



It has been lovely to welcome everyone back into school over the past couple of weeks. The children have settled into their new classes very quickly and have been making new friendships and rekindling old ones. They are all showing excellent behaviour for learning and a real determination to do their very best. What an incredible start to the new school year.

Welcome to our New Families

Ms York, myself and the EYFS team have really enjoyed meeting the new children and their families in Reception and Nursery. This is a very exciting time for them all as they begin their learning journey with us, we are delighted to welcome them into our GREAT school community. They are learning the routines and rules for their new class and are picking up things very quickly. Thank you for all your support in helping them settle in so well!

School Uniform and Jewellery Reminder

The children look fantastic and very smart in their school uniforms. Please remember that full details of our uniform, including suitable footwear, accessories and rules regarding jewellery can be found on our [website](#) for easy reference. In particular, jewellery, make-up and fashion accessories are not permitted in school, **except for one pair of simple stud earrings, which should be removed for PE days.**

It is also essential that ALL items are clearly named, even socks, tights, and hats, so that we can reunite lost property with the owner.



Updated Information for 2022-23

The most up to date information can always be found on our website and we hope you find this useful. In particular, we would like to draw your attention to the following:

- Our term dates for this year are available on our website: [Term Dates 2022-23](#)
When booking holidays for next year, please bear in mind that we are unable to authorise leave of absence requests for family holidays, and unauthorised absences will trigger a parental fine from the Local Authority. If you need to complete a leave of absence form, please contact the school office.
- Our staff list for this year can be found here: [Our Staff 2022-23](#)

We will also soon be sending out a complete list of dates for this academic year, although we have included some notable ones in this newsletter.

Wishing you all a lovely week ahead.

Richard Ferris
Headteacher

SAY CHEESE!



School Photographs

Our photographer was in school today taking the children's pictures and she will be back on Thursday 22nd September to take photos with siblings in school.

Nasal Flu Immunisations

We have received notification from the School-aged Immunisation Team that they will be coming to school on 16th November to offer the nasal flu vaccine to all our pupils. Consent forms and further details will be sent out nearer the time.

Parent's Evenings

Our first parent's evenings will be on 3rd and 6th October 2022 and these will be online meetings as we have held previously. Further information, including when the appointments booking portal will go live, will be shared nearer the time.

Fundraising Update – July 2022

We're delighted to share with you the final figures for our school fundraising at the end of the summer term.

Our Book Fair raised an incredible £596.08, which translates to a fantastic £297.65 for our school to spend on new books for the children to enjoy.

The Year 1/2 Cake Sale, in support of the RNLI after their trip to Littlehampton, raised £170 (and also gave us all the opportunity to enjoy some delicious cakes!)

Well done to everyone involved in these events. Year 6 will be holding a cake sale very soon so please do look out for details!

Asthma Coffee Morning – 12th October 2022

Does your child suffer with wheeze when they have a cough or cold? Have they been told they have Asthma? Are you unsure what any of this means?

The Paediatric Respiratory Nursing Team from Frimley Health, along with your local School Nursing Team are offering a parent/carers drop in session and would like to invite you along to meet the team, other parents and to learn more about your child's symptoms.

The session will be held on 12th October 2022 in Gold Hall, straight after school drop off in the morning. This is an informal chat where you will have the chance to speak to the team about any questions you may have.

If you would like to attend, please contact Miss Best in the school office to confirm your space.

Parking at pick up and drop off

Please do continue to be mindful of our neighbours and do not park your car in Cunworth Court or any other residential area when coming to our school.

It causes unnecessary upset for people living nearby when parents of our pupils' park in residents' bays and block access for them. We are very fortunate to have two large public car parks very close to our school, please use these and not the residential car parks. Thank you!



School Nursing Team Referrals

The School Nursing Team now have a new online system for referrals and parents are now able to refer their children directly using their online form, or you can use the QR code.

<https://forms.office.com/r/zJnRdNYst6>



Reading FC Fixtures – Discounted Tickets for GHPS Families

We are once again happy to be working with Reading Football Club as part of their schools and grassroots program to offer discounted tickets at some of their fixtures for 2022-23.

The first of these will be **Reading FC vs Huddersfield Town** on **Saturday 1st October at 3.00pm** at the Select Car Leasing Stadium. Ticket prices are as follows:

12 and under: £1

17 and under: £3

18 to 24: £5

65 and over: £5

Adult: £10

This offer applies to tickets in the Eamonn Dolan Stand blocks and Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand and availability is limited.

The second match will be our first ever schools and grassroots fixture for Reading FC Women.

Reading Women vs Leicester City Women on **Sunday 30th October at 2.00pm** at the Select Car Leasing Stadium. Ticket prices are as follows:

12 and under: £1

17 and under: £2

18 to 24: £3

65 and over: £3

Adult: £5

This offer applies to tickets in the blocks Y19/Y20 of the Sir John Madejski Stand only.

To redeem, please visit <https://ticketing.readingfc.co.uk> and enter the unique coupon code **#GreatHollandsPrimary** in the basket once you have logged in and selected your tickets. Please note that availability is limited, so please act swiftly to avoid disappointment. Any questions should be directed to sales@readingfc.co.uk or by telephone to 0118 968 1313.

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