



Weekly Update

Friday 21st January

Updates This Week

This week we have enjoyed getting right back into the swing of things with the children all thriving with their learning.

I am so proud to see how our pupils show the GREAT values in all they are doing. As a reminder these are Generosity, Resilience, Empowerment, Ambition and Teamwork.

We are GREAT Hollands	
Our GREAT Expectations	Our GREAT Values
We are kind and caring	Generosity
We learn from our mistakes	Resilience
We improve our school	Empowerment
We always try our best	Ambition
We treat others with respect	Teamwork

As an insight into our school culture, I want you to know that all of our classes operate as a calm and purposeful environment. As I tour the school it is clear that no learning time is wasted and the children are all actively engaged and focussed on enjoying their lessons. External visitors repeatedly describe our school as a calm and purposeful learning environment. This is not an easy thing to achieve – but I'm happy to say it is one of our many strengths.

We are continuing our focus on recovery from the pandemic, it has all been about learning in the classroom and continuing to equip our children with all the skills they need to succeed.



However, this is currently a real challenge with high levels of staff absences – I would like to say a huge thank you to the staff that support your children as they have yet again gone above and beyond – often doubling their workload to ensure your child still gets the very best. I hope you will join me in thanking them for their dedication to our school.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

Parent and Teacher Meetings



Don't forget to book your appointment for our parent and teacher meetings on **Tuesday 1st and Thursday 3rd February**. The booking system is still open and will remain so until 5.00pm on Friday 28th January.

If you have been unable to book your appointment and still wish to do so, please get in touch with the school office as soon as possible.

Parent and teacher meetings for Nursery children will take place later in the term.

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.





Attendance Stars



Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1st Place – Tigers (97.0%)
- 2nd Place – Foxes (93.6%)
- 3rd Place – Leopards (93.5%)

House Points

House points have been totaled up across the school and the winners this week are **SAPPHIRE** with **219** house points! Well done to everyone in Sapphire, GREAT work!

School-Home Communication



We regularly send out letters and important updates to parents/carers via email so it is important that we have your correct contact information. If you are not currently receiving emails from the school, please do let us know so we can check the details we hold for you.

As well as our regular whole school Weekly Update, parents of Nursery and Reception children also have a regular newsletter containing information about the children's learning. These can be found on the Year Group Letters pages [here](#).

Google Classroom

Although we strive to make sure our school stays fully open, the possibility remains of having to switch to remote learning at very short notice.

Thank you to everyone who has already joined their new classroom for this year. If you still have not logged in and joined your child's new class, please do so as soon as possible to ensure that we are all prepared for any eventuality that may arise.

If you need assistance, please email Mrs Wise at: ghpsgoogleclassroom@maidenerleghtrust.org

Contact details of support services for parents of pupils with SEN

The Information, Advice and Support Service (IASS) provides free, confidential, and impartial advice and information to support parents/carers and children and young people who have, or may have, Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) in Bracknell Forest. You can contact IASS by email IASS@bracknell-forest.gov.uk or by telephone (01344 354011).

They also have a dedicated website where you can find a range of information and factsheets relating to SEN at www.bracknellforestiass.co.uk.



Thinking and Learning Together
Achieving Forever



We are delighted with the outcome of our recent Ofsted inspection. This is what Ofsted said about us:

"Relationships between pupils and adults are a strength of the school"

"The headteacher, senior leaders and Maiden Erlegh Trust have transformed the school"

"All staff have high expectations of pupils' behaviour and are consistent in their approach"

"Pupils love learning 'new things' and work hard to meet teachers' high expectations"

"Parents and carers are full of praise for the support each pupil receives"

"Pupils have good attitudes to learning and learn how to take responsibility for themselves and their behaviour"

WE WELCOME VISITS FROM PROSPECTIVE FAMILIES

Ofsted said that Great Hollands Primary School is a "great place to learn".

Arrange a school visit to find out why.



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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!

HAVE FUN ★ MAKE FRIENDS ★ SMILE 😊

The magical journey of a lifetime



*Celebrate with Great Hollands Library
a magical hour of fun, crafts and
wizarding wonder.*

*Wednesday 2nd February
5.30-6.30pm*

Costumes encouraged but optional

Booking required call 01344 424095 – limited numbers

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