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14th June 2024

Aspiring to be our best with kindness, respect and faith

News & Highlights

It's the end of another very hectic Friday! Year 2 had a wonderful time at Whipsnade Zoo (although I suspect it was a bit colder and wetter there than they would have hoped for in the middle of June), and we welcomed the 'Preschool Dads' into class this morning for a 'stay and play' session in honour of Father's Day. Year 3 went to Holmer Green for a cricket festival...I'm not sure how much cricket was played, however...

Elsewhere in school this week, we have been getting the blood pumping first thing in the mornings with the daily mile, Year 6 have been working hard rehearsing for their end of year play, and Year 3 did a fantastic job with their class assembly on Thursday – I'll be singing 'Three Little Birds' all weekend! Well done, everyone!

We have had a lot of items such as forest school kit, swimming kit and sports kit brought into the school office by parents this week – after the children have already been dropped off. Whilst we always strive to get this to them as quickly as we can, it is not always possible for us to do this straight away. Please try to encourage your children to remember everything they need for the school day.

Gardening Club welcomed a special guest to their session this week – Mrs Garner popped along for the grand unveiling of the GKCS Bee Café, which has officially opened alongside the MUGA (photos of which can be seen on Class Dojo). I have it on good authority that bees and other insects will be able to pre-book their meals at the café; more to follow on this once Mrs Foy and Mrs Little have liaised with ParentPay.

Next week, we will be welcoming our new Reception children and their parents for the annual 'Teddy Bears' Picnic', Year 2 are next with their class assembly, and we have the discos after school on Friday.

Have a lovely weekend. If you are a football fan, enjoy the start of the Euros! And Happy Father's Day to all our dads!

Mr Hoddell

Parking Reminder

Please be aware that some residents of Cryers Hill Lane have complained that a few parents are blocking driveways when they drop off and collect. We politely request that parents are considerate to our neighbours; we do appreciate that parking is difficult sometimes.

Also, just a reminder that there is no parking in the front school car park at any time during the school day, unless you have permission from the Headteachers.

Thank you for your understanding.

GKCS PTA EGM



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Emergency General Meeting (EGM)

Wednesday 10th July 2024

7:30pm in School

Dear Parents,

Due to the current Chairperson and Treasurer of the PTA having to resign due to work commitments, we are looking for volunteers to create a new PTA committee. To enable us to appoint a new committee, we need to hold an Emergency General Meeting.

In order for our PTA to continue operating, the Chairperson, Treasurer and Secretary roles MUST be filled. A Vice-Chair is also preferable, but not essential.

It is therefore a priority that a new committee for the PTA is elected at the EGM in order for the PTA to continue running and supporting the school. To put this into perspective, over the last five years, the PTA have funded:

- Provision of 30 new laptops
- New Forest School shelter
- New playground equipment
- Clevertouch interactive boards for all classrooms throughout school
- New stage for school productions
- New chairs for the hall for school productions and meetings
- Renovation of the pond area up in Forest School

If no one steps forward, it would mean we would lose our school community events such as Christmas and Summer Fayres, school discos and quiz nights, which would be a huge loss to staff, parents and the children.

If you would like to put yourself forward for any of the above roles, or would like more information about what is involved, please speak to Mrs Garner or Mr O'Callaghan, who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at the EGM on Wednesday 10th July.

PTA Committee

Lisa Catlin – Chairperson

Lauren Betsworth – Treasurer

Paul Kelley – Dad's Army Co-ordinator

Disco

Next Friday, 21st June, sees the return of the school disco. The two sessions will take place in the hall, and the timings are as follows:

Preschool, Reception, Year 1 & Year 2: 15:15 – 16:15

Years 3-6: 16:45 – 18:15

Children in Preschool, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who are attending the disco can wear their 'disco clothes' to school throughout the day. Key Stage Two children should wear their uniform to school as normal and return in their own clothes at 16:45.

Please note that all children will need to be collected from the disco at the appropriate time; no children will be permitted to walk home following the disco.

