



Great Easton Grapevine

Autumn 7 – Wednesday 16th October 2019

Our vision: We are God’s children and global citizens. We will be bold enough to use our voices, brave enough to evoke change in the world and strong enough to stand up for what is right. We are valued and are part of a Christian family that grows together in faith, love and kindness.

Letters to Parents since last Grapevine:

None



My name is.....

Please remember to label your child’s clothing as a lot of the time, they are unaware that they’ve lost items, so won’t be looking! Initial or Surname on the label with a Sharpie will help us to rehome items quickly and avoid the huge pile starting to form in the lost property box!



We will be marking Remembrance on Monday 11th by walking to Great Easton memorial to read poems and share in the silence from 10:45-11:00am. Feel free to join us there if you are available.

Dressing Up Day

Don’t forget, we will be having a ‘dressing up day’ on the last day before we break up for half term (Friday 18th October) – children can dress up if they choose or just wear normal schoolwear.

Menu Change:



A few notes from Miss Jackman:

Please can parents make use of the Walking Bus where possible – the car park is very busy and parents aren't always parking considerably – there is no time to chat, it needs to be an in and out system. We are investigating changing gates and paths, but all requires external funding. If more people used the Walking Bus it would alleviate some of the problems. We know the weather is bad, but with the right clothing and some wellies, the children would benefit from the walk to and from school and the fresh air and exercise! It is very rare that we don't let them go out to play in bad weather – it has to be pouring – so send them on their way!

This Monday we didn't have our picture news assembly because we were very lucky to have a visit from Cat, a professional dancer, who led workshops for all classes to celebrate the Hindu festival of Diwali. The children re-told the traditional story of Rama and Sita through banger and Bollywood style dance moves – a great day was had by all.

Last week we were lucky to be able to work with Jason Buckley, the Philosophy Man, who also ran workshops for each class and provided staff training after school. This will support our curriculum and our children's ability to think deeply and consider different viewpoints of a question. Each class had a philosophy question at the root of their topic and will be using the strategies from the workshops to unpick the question fully by the end of term. Watch this space for more information, but it has been very exciting in school!

Don't forget the mental health and well-being workshop here on Wednesday 6th November from 8:45am onwards in the staffroom – please pop along if you can.

Inclusion Activity Club at Lord Butler Leisure Centre,



A new Inclusion Activity Club is starting up at Lord Butler Fitness & Leisure Centre in Saffron Walden.

Running as an initial 10-week pilot programme, the club will take place on Sundays, 9-11am. The club welcomes disabled children aged up to 16.

The activities will change each week and will include swimming (every week), trampolining, Boccia, soft play, yoga, cricket, multi sports and much more.

Carers must be present throughout the whole session. Accessible parking, toilets and changing facilities with disabled hoist are available on site.

Each session costs £5 and advanced booking is essential. Please call **01799 522777** or email lord.butler@1life.co.uk to book your place or for more information.

Essex Primary SCITT

Are you interested in teaching?
Come along to one of our upcoming events to find out more.

Thursday 7th November 5-7pm University of Essex

Thursday 14th November 5-7pm Notley High School

We are a well-regarded established teacher-training provider with a long record of training excellent primary and early year's teachers. We were very proud to have recently been graded as 'Outstanding' in all areas by Ofsted for our School Centred Initial Teacher Training (SCITT) Primary Programme (November 2017), and as 'Good' for Early Years Initial Teacher Training (EYITT) programme (June 2018).

Please contact us for any information or to let us know your attendance:
07738 885759
enquiries@essexprimaryscitt.co.uk

Facebook, WhatsApp, Twitter, and other social media icons are also present.



Great Easton Primary School / Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) / Issue 01 / October 2019

PTA News

The PTA is changing!

Helen Wildman has stepped down as chairperson and Claire Claxton has stepped down as Secretary/Treasurer of the PTA.

On behalf of everyone, we would like to acknowledge and express boundless gratitude for Helen and Claire's tireless commitment and substantial contribution.

