



Weekly Update

Friday 10th December



Christmas and End of Term Updates

It's hard to believe we're at the end of another term already, but here we are, with one week left in school before the holidays. Although we must make some adjustments to arrangements to keep us all safe, I am sure the children will enjoy the celebrations in school.

Christmas Jumper Day

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day will be raising money this year for Daisy's Dream and Alexander Devine Children's Hospice in Maidenhead. The day will be held on Wednesday 15th December to coincide with our school Christmas lunch. Children will be able to come into school wearing a festive jumper in place of their school one for a donation of £1. A festive jumper could be a Christmas one or equally it can be a normal jumper with seasonal decorations. Please send in your donation of £1 with your child on the day.



Christmas Lunch

You should have received an email this week with details of our Christmas lunch. Ordering for this day can only be done by completing and returning the envelopes sent home this week and they must be returned by Monday 13th December. If you have any questions or concerns, please get in touch with the school office.

Christmas Performances

This year we will again record our festive performances to share with you electronically, rather than inviting parents and carers into a crowded hall inside the school. This year there will be a Christmas video from each class in KS1 and also a Christmas Nativity from the Early Years children too!



Christmas Activities

Each year the children have a Christmas party or Christmas activity session, and this year we will be able to continue to do this. Each phase will have an activity session, where they can enjoy some festive fun.

Please note that we will **not** be asking for any food contributions or asking the children to bring in a change of clothes this year.

Early Finish on the Last Day of Term including After School Club

Our last day of term will be Friday 17th December and school will finish for all pupils at the earlier time of 2.15pm.

Please note that our After School Club will also close one hour earlier on the last day of term and all children will need to be collected by 4.45pm.



Thank you for your continued support.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher



Attendance Stars



Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Tigers (98.8%)
- 2nd Place – Leopards (98%)
- 3rd Place – Foxes (97.4%)



House Points

House points have been totaled up across the school and the winners this week are **AMBER** with **236** house points! Well done to everyone in Amber, GREAT work!

Important Reminder – Dropping off and Collecting Children

Please remember that all children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 must be brought to and collected from their classroom doors by an adult or person over the age of 16.

Winners in the 'Name a Waste Collection Lorry' Competition

We were delighted to find out this week that some of the name suggestions from our pupils were chosen in the competition to name Bracknell Forest's new waste collection vehicles.

Well done to **Charlotte in Lions** class for her winning suggestion of **Trash Gordon**.

Well done also to **Alex in Hawks** class who suggested the name **Munch** which has been chosen to be put on one of the new food waste collection vehicles arriving next year.

We are hoping to receive a visit in the new year from the lorries at school once they have their names written on them. Well done and thank you to everyone who sent in their suggestions.

Holiday Activities and Food Programme

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, the Holiday Activities and Food Programme will be running again during the Christmas holiday period for children in receipt of benefit-related free school meals.

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:

Monday 13th December – Deadline to return Christmas Lunch Ordering Envelopes

Wednesday 15th December – Festive Jumper Day and School Christmas Lunch

Thursday 16th December – Last day of Nursery Term

Friday 17th December – Last day of Autumn Term – school finishes at 2.15pm

Tuesday 4th January – Children return to school

Wednesday 5th January – Nursery children return to school

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

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**



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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.



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Play Football



The perfect way for girls aged 5-11 to get involved with football



TIME AND DATE

Saturday - 11:30 - 12:30

LOCATION

Garth 3G pitch, located next to the Lexicon

NEXT STEPS

Head to thefa.com/WeetabixWildcats to book on to a session, or for more info contact us via: girlsfootball@berkscountyfc.com



Crowthorne FC Under 9's Free Training Sessions

Crowthorne are looking for player to join and expand our club!

We are currently looking for 8 and 9 year olds for the 22/23 Season.

We are currently holding **FREE TRAINING SESSIONS** for those who would be interested, regardless of ability or experience

Please contact Joe on -
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