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Aspiring to be our best with kindness, respect and faith

News & Highlights

Happy Friday!

The excitement is building in school as we finish the preparations for our 150th anniversary celebrations next week. The bunting is up, the flowers are planted, and the staff are readying themselves for 'cake judging' on Tuesday...it's a tough job, but somebody's got to do it! Please see below for further information on the schedule for the week, but before that, a recap of this week's adventures!

Today has been incredibly busy! Year 3 held their Ancient Egyptian day; when I popped in to check how they were getting on this morning, Mr O'Callaghan, Mrs Tunnicliffe and Miss Goodall were covered in flour and baking scones, and Mrs Mahdavi and Mr Horton were painting the River Nile in the school hall! I decided to leave them to it!

Elsewhere, Year 1 braved the elements for their trip to Mop End and, despite the poor weather this morning, they all had a fantastic time; Year 5 and Year 6 attended a water safety assembly led by Paul from Risborough Springs Swimming Pool; and of course, Year 4 ended the week with their much-anticipated residential trip to Woodrow! They took part in lots of amazing activities including a high ropes course and a campfire - we look forward to hearing all about it next week!

Yesterday, two men came to have a look at the remaining books from the old library after seeing Mrs Best's post that they were free to go to a good home. I'm delighted to report that they took all the books, and they are being donated to a school in Sri Lanka. We are all so pleased that the books will continue to be loved by primary school children.

Today, your children will come home with their end of year report, detailing their progress throughout the academic year. Year 1 and Year 4 will have their reports with them upon collection from Mop End and Woodrow respectively.

Finally, a reminder that Monday is an Inset Day, therefore the children are not required to be in school; we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Tuesday, dressed as an inspirational British figure from the past 150 years! Please find more information about this (and the other festivities for next week) below.

With my best wishes as always,

Mr Hoddell

150 Year Celebration Week!



Thank you all again for your tombola contributions and for supporting the children with their decade research home-learning task this week. We also hope you are pleased with the T-Shirt orders which came home over the last couple of days. We have a very exciting and busy week ahead as we celebrate the school's 150 Year Anniversary! Below are some reminders for the week.

Dress code for the week commencing 09.07.24

Tuesday 9th July

Dress up day – 'Influential British People from the last 150 Years'.

Wednesday 10th July

School Uniform.

Thursday 11th July

PE kit (children can wear their new 150 Year T-Shirts).

Friday 12th July

Party clothes Mufti Day.

Tuesday 9th July – Baking Competition and Sale

Please could all bakes be brought in on the morning of Tuesday 9th July. Entries should be submitted alongside a recipe card detailing your child's name and class, the name of the bake, and the ingredients and allergens of your cake. They will then be judged with prizes for the winners! **Please remember that our school is a nut-free setting.**

Bakes will then be cut up and sold during the school day and at the end of the day. Please ensure your child comes into school on the Tuesday with some change (recommended donation of 50p per item) and a container if they'd like to purchase a treat.

Tuesday 9th July – 'Influential British People from the last 150 Years' Dress up day.

On Tuesday 9th July, we will be having a whole school dress up day. The theme is '**Influential British People from the last 150 Years**'. Children should dress up as an influential British figure from the time period 1874 – 2024. Choices could come from your child's topic learning this year (allowing for re-use of costumes!) or from various areas of society including inventors, artists, musicians, authors, sporting heroes, politicians, local celebrities, Royalty etc. Chosen figures should have made a **positive** impact on British life and be someone children from the last 150 years would have looked up to or aspired to be like. Children could come as an individual or even join with their peers to dress up as a duo or group.

In addition to dressing up, and to support our focused work on oracy, children should also write a **brief summary** of their chosen influential British person to share with their class. This should cover some general facts about the person, their achievements, the positive impact they had and why they have been chosen by your child. Your child's handwritten/printed summary should be brought into school on **Tuesday 9th July** please. There is no need for any PowerPoints or boards etc. as this will just be a short, verbal presentation from each child.

Wednesday 10th July – Thanksgiving Service.

At 2pm on the school field, Mrs Best and our Worship Leaders will be leading a Service of Thanksgiving for the school. This will be an opportunity for the children to reflect on their memories and share prayers and songs with the school community.

Parents are invited to join us for this occasion and can bring a picnic blanket or camping chairs with them for comfort. We expect the service to conclude around 3pm and parents are welcome to take their children straight home with them afterwards. If you are not able to attend, collection will be at the usual times. We hope that the sun will be shining down on us, but in the event of wet weather the service will still go ahead, but will be in the school hall and sadly, parents will be unable to attend.

Friday 12th July – Ice Cream Treat

As part of our Friday celebrations in school, we have booked for the ice cream man to visit us again! Each child will be able to enjoy a Mr. Whippy ice cream cone with a flake (ice lollies will be provided for children with allergies). To help us provide this treat for the whole school, we are asking for a **£1 voluntary contribution** per child towards their ice cream. Payments can be made via ParentPay please, by Wednesday 10th July.

Friday 12th July – School Birthday Party. After school until 6:30pm.

To round off our week of celebrations, we will be having a Birthday Party event after school on **Friday 12th July**. The party will take place on the school field with entry via the main school entrance.

In order to allow time for staff to set up this event, we will be aiming to start the festivities on the field at about 4pm. Families are welcome to go home to change, drop off school bags and collect picnic blankets for the evening ahead. If families would prefer to stick around and come straight from pick up, there will be a history and art display in the hall (created by the children) to enjoy until the party events begin.

