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HEADTEACHER NEWS:

Thank you to all the parents who attended our **Y2 SATs** meeting this week, we received very positive feedback and hope that the presentation helped to reassure you about your child's forthcoming assessments. The presentation is now available on our website if you were unable to attend.

On Wednesday this week Mrs Tunnicliffe and Mrs Marks attended a **Young Carers** in Schools Awards ceremony at Wycombe Heights Golf Club with 8 of our pupils who are Young Carers, to collect a Gold Award from the Mayor of High Wycombe. We are proud to be recognised as a Young Carers School. Our Young Carers are responsible for the emotional, practical or physical care of a parent, sibling or other family member who has a physical disability, mental health issue or substance misuse problems. The group have been working alongside Rahat, a Young Carers Bucks support worker, to give our carers the opportunity to discuss any worries they have regarding school work and their caring role.

This week, fifteen children from year 3, participated in a Quick Sticks **Hockey** Development Day, at Bisham Abbey; home both to the GB and England International Hockey squads! The children enjoyed an actioned packed morning, where they received tuition from professional coaches. Each child made huge progress and are now looking forward to putting their skills into practise!

We have recruited 4 new members of the **Governing Body** – 3 foundation governors, appointed by the Diocese – Louise Stallwood, Roger Grant and Judith Mettem and a Local Authority Governor – Marisa Chatterson. We look forward to working alongside them.

Our application for **Academy** conversion has been submitted to the DfE. However due to the forthcoming general election, there will be a delay in any applications being processed. We will update you as we go along.

Nursery – Following our successful planning application we are planning on opening our nursery school in September 2017. We will shortly be sending out information so that parents can register for a place. Please pass this news onto any neighbours or family who may be interested in a nursery place.

Staffing - Miss Foulds will be leaving Great Kingshill at the end of the summer term following a successful interview at a school nearer to her home. We will be sad to lose her and wish her well in her new school. We have held interviews this week and will update you in due course once all paperwork has been finalised. Your child's next class teacher will be announced on transition day in July.

SCHOOL OFFICE NEWS

As you are aware, we have started to take payments for trips on our Parent Pay system. This is a step toward the school becoming cashless. We would like to say a big thank you to all the parents who have used this method as it has made the whole process a lot more streamlined.

If you do have any problems with your log in or with Parent Pay in general, please do contact the office.

HOT MEALS

We will shortly be asking our pupils for their views on our hot meals. If you wish to make any comment about our hot meal provision, please send them in via email to office@greatkingshill.bucks.sch.uk. Many thanks.

SAINSBURY'S VOUCHERS

Thank you for sending your vouchers in, please note that this runs until the end of June so please keep them coming! We hope to be able to choose some exciting new sports equipment if we collect enough vouchers.

Signing in Children

Please **do not** drop your children off if they are late, without signing them in the blue file at Reception - they must be brought in by a parent or guardian; this is to ensure we know their whereabouts. If they are late and you don't sign them in, we will presume they are not in school and you will receive a text message asking you to contact the office. Thank you

EMERGENCY CONTACTS FOR PUPILS

Please make sure that all your contact details and people that we can contact, are up to date. We have tried a few work numbers recently where the parent no longer works there.

If you are not going to be contactable on a school day or unable to pick up your child if they are ill, (if you are in meetings or far from the school for example), please make sure you have a contingency plan in place to enable another contact/family member to collect on your behalf. Thank you

DATES:

Mon 1st May – BANK HOLIDAY
Tue 2nd May – Reception trip to Oxford Museum Natural History
Thur 4th May – After school Cricket starts
Mon 8th May – Smashing Tennis starts
Tue 16th May – Class & Team Photos
Thur 18th May – 'Drop In' session **3.00 pm**
Fri 19th May – Yr 5 trip to Hazard Alley
Fri 26th May – Break Up for Half Term
Mon 5th June – School starts
Mon 19th June – Sports Day
Wed 21st June – Reserve Sports Day
Sat 24th June – PTA Summer Fair
Fri 30th June – School Disco
Tue 4th July – Transition Day
Wed 5th July – 'Drop In' Session **09.00 am**
Fri 7th July – INSET Day
Tue 11th July – Yr 5 performance to parents – 7 pm
Tue 18th July – Yr 6 Leaver's production to parents – 7 pm
Thur 20th July – Reception Graduation 2.30 pm for parents
Fri 21st July – Yr 6 Leaver's assembly 09.15 am
Fri 21st July – School breaks up for Summer - 1.30 pm

With best wishes for a lovely bank holiday weekend.
J E Garlick, Headteacher