



GHS NEWS



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Christian Value

Perseverance and Creativity

'Not only has the Lord filled him with his Spirit, but he has given him wisdom and made him a skilled craftsman who can create objects of art with gold, silver, bronze, stone and wood' Exodus Chapter 35 verses 31-33

Welcome Back

Welcome back to school for the summer term. We are looking forward to a busy and productive term and have lots of exciting things planned for the children. Next week we will be looking at our attendance data for last term. Our school target rate of attendance is 96%. We currently have 45 (31% of the school population) pupils with an attendance less than 94% and 30 (21%) pupils with persistent absenteeism of below 90%. Those children will be bringing home attendance letters so you are aware of your child's attendance figures and trust you will doing everything you can to support the school in achieving it's target attendance figure of 96%

Ofsted

I'm sure that most of you are aware that we were visited by Ofsted on Wednesday for a one day inspection of the school. Thank you for your support on the day by arriving at school on time and thank you to those of you who completed the Parent View survey. We will receive the report in 4-5 weeks and will circulate this to parents as soon as we receive it.

Super Cook Competition

A reminder that the first round of this year's Super Cook competition will take place on Monday 24th April. This competition is for children in years 5 and 6. This round is to bake and decorate a cake of your choice, to the theme 'loving learning'. The cakes will be judged on appearance, texture and taste. A little tip for the bakers Mrs Shaw really likes chocolate!

Bags2School

A reminder that the next Bags2School collection will be 26th April. Please fill them with any unwanted clothes and leave on the Green on the morning of 26th April.

After School Clubs

Thank you for your understanding with the changes to the booking and payment system for After School Clubs this term and thank you to those who have sent advanced booking forms and payments in already. Sports Clubs are still available to book via ParentMail and there are still spaces in all clubs. Sports4All are putting together a firm timetable for the activities in Pot Luck Club each day and we will be sending this out to you next week.

Y6 Cycling Festival

On Wednesday six of our Year 6 children took part in a cycling festival at The Buckingham School. This is the first time we have taken part in this event. The children took part in three different races. The first race was a sprint race, the second was round a track and then the final race. Ella C and Angus both got through to the final where Ella came seventh in the girls category and Angus came third in the boys race. Great Horwood School came third overall out of all the schools taking part.

Worship Today

Due to other events in school this week we will not be holding our usual Friday worship today at 2:30pm. Apologise for any inconvenience. We will be back to normal next week with certificates and awards.

Y5 Swimming

Y5 have taken part in their first swimming lesson at the Swan Pool in Buckingham today. A reminder that they will need their swimming kit every Friday until the end of term. Thank you to those of you who paid the contribution towards the cost of the coach. We really appreciate your help to run these extra activities and we know that the children really enjoy taking part.

Y6 PGL Information Evening

A reminder that the PGL Information Evening has been rescheduled to Wednesday 26th April.

Sports Day

Advanced notice that our school Sports Day is planned for Tuesday 6th June which is the day we come back to school after half term.

House Points	
Barley Hill	2465
Holywell	2448
Wood Pond	2467
Manor	2444

Certificates

It has been a busy first week back at school and therefore we haven't had time to do certificates. We will be back to normal next week with lots of certificates to award including our 100% attendance awards for last term.

What's on next week from Monday 24th April.....

Morning Club runs every day from 7:45—8:45. After School clubs can be booked as a course via ParentMail or on the day by contacting the office. Sessions are £2.50 per child. Pot Luck club runs every day from 3:15-4:15 and costs £3 per session including a drink and snack

Monday

- Super Cook Competition First Round
- KS1 Athletics Festival at The Buckingham School 3:45-5:30pm

Tuesday

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- Atomic Science Club 3:15-4:15

Wednesday

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- Cricket Club 3:15-4:15pm
 - Rounders Club 3.15-4.15pm
 - Y6 PGL Information Meeting 6pm
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Thursday

- Art Club 3:15-4:30pm
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Friday

- Y5 Swimming Lessons
- Football Club 3:15-4:15pm

SIAMS Outstanding