Weekly Newsletter

Monday 12th September 2022

Dear Parents,

A warm welcome back to our new school year, I hope you all enjoyed a lovely, relaxing Summer. I would like to begin by welcoming our new children - a very warm welcome to Arabella, Johnny, Julian, Meryl, Otto, Rosemarie and Zachary who have joined us in Ducklings Class; to Connie who has joined us in Robins Class and to Rosalie, Indigo and Ralph who have joined us full-time in Sparrows and Ducklings. We hope they and their families will be very happy here at Great Tey. I would also like to extend a very warm welcome to our three new teaching assistants - Mrs Rawlinson, who has joined Robins Class; Mrs Smith who has joined Woodpeckers Class and Miss Roberts, who will soon join us for two days in Sparrows and two days in Robins Class - we hope they will be very happy at Great Tey, too!

The year has got off to a very sad start with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II - we shared an assembly to look back on her extraordinary life on Friday, and are planning a celebration assembly this coming Friday where we will celebrate her life and achievements prior to her funeral on Monday. Our message to the children has been very much one of honouring the past and looking positively to the future under our new King - in amongst the sadness, the children are quite excited to see the new bank notes / stamps and sing the new words to the National Anthem! Just to confirm, school will be closed on Monday 19th September as this has been declared a Bank Holiday as part of the period of national mourning. Many thanks and all the best from all of us to all of you, Lucy Overton

Car Park Safety

Please remember, for the safety of everyone, the area around our school and the village car park has a speed limit of 10mph. We run a 'one-way' system, with cars entering and moving round to the left and around the car park in a circle, parking at the sides whenever possible and parking in the centre only when absolutely necessary. The yellow hatching and area near the yellow bollards should always be left clear - the hatching is there to provide a safe pathway for the children to use. Even if you are late, please go slowly and remember that children may be nearby. Thank you.

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Mrs Tucker

Sadly, Mrs Tucker has been unable to join us so far this term due to illness, and has been signed off work until at least 19th September. For now, Robins Class will be taught by Mrs Overton and Mrs Collier - next week, Mrs Overton will teach on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Collier on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Mrs Overton's days in Woodpeckers Class will be covered by Mrs Amey and Mrs Farrer until Mrs Tucker returns. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

Y6 Secondary School Applications

I know children in Y6 have only just started, but I'm afraid it's already time to think about their move to secondary school! The admission round opened today and closes on

31st October 2022

Applications can be made online at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions by that date - please be aware that late applications may mean you do not get the school of your choice.

Most secondary schools will be running open days or welcoming visits - please see each school's website for information. Thank you.

Pupil Premium

As you may know, the school receives additional, and very welcome, funding for children who are eligible for free school meals and Pupil Premium. You can check if your child is eligible for free school meals here -

https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals.

We can check whether or not your child is eligible for Pupil Premium (this includes children who have previously received FSM) - please bring a note of your National Insurance number and date of birth to the office and they can carry out that check confidentially.

Mrs Webb

We are saying goodbye to Mrs Webb this week - after moving house, Mrs Webb has found a job slightly nearer to home! We wish her every happiness and success in her new role and thank her for everything she has done for our school - she will be missed! Friday 16th September will be Mrs Webb's final day in school if you wish to say goodbye.

PE Days

Monday - all classes

Tuesday - none

Wednesday - Ducklings and Sparrows

Thursday - Robins

Friday - Woodpeckers

Children can come to school in PE kit on their PE days, please ensure they have jogging bottoms and a warm top as PE will normally be outside. Thank you

Clubs

Clubs begin on Tuesday 20th September (following the Bank Holiday on Monday 19th) with the exception of Cricket Club, which begins on Tuesday 27th. The club signing up list is now live on Ping with the closing date tomorrow - please register before then as many clubs are popular and we may not be able to accept applications after that time.

Fencing Club has a different registration system, dealing directly with Little Musketeers. A Ping was sent out last week but please let us know if you have any difficulty.

All clubs end on Friday 2nd December.

Diary Dates

Weds 14th and Thurs 15th September - Y6 Bikeability

Friday 16th September 9.15am - special assembly for the children to share work about the Queen. Parents are welcome to join us but please fill in the form on Ping if you intend to come - a maximum of 2 adults per family, please.

Monday 19th September - Bank Holiday in Memory of HM Queen Elizabeth II

Tuesday 20th September - Clubs start

Wednesday 5th October - Harvest Community Worship at St. Barnabas Church 11am - please join us if you can.

Friday 7th October - Flu Immunisations in school (consent forms will come home nearer the time). Immunisations will take place in the school library.

Monday 24th October - Half Term Week

Monday 31st October - Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 8th November - School Photographs

Friday 11th November 10.45 - Remembrance Community Worship at St. Barnabas Church 10.45am - please join us if you can

Friday 11th November - Book Fair in school from after school on Friday 11th to morning of Friday 18th.

Friday 2nd December - Clubs end

Proposed Christmas Dates (to be confirmed) -

Tuesday 13th December 9.30am and 2.30pm - EYFS / KS1 Christmas Nativity

Wednesday 14th December - Christmas Lunch / Wear a Christmas Jumper day

Monday 19th December - Whole School Carol Concert in the hall

Tuesday 20th December - final day of term

Wednesday 21st to Wednesday 4th January - Christmas Holidays

Thursday 5th January 2023 - first day of Spring Term