

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new school year. We hope you are all refreshed after a having a lovely summer break. We have all been so impressed by how well the children have transitioned back into school life, including our Nursery children who joined us today.

### Assembly theme

This week during assembly we have been thinking about our school values:



**Creative**

**Caring**

**Daring**

We have discussed what this would look like, with the children giving some brilliant, well thought out answers. We want all of our pupils to be creative; they will use their imagination, think hard to create different ways to solve problems and carry out learning tasks, share and adapt ideas, listen to each other and make links between their learning and things they already know. We want all of our pupils to be caring; they will help each other, work together, be kind, be polite, include everyone, celebrate differences, say please and thank you, compromise, share and form good friendships. We want all of our pupils to be daring; they will take calculated risks, try new things, be brave, push themselves further and step outside of their comfort zone into their stretch zone. During the

assembly we discussed that through everyone doing this we will have the **BEST** year yet

where they  lots . To do this we should ensure learning is



and that every pupil can reach their full potential



We have begun to go over our schools rules and the behaviour shown in school by all children has been outstanding!

### Birthday Celebrations

To celebrate your child's birthday, we will continue to allow them to wear their own clothes, either on their birthday if it is a school day, or a different day, near to their birthday, if it is at the weekend or during a school holiday. We will also ensure that we sing happy birthday to them during our weekly celebration assemblies.

### Celebration Assembly

Every Monday morning we start the week with a celebration assembly. This is our chance to celebrate children's achievements, in and out of school. So if your child has achieved a certificate or done something brilliant outside of school that you would like us to share with the school, please bring it to the school office, leaving some details about what they have achieved so it can be shared in the next celebration assembly.

We will also see whose wonderful work has been put in the silver frame that week, which is proudly displayed near the school office for everyone to admire. If your child comes home with a wonderful work certificate, please pop into the school office so that your child can show you their wonderful work in the frame.

Also check your emails on a Friday as each teacher will be sending out a super squirrel postcard to the parents of a child who has really impressed them that week. We will give the child a paper copy, sharing the reasons why it was sent with the whole school, the following Monday.

We also celebrate the class who has won the attendance trophy for the best whole class attendance the previous week.

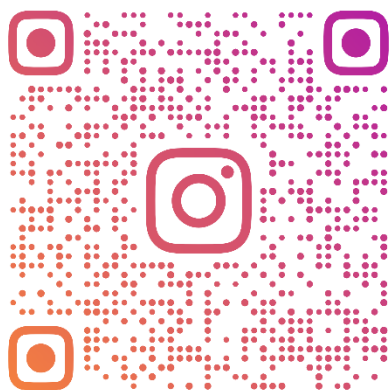
Rabbit's class don't join us for the whole school assembly yet, instead they have their own special assembly where I visit them in Rabbit's classroom.

### Bromcom

There have been issues with logging onto Bromcom this term (our new MIS system), these issues are due to a system fault and are affecting all schools who use Bromcom. This includes the MCAS app. Bromcom are working hard to fix the problem and we hope it is up and running again as soon as possible. These issues have stopped us being able to email or text you, hence the paper copies of letters. We also cannot see what your child has ordered for lunch so we have spoken to them all individually today to ensure they all have something they like. In addition to this we cannot publish the clubs yet. We apologise on behalf of Bromcom for all of these issues that are affecting the beginning of term and hope things to be running smoothly again soon.

### Instagram

We have opened a school Instagram account, where we will be sharing photos of excellent work produced each week. If you would like to follow us – here is the QR code:



**GREATHOCKHAMPRIMARYSCHOOL**

### Jeans for Genes

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September we are inviting children to wear denim to school, either shorts, jeans, skirts or dresses in exchange for a donation towards Jeans for Genes, this is the annual fundraising event for the genetic condition community. This campaign raises awareness of the daily challenges faced by those living with a genetic condition and raises money to fund projects that make a tangible

difference to the lives of those affected. We will share the just giving link with you all next week. Thank you in advance.

#### Uniform Exchange

If you have any good quality school uniform, that your child has outgrown, please wash it and place it in the uniform exchange basket in our foyer by the office. We will then sort it into sizes and store it safely in the office. If you require some uniform, please email Mrs Pavey at [office@hockham.set.education](mailto:office@hockham.set.education) requesting the sizes and items that you would like and she will see what we have in stock. These preloved items will be given to you free of charge and will be subject to availability.

#### Curriculum maps and Homework Celebrations

You will receive class welcome letters, curriculum maps and information about the homework for this half term today. We will continue to invite you into your child's classroom to see all of the wonderful homework that the children have created. This gives them a real purpose for their learning at home and they feel really proud showing everyone what they created. Thank you in advance for supporting your child with their half termly homework project. We are always so impressed at the quality of the work the children produce!

#### Maths Café

This term we are inviting parents into school to be with your child during their maths lesson so you understand how we teach maths in school and what you could do to support your child further at home. Younger siblings will not be able to attend as this may disrupt the session. For year groups 1-6 these sessions will last for an hour from 9am- 10am but reception's session will be slightly shorter finishing at around 9.40. The dates are listed below. If you would like to attend the session please email the school office. Many thanks.

#### Reminders

Please ensure you put your child's name on their uniform and belongings, so they are easy to return to their owner if misplaced! Please send sunhats and check that your child is wearing sun cream if the weather is hot.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct colours on PE days. Black or dark grey shorts, skorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms, white or dark green T shirt and a black, dark grey or dark green sweatshirt or hoodie. Trainers can be any colour.

#### Dates for your Diary

##### September

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September:** Clubs begin – information to follow (awaiting Bromcom)

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September:** Jeans for Genes

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September @ 9am:** Year 1 Maths Café

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September @ 9am:** Year 3 Maths Café

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September @ 9am:** Year 5 Maths Café

##### October

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> October @ 9am:** Year 6 Maths Café

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October @ 9am:** Year 2 Maths Café

**Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October @ 9am:** Year 4 Maths Café

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> October @ 9am:** Reception Maths Café

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October:** Homework due in

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October @ 8.40-8.55:** Rabbit Homework Celebration

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October @ 8.40 – 8.55:** Owl Homework Celebration

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October @ 8.40 – 8.55:** Deer Homework Celebration

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> October @ 2.15:** Harvest Celebration at Holy Trinity Church, Great Hockham

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October @ 8.40-8.55:** Hedgehog Homework Celebration

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** – Break up for Half term holiday

**November**

**Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – Return to school

Have a good week,

Best Wishes

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