

Great Easton Grapevine

Wednesday 13th September 2017

Autumn 2



I will shortly be sending out letters regarding our annual visit to the O2 with the Young Voices choir. There is still time for your child (years 2-6) to get involved if you think they might be interested. Rehearsals are on Wednesday lunchtime for the concert on Monday 5th February 2018. If anyone else wants to join, please let me know before next Wednesday.

Dangerous Driving

On Tuesday last week, we had a report that a vehicle registration OU61YCC raced into the car park in the morning, nearly causing an accident with another vehicle pulling out of a space. Please can we ask that care is taken when dropping off/picking up your children from school.



STUDENT UPDATE FORMS

We will shortly be sending out our student update forms. These forms will show the details we currently hold on our systems and it is important that they are checked thoroughly, amended where necessary and returned to the office so that we can correct any anomalies.

Please return by Friday 29th September



Lily Stocker (Y4/5) has mislaid her brand new cardigan – please can you check that it hasn't come home with your child by mistake.



Letters to
Parents

since last Grapevine.....

None

CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING
LAST FRIDAY'S ASSEMBLY

DOODLE MATHS

Nathaniel Green

TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS

Austin Hall

ODDIZZI
Where the world comes to life

Charlie Stiff

Well done!



House Team Captains have been
announced:

**FALLOW – Eliza Westcott & Jack
Rayner**

SIKA – Lili Cole & Maggie Bowman

ROE – Olivia Bryant & Jack Macro

RED – Jess Latham & Charlie Bishop



**Great Dunmow Carnival is being held on
Saturday 16th September 2017**

This is the third year Rebel Strength have hosted a Strongman Competition in the adjacent main field. This year we will be running a Tug of War competition from 2:30pm for children and adults and are looking for local teams to enter and take part. You can enter a team of up to 8 people.

If you are interested in competing for the tug of war trophy, please email andy@rebelstrength.co.uk or have a look at our facebook event page for further details.

<https://www.facebook.com/events/963865780407914/?ti=c>



The Swimming Letter was sent out last week but there are still a number of parents that haven't returned the permission slips. Please can this be done as a matter of urgency in order that the children can go swimming next week. Please also remember to send in swimming costumes on Monday if your child is in Miss Wilson's class.



PTA Annual General Meeting: This Friday 15th, 2:00 – 3:00pm, school staff room. All parents and carers welcome as are any pre-school age children you may need to bring with you in order to attend. We'll discuss the election of new committee members for the roles of Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. Claire Claxton will request to be re-elected as Treasurer. Send nominations for any of the available roles to pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk before the meeting. In the event that there is more than one nomination for each role, we will vote during the meeting. In addition, we will also collate any email votes after the meeting from those people who were unable to attend. If time permits, we will also be briefly discussing forthcoming events.

We look forward to seeing new parents as we are always looking for input and new ideas for fundraising activities. You are not expected to take on any regular commitments or to become a committee member by attending this meeting.



SAVE THE DATE: Christmas Fayre, Sunday 26th November, 11 – 3pm



KEEP IN TOUCH: Search Facebook for *PTA Great Easton Primary School* and join the group or email us at pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk



CLASS LIST: We have started using Classlist to keep parents at our school connected and up to date. It's free and super easy. Parents in over 500 UK schools use Classlist's private, secure service to connect, arrange events, share recommendations and more. Parents of each class are connected in a group with each to connect more easily. To join, please email pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk

BAG 2 SCHOOL



Bag 2 School collection has been arranged for Monday 16th October. Bags will be sent home in book bags soon. Good quality clothes, paired shoes, accessories, soft toys, towels, curtains and bedding are all accepted. No school uniform. <http://uk.bag2school.com/what-we-collect>

CASH FOR COINS



We collect your old (or current!) sterling/foreign currency coins and notes. Collection bottles in each classroom and a monthly prize for the heaviest bottle

SHOP ONLINE? HELP YOUR PTA THE EASY WAY – NO BAKING REQUIRED!



If you regularly shop online at Amazon, John Lewis, Next, Ebay, M&S, Argos, Tesco (+ many more shops) or about to make a large one off purchase online, check if you could easily raise money for our school PTA by shopping online via 'The Giving Machine'. All you need to do is register at www.thegivingmachine.co.uk and simply visit that website, select the online store you intend to shop at from the list and be redirected to the website of your choice and the retailer will donate a small % of the transaction to the PTA. Over 2,000 shops are linked to the Giving Machine site. So far we have raised just over £200 through the Giving Machine from just a small number of parents registered. This is a great opportunity to raise funds without having to do anything different.

DIARY DATES

ANY NEW ITEMS/AMENDMENTS TO PREVIOUS WEEKS' WILL BE IN RED & MARKED WITH * IN CASE YOU PRINT IN BLACK & WHITE!

September

Thursday 7th & Friday 8th – New Reception start – 8:40-12:00 (no lunch)

Monday 11th – New Reception – 8:40-1:15 (with lunch)

Monday 18th – New Reception – Full Time

Weds 20th – Fri 22nd – Year 5 Danbury Residential

Friday 22nd – 4:00-7:00pm – Family Fun Friday

October

Monday 16th – 9:00am – Bags 2 School

***Wednesday 18th – 9:30am – Harvest Service at Great Easton Church**

November

Tuesday 14th – Parent Consultations

Thursday 16th – Parent Consultations

Friday 17th – Children in Need

***Sunday 26th – 11:00-3:00 - Christmas Fayre**

December

Tuesday 5th – KS1 daytime performance (with babies & toddlers)

Thursday 7th – KS1 evening performance

Tuesday 12th – KS2 daytime performance (with babies & toddlers)

Thursday 14th – KS2 evening performance

Friday 15th – Wear a Jumper for Christmas Day

***Monday 18th – 9:30am – Christmas Carol Concert at Great Easton Church**

FUTURE DATES: ***Monday 5th February – Young Voices at the O2** ~ Thurs 1st March – World Book Day ~ Weds 21st March – Easter Service ~ Fri 23rd March – Sport Relief ~ Tues 3rd July – ***Year 6 Literacy & Numeracy Day at HRS (by invite only)** ~ Weds 18th July – Leavers' Service