

Great Bookham School Newsletter

Welcome to Issue 1 - 8th September 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another exciting year of learning here at Great Bookham School. I do hope that you had a wonderful break and were able to spend some time reconnecting with each other without the pressures of school life.

The first week back to school is always a special one but this year has felt extra special given the most glorious sunshine we have been lucky enough to enjoy.

We were delighted to welcome back to school children who previously attended Great Bookham School and were very pleased to welcome 22 more children across Year 1 – Year 6. Our Early Years team have been busy visiting children at home this week and we are excited to welcome new children into our Reception class today. Understandably, there were lots of tears from Reception mummies and daddies but the time invested in the home visits and our induction process resulted in happy and confident children coming to start their learning journey in Ladybird Class.

During our Tuesday assembly we spent some time exploring where in the world our new joiners had travelled from and focussed on how we can make everyone feel welcomed and cared for. The children enjoyed listening to 'All Welcome Here' written by James Preller which focusses on the beauty of a diverse community and making sure all people are embraced and welcomed.

Dr Boagey and I visited each class this week and we were so impressed with how focussed and purposeful each child was within their learning. Teachers are supporting children to understand the expectation and standards for the year ahead and this was evident in the work that we saw in each class.

When asking the children what the best part of returning to school has been they said the following...

"seeing my friends again" - Neve Y4

"all the new learning" - Henry Y4

"I've enjoyed getting my new jobs: Prefect, Library Monitor and Reading Buddy" - Lottie Y6

"starting to learn with my new teacher" - George Y6

Next week we look forward to welcoming you to the Meet the Teacher sessions.

We have attached a provisional calendar for the year ahead, and as we finalise more dates, we will add them and keep you updated. We hope you find this useful.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us with our new Griffin Way gate arrangements at drop off and pick up. This is helping to keep our children safe, which is always our top priority. Please could I remind you that parking is not permitted at any time on the yellow zig zag area directly outside of the school at Griffin Way and Lower Road.

Enjoy the sunshine this weekend.

Miss J. Allen

Headteacher









FREE Parent and Toddler Sessions

GB GREAT BOOKHAM PRE-SCHOOL

MESSY PLAY

Come and join us for a messy play experience in our brand new Pre-School.

2-2.45pm every Friday
15th September - 20th October
Griffin Way, Great Bookham, Leatherhead KT23 4JJ

Book your place by emailing the school office on info.gbs@sfet.org.uk or call 01372 456774

Lower Road Gates

From Monday 11th September, to access Breakfast Club from 7:30am please enter the blue gates at Lower Road and use the intercom on the Elmer wall - bell symbol. This will ring in Breakfast Club and a member of staff will come and collect your child. The green gates will be opened for all parents and children at 8:35am and will close at 8:45am. Any child arriving at Lower Road after 8:45am will need to enter via our Griffin Way entrance.

For Puffins collection, please enter the blue gates at Lower Road and use the intercom on the Elmer wall - bell symbol. This will ring in Puffins club and a member of staff will bring your child to you.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

We are incredibly lucky to have such a wide range of extra-curricular activities this year with dedicated staff to lead the clubs. We also host a number of clubs which are outsourced and require a charge. We encourage children to take part in school clubs, either before school, at lunchtime or after school. Please take a look at our website for this half term's club timetable. School run clubs are available to book via ParentPay.

The collection point for all clubs is via Griffin Way, outside the main office.

Extra-Curricular Activities

GET!
INVOLVED!

Scholastic Book Fair

Scholastic Travelling Books are bringing their book fair to Great Bookham School week commencing 25th September. Their pop-up book store will be available for all children and parents/carers to browse and purchase books each day from 3.20 - 3.45pm. They are a cashless company so payment is via card only.

SCHOLASTIC TRAVELLING BOOKS

FREE BOOKS FOR YOUR SCHOOL WHEN YOU BUY AT THE BOOK FAIR!

COME To the BOOK FAIR!

A POP-UP BOOK-STORE WITH HUNDREDS OF BOOKS FROM JUST £2.99

LAST YEAR, YOUR SUPPORT HELPED TO DONATE OVER £5.3M BOOKS TO SCHOOLS NATIONWIDE

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£7.99 ~~£2.99~~ £7.99 £7.99 £12.99 ~~£7.99~~

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Date:
Week commencing: Monday 25th September
Every day after school: 3.20 - 3.45pm

Scan the QR code to pay online!

Keeping Children Safe Online

We have become aware that some of our children may be accessing inappropriate online material via games and social media sites. Please check all of your devices at home, including mobile phones. Make sure you know what your child is accessing online and set stringent parental controls to keep them safe.

Did you know that the age rating for Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok, Twitter and Wink is 13+? Did you know that the age rating for WhatsApp is 16+? No child at primary school should be accessing these sites as they are not deemed age appropriate.

Please do talk to your child about online safety this weekend.

The following NSPCC link provides good advice about how to start the conversation and get support if you're worried.

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

Stars of the week

Our stars of the week are:

Bumblebees Jess

Dragonflies Jay

Foxes	Robert
Squirrels	Blake
Hedgehogs	Sam
Rabbits	Arina
Eagles	Joseph
Hawks	Patrick
Falcons	Joban
Kestrels	Jacob

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Attendance

Congratulations to **Squirrels** for winning the attendance certificate this week!

MAC the attendance bear will live in **Squirrels** classroom for the next week.



Penalty Notice

Just to remind parents/carers that if they take their children out of school without authority for 5 or more days (which do not have to be consecutive), they will be liable to receive a penalty notice. Currently the amount payable under a penalty notice is £60.00 per parent/carer per child if paid within 21 days. Thereafter the amount increases to £120.00 if paid between 21 and 28 days. If the penalty notice remains unpaid after 28 days, the Local Authority will consider a prosecution in the Magistrates Court. Please note that penalty notices are issued per parent/carer per child so a family

of two parents and two children will receive 4 penalty notices. A form must be completed for all requests of leave, which you can obtain from the school office.