

## GRINDON HALL CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

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### Key events next week

- 17<sup>th</sup> - Year 5 Beamish Visit.
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Year 8 immunisations.
- 19<sup>th</sup> - Year 3 visit to Durham University.
- 19<sup>th</sup> - International Day of Peace.
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Year 2 Walkwise (PM)

### Weekly newsletter

We have introduced a shorter, weekly newsletter to help inform parents about key dates and events in school. This will be emailed to parents weekly. If you know of any parent or carer who has not received the email, please ask them to contact the school office to make sure we have their up to date email address.

### Welcome back

Despite the unsettling news about NELT no longer proceeding with the sponsorship of the school, I am very pleased to be able to feedback that we have had a very settled and productive week in terms of learning. The children have adapted incredibly well to their new classes and although saying goodbye at the school gates is still hard for some of our youngest children, as soon as the classroom doors are closed there is a happy and productive atmosphere.

### New Routines

Thank you all for your patience as we establish our new routines. Although the start of the week was not quite as seamless as we had hoped, we are glad to say that by day 2 the new system was working well. Thank you to those parents who have been in touch to acknowledge the efforts of our staff in the transition. A little positive feedback is always much appreciated!

### Key Contacts

We appreciate that sometimes it is not possible for parents to speak to key members of staff at the start and end of the day. As the

majority of our staff are in classes teaching children every day it's not always possible for telephone calls to be returned straight away. To make contacting the relevant school leader more accessible, please find below their email addresses:

Consultant Primary Head - Mrs Hoare

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KS4 – Mrs Campbell

[S.Campbell@grindonhall.com](mailto:S.Campbell@grindonhall.com)

### Roald Dahl Day



Thursday saw many fun activities to celebrate Roald Dahl, one of our favourite children's authors. The children took part in many activities linked to his work. The staff enjoyed getting dressed up too-in fact Mrs Critchley was a little too convincing as Miss Trunchbull! Thank you to all for your support in providing costumes.

### School Photographs

Phototronics will be in school on 27<sup>th</sup> September to take individual and sibling photographs.

### Walkwise programme

Our Year 2 pupils are going to complete the Walkwise programme this term, where they will learn about road safety, in particular how to cross the road safely using safe crossing places. Adults will take them in small groups into the local area around school to practise crossing the road using the zebra crossings and traffic island. They will complete road safety games and activities in school. The Year 1 pupils will have a taster session in class to introduce them to road safety.

### Detention Letters (Y7-Y11)

We will no longer be posting detention letters home. Notification of a detention will be emailed to priority contact 1. A copy will also be given to the student during end of day dismissal.

### Breakfast Club

Our new breakfast club has started well. It is open to children from 8am each day and is quickly increasing in popularity. The cost for a healthy hot/cold breakfast is £1 per day. School will cover the cost of breakfast for those children who are entitled to free school meals. We still have some spaces should parents wish their child to attend. All places must be booked and paid for in advance; the booking form is available from the school office and is also available on the school website.

### Open Evening

Our Open Evening will take place on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> October (4pm-6pm)**. This is a great opportunity for prospective parents (September 2019: Reception and Year 7) to learn more about GHCS. Parents of children who are currently in school are also very welcome!

We currently have a limited number of places in many year groups. **Please pass details of the Open Evening to anyone who you believe may be interested.**

### House Assembly Launch



Thursday saw the launch of our House Assembly, with an introduction to the people behind the names of our houses, Shaftsbury, Wilberforce and Parks.

It was also an opportunity to introduce the House Leaders and pupil house captains.



The house leaders (staff) and captains (Y11 students) are:

Wilberforce –Mr Westgate and Verity Kell

Shaftsbury – Mr Robinson and James Campbell

Parks- Mrs Hubbard and Jacob Feeney

There is certainly strong sense of competition and it will be interesting to see how the points totals develop across the year.

The house captains have chosen the **'Charlie Bear for Cancer Care'** as their named charity. Each house will compete to see who can raise the most to support this incredibly worthwhile cause.

**Sale of History Department 'pre-loved' Textbooks.**

An opportunity to get ahead with your history and also raise money for 'Charlie Bear for Cancer Care'. Give a donation for any book that piques your interest

Lunchtimes in room SB24

Monday 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> September

**Naming Clothing Items**

Please could all parents ensure items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name. This makes it much easier for us to return misplaced items. Thank you.

**Celebrating Pupil achievements**

We love to hear about out-of-school achievements. If you would be happy for us to share your child's achievements in our newsletter, please contact

[info@grindonhall.com](mailto:info@grindonhall.com)

Have a lovely weekend!