We're excited to announce that 5 parents have been elected as the new PTA committee:

Joint Co-Chairs

- › Chris Durham (Dad to Amelia in Y3 & Olivia in Y1)
- › Roz Parker (mum to Toby in reception)
- › Cat Vora (mum to Indigo in reception)

Vice Chair

- › Sarah Morris (mum to Rudi in Y5 & Finn in Y2)

Treasurer

- › Claire Dorian (mum to Amber in Y1/2 & Ethan in reception)

As fellow parents we're here to represent **every parent** and enhance quality education and lasting memories for all our children in the short time they're at school!

On your behalf - we're really looking forward to getting to know you and hearing your invaluable ideas for fundraising and events in the future.



Jazzy Jars

By popular demand jazzy jars will be back this year at the Christmas fayre!

Custom decorate an upcycled jar and fill it with your choice of assorted goodies from sweets to small toys, balloons and bubbles. **Don't forget we're a nut free school** so please keep it safe for every child.



Thank You, Thank You, Thank You

Sincere thanks for all the Christmas shop donations that have been filling up the boxes in the main reception foyer area.

Donations of new items only will still be gratefully received and welcomed. Let's make it the best year yet!

A huge thank you also to everyone who contributed to the September Bags to School. **We raised a fantastic £84.**

Get your groove on!

Don't forget the KS1 & KS2 Discos are on **the first Friday back after half term** (8th November).

Times:

- › KS1 5pm - 6.15pm
- › KS2 6.30pm - 8pm

Tickets £3 on the door only.

Free soft drinks for kids and a 50p bag of popcorn for hungry tummies.



Coming soon

There will be lots of festive family fun at our Christmas Fayre on Sunday 24 November.

Can you help in a small way to help cover a stall, set-up or clean-up at the end of an event for just 30 minutes?

Or maybe you can bake or donate to the cake stall? Whatever you can do will make a big difference! Grab one of us in the playground or ping an email across to us.



Events to look forward to next term:

- › **KS1 & KS2 Disco**, Friday 8th November
- › **The Christmas Fayre** on Sunday 24th November @ 12pm - 3pm
- › **Christmas Pocket Money Shop** on Friday 13th December



Find out more and email us: pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk

DIARY DATES

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

October

Friday 18th – Fancy Dress Dressing Up Day

Friday 18th – HALF TERM HOLIDAY BEGINS

November

Monday 4th – BACK TO SCHOOL

*Wednesday 6th - 8:45am – Mental Health & Well-Being Workshop – Staff Room

Friday 8th – Flu Vaccinations

*Friday 8th – PTA School Discos

Weds 13th – Individual & Sibling Photos (inc. pre-schoolers)

Thursday 21st & Tuesday 26th – Parent Consultations

Friday 22nd – Trip to BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir – Reception & KS1

Sunday 24th – PTA Christmas Fayre

Friday 29th – Trip to Chelmsford Recycling Centre – Y4/5-Miles

December

*Thursday 5th – R/KS1 & KS2 Dress Rehearsals – timings tbc

*Friday 6th – 2:00-3:00pm – R/KS1 Performance

Monday 9th – 2:00-3:00pm – KS2 Performance

Tuesday 10th – 6:00-9:00pm – Evening Christmas Performances

*Friday 13th – PTA Christmas Shop

Tuesday 17th – Christmas Dinner (children only)

Weds 18th -2:00pm– Carol Concert – Great Easton Church

FUTURE DATES: Wednesday 5th February 2020 – Young Voices Concert – O2 Arena; Tuesday 11th February – Y6 Parent Consultations; Monday 2nd March – Trip to Chelmsford Cathedral – Y4/5-Miles; Thursday 12th March – Yrs 1-5 Parent Consultations; Tuesday 17th March – Yrs 1-5 Parent Consultations; Weds 1st April – 2:00-3:00 – Easter Service; Friday 22nd May – Sports Day; Mon 29th June – Fri 3rd July – Year 6 IOW Residential; Thursday 9th July- IOW Assembly; Tuesday 14th July 3:20-5:00 – Open Afternoon; Friday 17th July – Y6 Leavers' Show; Weds 22nd July- 10:00-11:00am – Leavers' Service;