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Newsletter 2 – Autumn Term

11th September 2020

A message from the head......

What an amazing first week it has been! The children have blown us away with their positive attitudes, behaviour and enthusiasm with being back at school. We have loved having the school full again and the sound of laughter!

Thank you to all of you for helping us make it so easy by following all the guidelines we have put in place - it has really helped. I am sure the children are ready for the weekend, I know the staff certainly are.

May I take this opportunity to thank each and every one of my amazing staff team who have done such a fantastic job this week at making the children feel so comfortable!

Hope you have a lovely weekend. **Denise Burgess**

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Welcome to our new pupils & staff



Please join me in welcoming the following children who joined us this week;

Year 1 - Kai & Ayla, Year 3 - Chanel & Ramsey, Year 4 - Markuss & Muhammad, Year 5 - Noah & Fathya & Year 6 - Brian & Eivissa.

This year we have 2 new teachers joining the school; Miss Langstone – who joins the Year 4 team as a teacher in Perseus class and Miss Brandon - who joins the Year 5 team as a teacher in Lyra class.

In addition we have some new TA's; Miss Robinson (Nursery), Mrs Richardson (Reception), Mrs Johnson (Year 2), Miss Ruff (Year 3), Miss Raja (Year 4) & Mrs North (Year 5).

Mr Moore will be joining us as a site assistant and will also be working in Breakfast Club & After School Club.

Morning drop off

The mornings are going well and thank you for your support. Nearly all children are now arriving at the correct times. Please do only come in your 10 minute window as it avoids too many people being on the school site.

If you do arrive early please encourage your child to stand on one of the spots and wait. Children in years 1 - 4 are welcome to be left at the gates and allowed to walk in alone if you would like them too - we know a number of children are doing so now which is great, however, if they are walking in alone they must socially distance from other children.

This week's letters home look for them on our school website under

parents/letters home/2020-21

Year 1/2 – Invitation Hero Day After School Club Invoices Breakfast Club Invoices Friday Dance Club Invoices Year 5 & 6 - Permission to walk home alone **RELAY Scheme** Cool Milk for over 5's **Help with Childcare Costs Parent Code of Conduct Home School Agreement GDPS Debt Policy Guitar Lessons with J Wilson**

REMINDERS

Outdoor Play Equipment

It is essential you do not let your child play on the pirate ship or any of the outdoor play equipment at the end of the school day. All outdoor equipment is allocated to a bubble for the week and if children from other bubbles use it. it would mean it all has to be cleaned. The cleaning schedule is already so busy having to clean large play equipment, if someone else uses it. takes a considerable amount of time. Thank you

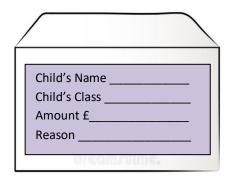
Reporting a child's absence

If your child is off sick please call the office 01234 266245 (option 2) and leave a detailed message. If the message is not clear we will have to call you back for some more information. If your child is off with Covid-19 symptoms (temperature and/or new persistent cough and/or loss of taste or smell) you must call us and keep us updated with test results (positive or negative). Each day your child is off sick you MUST call the office, unless you have spoken to a member of the office and agreed something else. Please do not report absences to staff on the gate or a teacher.

If your child develops a temperature at home please do not send them into school even if you administer paracetamol and the temperature goes down. A temperature is an indication of possible Covid-19 and this should be reported to school as soon as possible.

Making payments to the school

Please can payments to the school now be made through SIMS-PAY.co.uk if possible. We are accepting cash into the school but can no longer accept cheques. If you are making a cash payment please ensure you put your child's full name & class, the amount paid and what the payment is for on the envelope. This will ensure that payment are allocated correctly.



CONTACTING TEACHERS

Year group emails

If you need to pass information onto your child's teacher, please either use the home/school diary that children have brought home this week or use the Year group email addresses as follows.

Nursery@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

Reception@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

Year1@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

Year2@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

Year3@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

Year4@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

Year5@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

Year6@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

CONTACTING OTHER STAFF

Special Educational Needs

Mrs Preece - senco@greatdenhamprimary.beds.sch.uk

Water Bottles

All children need to bring a water bottle into school each day. Our water fountains have been turned off due to Covid-19.

DIARY DATES

 Mon 14th Sept – Year 1 & 2 Hero Day

ALLERGIES – BOOKING LUNCH

If your child has an allergy, please ensure you book an "allergy" meal this will highlight to the kitchen staff that they have to adjust their meal according to your child's specific needs.

Homework

Homework will start next week - this half term we are easing the children back in gently as we know how tired they will be at the end of the day! More information to follow about this early next week.



PE this term

Today a P.E. timetable will be sent out to parents letting you know which days your child has P.E. during this half term. Please send your child to school wearing their PE. kit on those days - they will remain in the kit all day to avoid having to get changed.



Year 6 - Victorian Tea Party

Year 6 had a fabulous stunning start yesterday! The day began with a Victorian school experience. The children were shocked at the rules of Victorian schools! We then played Victorian games such as hopscotch, dominoes and hoop and stick. Year 6 enjoyed playing together and some even learnt how to play chess. Our day was made complete with cucumber sandwiches and scones as we celebrated Queen Victoria's reign. Lots of children enjoyed a cup of milky tea too!











Stars of the week

Link to this week's celebration assembly

https://voutu.be/1pdXdhD5BKc

Stars of the Week:

Aquila - Logan, Pavo - Maheer, Cygnus - Kai, Volans - Anna, Delphinus - Lewis, Serpens -Levelle, Andromeda - Gracie, Pegasus – Euan, Perseus – Amy, Auriga - Kianna-Marie, Vela - Abu Dawood, Lyra - Bandile, Lacerta -Lemar, Circinus - Cansu, Phoenix -Brian.

Values:

Aquila - Finley, Pavo - Chloe, Cygnus - Zoe, Volans - Evie, Delphinus - Matilda, Serpens -William, Andromeda – Jessica, Pegasus - Catalina, Perseus -Markuss, Auriga - Romayne, Vela - Nardo, Lyra - Remi-Grace, Lacerta - Alexa, Circinus - Daniel, Phoenix - Jack.