During the party, there will be a number of fun stalls and games available for everyone to enjoy, alongside music and a BBQ. Please start to put aside some coins for our stalls as this is a cash-only event and we will have limited change available.

Pre-orders for BBQ food is now available on ParentPay. Please could orders be placed by 12 noon on Monday 8th July.

This event is open to everyone, and we hope many of our families and local community will join us.

Memories of our school.

As part of our celebrations, we would love to hear from anyone who has links to our school. Our aim is to collect and collate memories from anyone who was a pupil at the school themselves, has sent their children to the school, worked or volunteered at the school or has had a part to play in our rich history. If you know anyone who has relocated but would have something to share, please do pass this on to them, too. Anything from a paragraph to a more detailed account or photos are welcomed, and we would be grateful for reference to specific dates, names and events to help us piece together a timeline of our school.

You can send any memories to us **via email:** contact@gkcs.school, **via post:** Great Kingshill CofE School, Cryers Hill Rd, Cryers Hill, High Wycombe, Bucks, HP15 6JP or please feel free to **hand-deliver** anything to us at the School Office anytime between 08:30 and 15:30 on weekdays. Alternatively, you could **scan the QR code** to complete the online Google Form.

We look forward to a fun and memorable week!

Many thanks for your continued support,

Miss Hepworth and the GKCS team.



Preloved Uniform Donations

Elaine will kindly be selling Preloved Uniform at the 150th Year celebrations.

If parents have any donations for Preschool, Reception or Year 6 uniform, then please leave them with the office.

We only need uniform with our school logo on please.

Thank you.

The Colour Run!

Exciting news – The Colour Run is back!

This much-loved event, where children run, skip (and even walk!) around the course, getting soaked and covered in vibrant colours by the Year 6 children, is a highlight of the year for many of our staff and pupils! This year, the event will be happening on **Thursday 18th July**. Participation costs £2, which serves as consent for your child to join in the fun, and is payable via ParentPay. On the day, children will need to bring clothes and shoes they are happy to get splattered, as well as a towel.

In addition, the Colour Run is even more special this year, as it will be a sponsored event to raise funds for our MUGA project. Sponsorship forms will be sent home soon, so that the children can start gathering as many sponsors as possible. The year group that raises the most money will be rewarded with a surprise treat on the day!

Get ready for a fantastic, colourful day of fun and community spirit!

The Year 6 Team



Collective Worship

This week in Collective Worship, we continued working on the hymns and songs which we will be singing as part of our 150 year Thanksgiving Service. We had a run through of the service on Wednesday, and the children were all sounding fabulous! We are looking forward to the actual service on the afternoon of Wednesday 10th July. Fingers crossed the weather will be on our side!

July Good Samaritan Challenge

This month, we would like you to think about water sources for animals. During hot summer weather, it is important to have plenty of water for animals and birds to drink and bathe in. Water is essential for wildlife to thrive. All sorts of water sources in your garden, from a tiny puddle to a pond, will be used by one kind of animal or another. To make your water source as appropriate as possible, ensure it is shallow with gradual and rough-textured edges, so that anything that climbs in can get out again.

Top tips for providing water for wildlife:

- Put water where you can watch the activity as you're not going to want to miss anything!
- Use a specially made bird bath, or just a bowl on the floor – you'll attract different creatures to different settings.
- Place water for birds near a shrub or tree as they like to approach from a place of safety.
- Watch for predators such as cats.
- Leave water where you can easily access it for cleaning and filling.

- Introduce a small, shallow or running water feature and provide water for birds, as well as butterflies and other insects.
- Set up a water butt so that you can easily top up water sources with rainwater - a great way to conserve water!

As always, please send in your photographs via Class Dojo so we can award your Dojo points and print your photographs for our display 😊.

Nicole Gandini

Assistant Headteacher

Great Kingshill Residents Association Notices

SUMMER PICNIC ON THE COMMON



Great Kingshill

Residents' Association

Bring a picnic and
enjoy the company
of friends and
neighbours at this
community event



Sunday 14th July from midday

Bring a picnic and enjoy the company of friends and neighbours at this community event.

Bar & BBQ at the cricket club

Live music

Dog show

Great Kingshill bake-off competition

Children's races

Fairground rides

Bouncy castle

Tombola

Great Kingshill Bake Off Competition



Please enter our village baking contest at the Summer Picnic on The Common on Sunday 14th July.

Categories

Under 12 years: bake and decorate 4 cupcakes.

12-18 years: bake 4 biscuits or brownies.

Adults: bake and decorate your favourite cake.

Please bring your entries to our stall between 12pm & 1pm.

There's no entry fee but all cakes and biscuits will be sold from 2pm to raise money for Alzheimer's Society and GKRA.

We have some amazing prizes donated by local businesses including Thai Great Kingshill, Peterley Manor Farm and local heating engineers Rees and Brookman.



Our judge is professional cake maker Nikki M. Ferguson.

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 11 th July	18:30	Y6 Play - performance to parents (field)
Thursday 18 th July		4W last swimming session
Thursday 18 th July	pm	Colour Run
Friday 19 th July	12:00	Y6 Leavers' Service to parents (field)
Friday 19 th July	13:30	School closes for summer holidays