and she will be greatly missed by us all. We wish her and her family every happiness and success for their future adventures.

Thank you for your continued support.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'R Ferris'.

**Richard Ferris**  
Headteacher



### Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

1<sup>st</sup> Place – Badgers (99.6%)

2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Tigers (99.2%)

3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Panthers and Lions (98.1%)



### House Points

House points have been totaled up across the school and the winners this week are **RUBY** with **150** house points! Well done to everyone in Ruby, GREAT work!

### Messages from the School Office

When coming to school in the morning, can you please check that the gates are closed before bringing children round to the office. We have been having several children coming in while the gates are still open.

The gates close at 8.50am, so please help us reduce congestion around our busy office in the morning by checking the gates first – thank you!

### HAF Scheme over Christmas Holiday

The Holiday Activities and Food Programme will be running again during the Christmas holiday period. Children who are in receipt of Benefits Related Free School Meals will receive 4 HAF e-vouchers, which can be used to book up to 16 hours attendance with a holiday club provider taking part in HAF, subject to availability.

If you think you may be eligible to receive free school meals and you are not yet registered, please visit the Bracknell Forest website's [Free School Meals Page](#).

### Dates for your Diary

Please note the following upcoming dates in our calendar:

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December @ 2.00pm** – EYFS Nativity Performance

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December** – Festive Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> December** – Last day of Autumn Term

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> January** – Children return to school

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> January @ 9.15am** - Open Event for Parents with children starting school in September 2022 ([click here for more information](#))

### Mini Winter Challenge from the Library

The Wild World Heroes are back with the Winter Mini Challenge. Join them as they embark on an Arctic adventure to find out about the creatures that live there.

Taking part in the Winter Mini Challenge is simple. Children can read at least three books between **1<sup>st</sup> December** and **16<sup>th</sup> January** and add them to their online profile at [www.wintermini.org.uk](http://www.wintermini.org.uk) to unlock the special virtual badge and certificate.

## Holiday, After School & Breakfast Care for children aged 4-13



### Apply Today for FREE Holiday Club Sessions at KOOSA Kids KOOSA Kids Birch Hill School Christmas Holiday Club

We are delighted to inform you that KOOSA Kids Christmas Holiday Club at Birch Hill Primary School will be offering a number of **FREE** holiday club places, as part of **Bracknell Forest Council's Holiday Activities & Food Programme** this Christmas, funded by the Department for Education.

**Your children are invited to a four-day festive get together from 20th to 23rd December**

The free (and fun-packed) holiday provision will include a **healthy, hot lunch** and **enriching activities**; eligible for children aged 4-13, who are in school, and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

Apply for up to 2 **FREE** sessions per child this Christmas (10.00am to 6.00pm). To register your interest, simply complete our **online form** by **Friday 26th November** and select your **FREE** Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) sessions. You will be asked to provide 2 HAF Activity Codes per child, per activity day.

By completing the form, you will automatically be added to our waiting list. **We will confirm which sessions we are able to offer you by Friday 10th December.** Please note, places are limited and we may not be able to offer you all sessions requested.



### HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

- Apply for up to 2 **FREE** sessions per child this Christmas
- Eligible for children aged 4-13 who are in school and in receipt of benefits-related free school meals
- **Healthy, hot lunch** & fun, active holiday club activities included (visit our [website](#) for more information on our holiday club activity programme)
- **FREE** sessions provided on behalf of Bracknell Forest Council's Holiday Activities & Food Programme
- Ofsted registered, fun-packed high quality holiday club childcare



This opportunity is provided as part of the government's expanded Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) programme being delivered across Bracknell Forest Council. The scheme is supported by Bracknell Forest Council and is funded by the Department for Education.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION,  
CALL 01276 21884 OR EMAIL [INFO@KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK](mailto:INFO@KOOSAKIDS.CO.UK)**



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REQUIRED  
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## GREAT HOLLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL OPEN EVENTS

### OUR OPEN DAYS:

Tuesday at 9.15am  
28 September 2021

Wednesday at 9.15am  
20 October 2021

Thursday at 6.00pm  
25 November 2021

Friday at 9.15am  
07 January 2022



We warmly invite you to attend one of our virtual open events to find out what makes us so proud of our school.

Nearly 90% of children leave Early Years being confident readers and our Year 6 pupils leave school outperforming their peers nationally – come and find out why.

You will be able to meet school leaders and have a virtual tour through our well-resourced teaching and learning provision.

Our skilled and dedicated Early Years team will be on hand to answer questions and help you in making this hugely important decision for your child.

Booking is essential for these popular events. If you are interested in attending, please click **'HERE'** to reserve a place. Alternatively, you can call our school office on 01344 424 911.

For more information about Great Hollands Primary School, please visit our website, [www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk](http://www.greathollandsprimary.co.uk).



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# A Xmas Star Extravaganza

Thursday 9 December, 4.30 - 6pm  
Princess Square, Bracknell

A FESTIVE MUSIC AND DANCE PERFORMANCE FEATURING:

FATHER CHRISTMAS | THE GRINCH | BUDDY THE ELF | SCROOGE  
PC IAIN & PC JIM | CRUELLA DEVILLE | FESTIVE MINI & MORE

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## BAFC GIRLS U11 FOOTBALL TRIALS NOW OPEN!

BAFC U11s are recruiting **GIRLS** who are in current **SCHOOL YEAR 6** to come and play for their team.

Join us to learn **THE GAME**, keep fit, make new friends & have lots of **FUN!**

You will be technically trained by **FA approved coaches**.

Trials will run through **December/January**.

**INTERESTED OR KNOW SOMEONE?  
BOOK YOUR TRIAL SESSION NOW!**

Contact Nick Waterton on email: [nwaterton\\_41@hotmail.com](mailto:nwaterton_41@hotmail.com)  
or call on: **07973 687 640**



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