Weekly Newsletter

Monday 10th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Firstly, I would like to extend a warm welcome to Reggie, who has joined us in Ducklings class. We hope he and his family will be very happy at Great Tey.

As our school has grown a little again, with two more children also expected in Sparrows Class, we have had to make some small changes to the teaching structure for this and the Summer Term. This is largely because we were putting Ducklings and Sparrows classes together for PE and for two afternoons a week but now, with a combined class of 34 when our two new children arrive, this will no longer be possible. The new teaching structure is set out below and affects Ducklings, Sparrows and Robins classes; there is no change to the teaching structure in Woodpeckers.

As you will see, the dates sheet is rather bare at the moment, as we are waiting to see what happens next before we organise Community Worship and other events - we hope to be able to do these again shortly, and very much look forward to being able to welcome parents back into school. For now, however, please note that the PTA have postponed their Quiz Night until things are more settled. After a very tricky Autumn Term, with a third of the school having to isolate due to Covid, I am glad to say we have come back to a much more settled Spring Term - fingers crossed it continues that way!

As ever, all the best from all of us to all of you, Lucy Overton

Mrs. Carol Almond

It is with great sadness that I must let you know that one of our school Governors, Mrs. Almond, passed away yesterday. Mrs. Almond was a stalwart supporter of the school: she was a regular visitor to our EYFS class and came in voluntarily each week before the pandemic to teach French to the older classes. The children in all classes thoroughly enjoyed the French Day she organised, with a French café, art studio, travel agency and games - a very special day as it was one of the last events we were able to hold before Covid made such things impossible. More recently, she has worked hard as part of the swimming pool committee to support the rebuilding of our pool as a community venture. She will be hugely missed by us all and I will miss her calm, wise and thoughtful advice as a Governor and long-term friend of the school.

We send our deepest condolences to her husband and family.

Teaching Structure Spring Term 2022

Ducklings -

Mondays and Tuesdays all day- Ms Lambert

Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays all day - Mrs Canning

Monday PE - taught by Mrs Overton

Wednesday PE - taught by our sports coach, Jordan, for half the afternoon; the other half being PHSE taught by Mrs Overton

Sparrows -

Each morning and Friday afternoon - Mrs Hodgkins

Mon, Tues, Weds, Thurs afternoons - Mrs Overton

Monday PE taught by our sports coach, Leon

Wednesday PE - taught by our sports coach, Jordan, for half the afternoon; the other half being PHSE taught by Mrs Overton

Robins -

Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays - Mrs Tucker

Fridays - Mrs Overton

Monday PE taught by our sports coach, Leon

Thursday PE taught by Mrs Tucker

Woodpeckers (no change) -

Mondays and Tuesdays - Mrs Farrer

Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays - Mrs Amey

Monday PE taught by our sports coach, Leon

Friday PE taught by our sports coach, Jordan

Diary Dates

New or changed dates in red

Monday 10th January - Clubs begin

Friday 28th January - PTA Quiz Night - POSTPONED until after Easter

Monday 14th February - Friday 18th February - half term

Monday 21st February - Non-Pupil / Staff Training Day

Wednesday 23rd February - height, weight and vision checks for Y6 and Reception

Friday 18th March - Red Nose Day. Children are invited to wear red - red noses, red clothes, red hair ….

Friday 25th March - Clubs finish (Cookery, Ball Skills, Cricket, Choir, Dance, Film, Football)

Monday 28th March - additional club session for Woodland and Basketball clubs to replace session missed on 21st February

Friday 1st April - final day of Spring Term

Tuesday 19th April - first day of Summer Term

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

Monday 30th May - Friday 3rd June - Half Term

Wednesday 20th July - final day of Summer Term

Thursday 21st July - Non-Pupil / Staff Training Day

Friday 22nd July - Bank Holiday