



# Weekly Update

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March

## Updates This Week

### A GREAT Big Thank You!

As you will be aware, we again had extremely high levels of staff absence last week, which has meant that once again our amazing team have been working harder than ever to keep classes open and make sure all the children continue to receive the best possible education.



While staffing levels have improved this week, we have still had a considerable number of staff unable to come into school. As the situation gradually gets better, I would like to take this opportunity to again express my heartfelt thanks to each and every member of my school team.

Every area of the school, without exception, has been affected by staff absence and everyone, from lunchtime controllers to senior leaders have stepped in to help in whichever area they are needed, in any way they can. This is just one of the many things that makes our school such an amazing place to be and I am privileged to lead such a dedicated and caring team of exceptional professionals.

I would also like to acknowledge the huge difference that your kind words of support make to the whole school team. Whether it's a quick word at the classroom door, an email sent to the office or a telephone call, it really does raise the staff's spirits and we appreciate the support we continue to receive from our incredible school community.

### Red Nose Day

We all had a brilliant day last week for Red Nose Day, our online ParentPay page for donations is still active and will remain so until next Friday - [ParentPay Red Nose Day Page](#). Look out for the total raised to be announced in a future newsletter!

### GREAT Fundraising!

We've learned this week that Ynette in Year 5 has been doing her bit to help try and raise money for the people of Ukraine. She has managed to raise £56.00 by selling brownies, which is absolutely amazing (and they look delicious too). Well done, Ynette!



Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

**Richard Ferris**  
**Headteacher**



### Attendance Stars

Classes with the highest attendance this week:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Place – Falcons (99.3%)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Badgers (98.6%)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Hedgehogs (94.1%)



### House Points

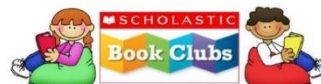
House points have been totaled up across the school and the winners this week are **AMBER** with **143** house points! Well done to everyone in Ruby, GREAT work!



### Reminder – End of Spring Term

Don't forget that when we finish school for the Easter break on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April, the children will finish at the earlier time of 2.15pm. This also means that after school club will finish an hour earlier, at 4.45pm on that day.

### Scholastic Book Club Online Shop



Our Scholastic Book Club will close in less than a week! Please make sure you go online to have a look at the fantastic range of books and offers available. You pay for your order online and the books you have chosen are then delivered to school, with no delivery cost.

Our school page can be found at <https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/schools/great-hollands/digital-book-club>

When you visit the page, you will then:

- Choose the age range you are buying books for, browse the shop and click the green 'Buy' icon to add to your basket
- When you go through the checkout, choose our school to add your purchase to the school group order and click the 'Dispatch order to school' option.
- You will receive a confirmation email from Scholastic and when we receive the books in school, we will send them home with your child.

Each purchase via the online link will earn us rewards so we can purchase lots of new, exciting books for the children to enjoy.

**Please place all orders online by 31<sup>st</sup> March 2022**

### Bracknell Libraries Jubilee Digital Art Competition

Bracknell Libraries are looking for some very special art to mark a very special occasion. Not only will all contestants have their work shown as part of the Jubilee display at Bracknell Library, but the winners' art will be used in promotional posters and specially printed bookmarks. Prizes include art supplies and therapy colouring books donated by Ryman and Waitrose.

**Closing Date – 10<sup>th</sup> April 2022**

Full details including image size, format and other competition terms and conditions can be found at: <https://www.bracknell-forest.gov.uk/council-and-democracy/queens-platinum-jubilee-2022/platinum-jubilee-competitions>



## FRIDAY NIGHT CLUB

FOR 5 -10 YEAR OLDS  
FORTNIGHTLY ON FRIDAYS @ 4PM  
ONLINE AND FACE TO FACE TIMETABLED

FOR CHILDREN WHO ARE DIAGNOSED OR ON THE WAITING  
LIST FOR DIAGNOSIS FOR AUTISM AND/OR ADHD

To join call GEMS on 0800 999 1342 or  
Email [gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net)



GEMS offers information and support to parents and carers of children with autism and ADHD within East Berkshire.

# Workshops & Courses...

## What's coming Up in April 2022

### High Alert - When Anxiety Strikes

**Thurs 7th April at 10am to 12pm (Bracknell)**

What to do when worries take over. We take a look at what causes anxiety and some tried and tested strategies to tackle it.

### NAS: Teen Life

**Tues 26th April at 10am to 12.30pm (Slough)**

A course for parents and carers of children with autism aged between 10-16.

Discussing strategies and sharing ideas about how to communicate with and support young people with autism.

### NAS: Early Bird Plus

**Wed 27th April at 10am to 12.30pm (Slough)**

A course for parents and carers of children with autism aged 4-9.

The programme aims to promote joined up approaches between home and school for children with autism, by encouraging parent and carers to attend the sessions with others who are working regularly with their child.

### Girls and Autism

**Thurs 28th April at 10am to 12pm (Slough)**

A look at the behaviours and challenges that may be experienced by girls with autism.

To book onto any of the below workshops please contact GEMS on:  
0800 999 1342 or [gems.4health@nhs.net](mailto:gems.4health@nhs.net)







**Thursdays, 10 Feb; 17 Mar; 28 Apr;  
12 May; 23 Jun; 7 Jul 2022**

### **Community Parent/Carer Support Group, Bracknell.**

A support group for family members who have children/young people with additional needs living within the Community of Bracknell.

A safe and supportive space for sharing experiences and gaining support with the unique challenges faced by families of children with additional needs.

Each session will include a half hour talk about being a parent of a child with additional needs. The remainder of the session will be for discussion of the topic and social support time.

**Topic: TBC.**

#### **DATE & TIME**

See above for dates  
12.30pm-2.30pm

#### **VENUE**

Great Hollands Community  
Centre, The Square,  
Great Hollands, Bracknell  
RG12 8UX  
Hall 2

#### **COST**

FREE  
(Refreshments provided)

#### **BOOKING & INFORMATION**

Charlie Taylor  
07810 689679  
[charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk](mailto:charlie@parentingspecialchildren.co.uk)

**Children welcome under parent supervision  
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## **EASTER WONDERLAND FUN WEEK**

MULTI SPORTS, PERFORMING ARTS, ARTS & CRAFTS, NERF WARS,  
LASER TAG, BOUNCY CASTLE, ESPORTS & MORE!

**WEEK 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April**

**WEEK 2: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April**



#### **Location**

Fox Hill Primary School,  
Pondmoor Road, Bracknell RG12 7JZ

**9.30am – 4.30pm**

Early drop off from 8am, late pick-up until 6pm

**COMPLIANT  
WITH COVID-19  
GOVERNMENT  
GUIDELINES**

OPEN TO CHILDREN AGED 5 (SCHOOL YEAR 1) - 12

**FROM £21.00 PER DAY!**

Additional costs for early drop off & late pick up  
discounts for siblings & full week booking - please see booking page for details

**We accept Childcare Vouchers, Tax-Free Childcare & we are OFSTED registered!**

Please bring: Lunch, Snacks, Waterproof Kit & A Refillable Drinks Bottle

For more information,  
call 01344 508008 or email [info@play-sport.co.uk](mailto:info@play-sport.co.uk)  
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