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Newsletter 19

Friday 1st February 2024

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th February – Whole School Vision and Values Day – wear something to represent your house colour

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

Wednesday 14th February – Rockingham Visit the Hindu Temple (within school time)

Wednesday 14th February – PSA Mufti Day for Valentine's Day – wear red, bring £1!

Half-term

Monday 26th February – Training day – school closed to pupils

Tuesday 27th February – Photos taken of children learning in school (not individual, just look smart in your uniform!)

Wednesday 28th February – Spanish Club starts

Wednesday 28th February – Parents Evening (links will be sent to book appointments 12.1.24)

Thursday 29th February – Parents Evening (links will be sent to book appointments 12.1.24)

Friday 1st March – Whole-school Cricket taster day – all to wear PE kit

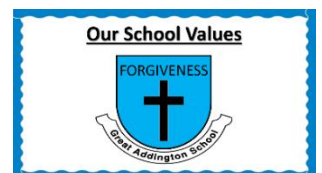
Friday 15th March – Comic Relief -wear your pyjamas to school. £1 donation, on ParentPay

Wednesday 27th March – Easter Service, 2pm

Values Champions

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

Our school value award for 'forgiveness' this week goes to Jack this week. Other certificates were awarded for story writing, dividing decimals and fractions and positive attitudes to learning. Congratulations to all those who received a certificate this week and to our new 144 Club members!



Uniform

The **Lost Property box** just inside the office door is over-flowing! Please can you make a visit in that direction if you know you are missing something? There are many lunchboxes, water-bottles, coats and various items clothing that are waiting to be returned to their owners.

Thank you for the contributions towards our supply of spare clothes to keep in school. We are still looking out for items to fit our younger children, so if you do have any spare underwear, vests, socks/tights or small trousers and dresses to fit YrR-2-ish, we would be very grateful for your donations.

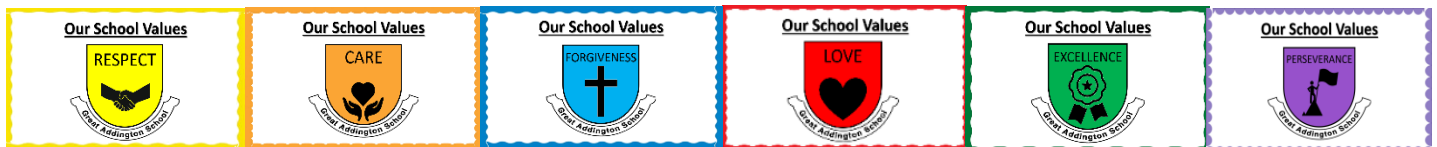
Parent-Pay

A thank you to you all for your patience whilst we introduced new payment systems on ParentPay. Just a quick reminder that both Early-Access Breakfast club and Woodford-after-school provision should now be booked through Parent-Pay. If you'd like any support with this, please do contact the office and we will try our best to help!

Whole-school Values Day – Monday 5th February

Hopefully you have seen the email regarding our first 'Values Day' on **Monday 5th February**. The children will spend the day with their 'Values House' engaging in activities linked to their value: **love**, **care**, **respect**, **forgiveness**, **excellence** and **perseverance**.

On this day, children should wear their school uniform with a '**touch of colour**' to reflect your house – e.g. a hairband, hair-bow, t-shirt, jumper, socks. All the children should know which Values House they represent, however all children will have a sticker in the front of their 'home-school book' showing which house they belong to.



Walk-in-Wednesday

On Wednesday 7th February we would like to welcome you into school for a 'Values' focused Walk-in-Wednesday. We would like to invite you into the hall from 3pm to share with you a little more about the changes to our Vision and Values before handing you over to the children.

At 3:15pm we will ask you to head back onto the playground where we will send the children to you as normal. The children will then bring you BACK into school and take you to the room WITH THEIR VALUES HOUSE. This may NOT be their classroom. All siblings are grouped in the SAME Values House.

A request from Deene

Deene have requested small boxes (smaller than cereal) for Deene next week please? They are making snowmobiles etc related to our frozen planet focus. Thank you!

A note from the PSA

It was so nice to hear how much all the children enjoyed the break the rules day last week - we saw some amazing hair colours too! Coming up on 14th Feb we have our wear something red mufti day, we will also have sweet cones for sale after school.

If you are interested in finding out a bit more about future plans, or you just want more information about the PSA, we have a zoom meeting coming up on 7th January at 8pm, all are welcome and the link will be sent out on the day.

School-community-spirit...

Children from Rockingham have been enjoying weekly reading sessions with Lilford. It's always so lovely to see how our older children show such care towards the younger children in the school and 'reading-buddies' on Tuesdays is a great representation of this.



Thank you for your kind donations of games for our lunchtime club. I spotted a lovely moment yesterday where children from across the school were gathered around a box of magic tricks. I wonder where they will be trying out their new skills...stay alert!

PDET Year 5 Maths Enrichment Day

Today our Year 5s found out just how magical maths can be as they headed to the Frontier centre for the PDET maths day! First the children had an amazing mathemagician showing tricks for different times tables, wowing them with predictions and even changing money into different amounts right before their eyes using fractions. The children were encouraged to look for patterns and to be curious with the maths they were doing.

After the talk, we hit our first challenge. By some miraculous folding, the children were able to turn an A4 piece of paper into a perfect pentagon, and even then tried to connect these into a dodecahedron with...mixed results. They never gave up though and when called time asked if they could do it again when they got back to school!

Next came the maths escape room which was actually a box full of padlocks and secret compartments with mathematical clues. With excellent teamwork, determination and a hunt for clues, the children came so close to undoing the box, with both groups only having one more clue to solve before stopping the timer!

Last but not least, a challenge of shape and logic. The children were tasked with building a cube from the various strewn pieces of cushion, matching up colours to create a flower and attempting the tower of Hanoi, which one of our groups actually managed to get all the way to the final block of possibilities!

The children were amazing throughout and never gave up even when it became more challenging or they were stuck with something. Once again they represented our school impeccably and had a fantastic time. Well done year 5! *Mr Marshall*



Lucy Kingsnorth,
Principal