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Newsletter 16

Friday 12th January 2024

Welcome back and 'Happy New Year' to you all. We hope that you all had a fantastic Christmas and a lovely break. The children have all returned full of stories to share and are ready for their new term.

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 17th January – KS2 Values Festival (8 chosen children)

Tuesday 23rd January – KS1 Gymnastics Festival (15 selected children)

Friday 26th January – 'Break the rules day' (more information in the new year)

Friday 2nd February – Year 5 Maths Enrichment Day

Wednesday 7th February – Walk-in-Wednesday – School Vision and Values (from 3pm)

Friday 1st March – Whole school cricket day (all in PE kit)

Tuesday 23rd July 2024 – Last day of the school academic year

It has been brought to my attention that the date on the school website had stated that the last day of term was Monday 22nd July which is incorrect. I am very sorry for this administration error and any confusion that it has caused. The school website calendar and term-dates are now CORRECT and show the last day of term being Tuesday 23rd July 2024.

Term dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25 are now also available on the school website.

No After-school Provision at Woodford:

Wednesday 7th Feb

Thursday 23rd March

Friday 28th June

Thursday 18th July

Spare clothes

We are hoping to build up a bit of a supply of spare clothes to keep in school for a range of ages. If you have any spare underwear, vests, socks or tights that are still in a good condition to donate to school we would be very grateful. Thank you.



Extra-Curricular clubs next term:

A reminder of the changes to our extra-curricular clubs this term:

Monday – 8:00 – 8:45am - EYFS / Yr 1/2 - GLK Gymnastics (see link below for booking)

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Tuesday – 8:00 – 8:45am - Yr 3/4/5/6 – GLK Gymnastics (see link below for booking)

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Tuesday – 3:15 – 4:15 - Yr 3/4/5/6 – Football Club

Wednesday – 8:00 – 8:45am – Yrs 1- 6 – Spanish Breakfast Club – starting late-January

Thursday – 8:00 – 8:35am – Year 6- SATs Breakfast club

Thursday – Yr 3/4/5/6 – PR Sports Dodgeball

Friday – EYFS/Year 1 – PR Sports Dodgeball



We are very excited to introduce to Great Addington... Spanish Breakfast Club! Led by Joel Collict and Kathleen Walsh, the children will be taught the basics of Spanish Language and beyond through planned interactive, exiting and creative sessions.

Joel and Kathleen will lead a whole-school 'taster' session on **Monday 15th January**. Booking information will be sent home following this with the start date to be confirmed in the next few weeks...

PSA

Thank you all for your support with the cake sale today! Our January meeting is set for **Tuesday 16th January 9am** at the Water Mill Tearoom. All are welcome to join us as we plan our fundraising events for the next few months and decide what rules can be broken for our upcoming 'Break The Rules' day! More information to follow next week.



Staff News

A note from Miss Homles: I would also like to say a big thank you to the Great Addington School community for making me feel so welcome.

Next week, we are looking forward to welcoming **Mrs Beccy Vissian** to our school team. Mrs Vissian will become very familiar to you all very quickly as she will be welcoming you all into school in the mornings and based in our school office. Please do say hello and introduce yourselves if you see either Miss Holmes or Mrs Vissian around school.

We will also be welcoming **Miss Naomi Anderson** to Great Addington from next week. Miss Anderson currently works at St Mary's School and is completing a 4-week placement in Lamport Class from Monday. Please say hello and welcome if you see her!

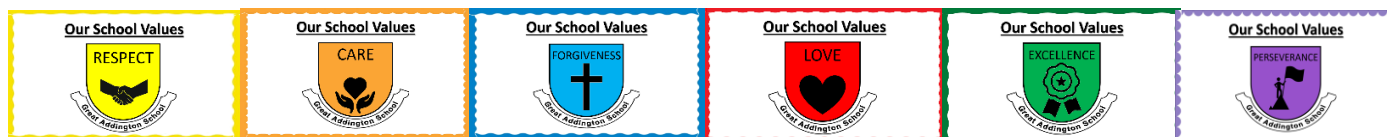
School Vision and Values

The start of the new year presented the perfect time for us bring to our vision and values to life and to share with the children how our Church of England school is a family community where everyone learns to love and is truly valued. As a staff, we have spent time thinking about how our school values are at the heart of all we do as and underpin our teaching philosophies here at Great Addington.

Our family community is built upon core Christian Values. These are **love, care, respect, forgiveness and excellence**. Yet, we are never limited to just these five strong values and regularly focus on other important ones, helping us to appreciate what being a more rounded Christian is like. Our values underpin our school vision:

**'Our love should not be just words and talk, it must be true love, which shows itself in action'.
(1 John 3:18)**

Our school vision is our badge, it represents who we are as a school, as staff, as governors, **as wider members of our school community. It is us.**



Going forward, we are excited to share a new 'value' for our school and feel that it's place amongst our school values is wholly worthy. Introducing 'Perseverance'.

We have many more exciting plans for the future of Great Addington's visions and values and look forward to sharing more with you around this on our next Walk-in-Wednesday.

This half-term, the school is recognising it's value of 'forgiveness'.

Our school value to the award for 'forgiveness' this week goes to Ronnie this week for listening and kindly accepting an apology made to him. Thank you Ronnie, your forgiveness has been noticed.



Lilford and Lamport visit the Temple

Last term, both Lilford and Lamport have been studying Hinduism within their RE curriculum and this week visiting the Hindu Temple in Wellingborough.

Lilford were fascinated by the customs and traditions so were very excited about seeing all that they had learnt about come to life. When arriving at the Temple in Wellingborough, the awe and wonder that crept across their faces was obvious as they spotted the golden domes arching the roof. When inside, the children took great pleasure in telling the temple volunteers why they should take off their shoes and 'step over the threshold'. I was incredibly proud of the knowledge that KS1 had retained but also, so articulately shared with the temple volunteers. It was commented by one worshiper at the temple that he had never met a group of children so knowledgeable about the temple itself and the Hinduism faith.



Our thanks goes to the brilliant volunteers at the Temple who wisely spoke to the children and engaged them in such interesting facts. They were incredibly accommodating and we will definitely be returning!

Deene say 'thank you'

Deene Class enjoyed writing letters to Santa this week to thank him for his hard work and their Christmas gifts. They then walked through the village and found the local post box, so that the letters could be sent to him. On the walk the children also spotted the church, village hall, a workman, a police car, an old bus stop and an old telephone box. Deene were very enthusiastic to tell me all about the church and the village hall and why these in these two places were so special. I wonder if Santa has received your letters yet Deene...?



Lucy Kingsnorth,

Principal