No mobile phones are allowed at the disco. Any child discovered to have their phone on them will have it confiscated by a member of staff.

Thank you for your understanding.

Forest School

Just a quick one this week. The children have been superb all week, continuing with their whittling and knife skills. They have really enjoyed this activity, with some brilliant wands and gnomes being created. As well as that, we have had plenty of pond dipping, with the children very interested in the newts and larvae that are currently residing there. They have been really respectful towards them all and it is so wonderful to hear the cries, like Janine in Ghostbusters, "We got one!"







We have finally unveiled the new mud kitchen, and I believe it is still standing! Let's hope it continues this way for the next few years at least. I even caught some children enjoying washing up! Maybe we could do a mud bake off? Hmm...

The timetable should be back to normal next week, so please can you make sure that the children have their kit on the correct day. It does look like it may get wet next week, so waterproofs and boots are still a good idea.

Summer2 (W/c 17.06.24)		
Day	AM	PM
Monday		5F
Tuesday		4C
Wednesday	1F	2G
Thursday	Reception	3M
Friday		6P

Mr Smith and Mr Nixon

Collective Worship

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In Collective Worship this week, we continued to think about our value of hope and listened to the parable of Esther. As a young queen, Esther did not always have an easy life, but she always had hope. She wanted the best for the people around her and made good, brave decisions. We know that we too may find ourselves in difficult situations and it can feel hard to have hope and not give up. As we

reflected, we thought about the lessons we could learn from the story of Esther, and agreed that we can all bring hope to others and that we should aspire to have hope - even when things are hard.

We also enjoyed learning a new song about hope https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=r_t5xitQjlc

June Good Samaritan Challenge

This month we would like you to think about how God asks us to help others, like he always helps us.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and, Love your neighbour as yourself! Luke 10:27

We have already had some lovely examples of pupils lending a helping hand by helping elderly relatives with gardening chores, supporting with household chores such as shopping or putting out the bins, washing cars and doing the weeding. There are so many ways you could show responsibility and kindness to your grown-ups at home or within your community. Don't forget to send in your photographs via Class Dojo so we can award your Dojo points.

Mrs Gandini 😊

RE curriculum lead

Assistant Headteacher

Summer dates 2024

Monday 3 rd June	08:30	School opens for Summer 2
Wednesday 5 th June		Class photographs
Thursday 6 th June		4W begin swimming
Thursday 6 th June	14:15	Year 4 Class Assembly to parents
Friday 7 th June	12:15 – 14:45	Year 6 Volleyball Festival – Holmer Green
Thursday 13 th June	14:15	Year 3 Class Assembly to parents
Friday 14 th June		Year 2 trip to Whipsnade Zoo
Friday 14 th June	12:15 – 14:45	Year 3 Cricket Festival – Holmer Green
Monday 17 th June	14:00	New Reception 'Teddy Bears' Picnic'
Thursday 20 th June	14:15	Year 2 Class Assembly to parents
Friday 21 st June	15:15 – 16:15	EYFS & KS1 Disco
	16:45 – 18:15	KS2 Disco
Monday 24 th June	09:30 – 11:30	Year 2 trip to Wise Masjid Salam Mosque
Tuesday 25 th June	09:30 – 11:30	Sports Day – Key Stage 2
	13:30 – 15:00	Sports Day – Reception & KS1
Wednesday 26 th June	13:30 – 14:30	Sports Day – Preschool
Friday 28 th June	12:15 – 14:45	Year 4 Netball Festival – Holmer Green
Tuesday 2 nd July		Transition Day
Thursday 4 th – Friday 5 th July		Year 4 Residential – Woodrow
Friday 5 th July		Year 1 trip to Mop End
Friday 5 th July		Year 3 Ancient Egypt day
Monday 8 th July		INSET DAY
Thursday 18 th July		4W last swimming session
Thursday 18 th July	pm	Colour Run
Friday 19 th July	13:30	School closes for summer holidays