Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 21st September 2021

Dear Parents,

As our school increases in number, particularly with children coming to Great Tey from out of the village, the car park is getting busier than ever. Last year, I asked everyone to agree to a 'one-way system' to try to prevent any accidents. We also put in place a 10mph speed limit as you come around the corner into Chrismund Way and into the car park. If everyone who uses the car park ensures that they drive in and out slowly and park in a way that does not block other drivers, we will hopefully avoid a situation in which children may run out from behind one car into the path of another. The voluntary 'rules' for parents to follow are:

1. All cars should enter the car park and turn left, circling the car park in a clockwise direction to park.
2. Cars should only park in the centre of the car park if there are absolutely no other spaces around the three sides of the car park that are available for parking.
3. When leaving, cars should again circle the car park in a clockwise direction, driving down past the yellow hatching and out of the exit.
4. Cars should not exceed the absolute maximum of 10mph when entering, driving round or leaving the car park.

As this affects children who are very precious to us all, I hope you will all see the sense in abiding by these rules, particularly now that the car park is so busy. Thank you.

Finally, I am delighted to invite you to join us in St. Barnabas Church for our first Community Worship in a very long time - we'll be celebrating Harvest on 7th October at 11am. Please join us if you can. We are also requesting food donations to Colchester Foodbank and these can be brought into school anytime during the week beginning 4th October. The foodbank are particularly requesting - SMALL BAGS OF RICE, LONGLIFE MILK, LONGLIFE JUICE, SHAMPOO, CARRIER BAGS/ REUSEABLE BAGS, SQUASH, TINNED FRUIT, DEODORANTS, TINNED POTATOES, TINNED PUDDINGS, TINS OR PACKETS OF CUSTARD, JAM, PEANUT BUTTER, TOOTH BRUSH/ TOOTH PASTE, RAZORS, SHOWER GEL, SMALL JARS OF COFFEE, SMALL WASHING POWDER/ LIQUID, SMALL MULTIPACK SNACKS (PENGUIN/CLUB/TWIX), TINNED TOMATOES

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

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We are a nut free school

Due to a number of children with allergies, we are very strictly a nut free school, with a particular need to avoid peanuts. Please don't send in peanut butter sandwiches, cereal bars containing peanuts, sweets containing peanuts such as Snickers bars etc. Thank you.

We also have a pupil who is very allergic to gram flour, which tends to be found in Indian foods such as pakora, bhajis etc. Please avoid sending these in packed lunches or as snacks too, thank you.

On the subject of food …..

We are currently working towards becoming re-accredited as a healthy school as our accreditation ran out during lockdown. Being a healthy school is a nationally recognized marker that the school works with parents to ensure children are as healthy as possible, giving them the best chance of a healthy childhood and adulthood.

We have always had a rule in place that children could bring a healthy snack for breaktime, such as fruit, a cereal bar, fruit flakes, rice cakes, breadsticks and so on. We also sell these type of snacks in tuck shop each day for 30p. However, we are seeing increasing numbers of children bring cakes, sweets, doughnuts and crisps as a snack, and so will be enforcing the rule more strictly from now on. Please ensure children only bring healthy snacks in future - if they bring in snacks from the ' banned' list, they will be offered fruit as an alternative and the snack will be returned to you at the end of day.

Thank you for your continuing support.

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Fresh fruit, fruit flakes, bars, winders etc

Cereal or oat bars

Rice cakes, corn cakes or breadsticks

Vegetable batons - carrot, cucumber, celery, pepper

Plain popcorn

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Cakes, doughnuts, muffins

Packets of sweets

Chocolate bars

Bags of crisps

Cookies, biscuits

Diary Dates

New or changed dates in red

Friday 24th September 9am - Meeting for Ducklings Parents on Tapestry and phonics

Tuesday 28th September - non-uniform day in aid of Friends of Great Tey Primary (PTA)

4th / 5th October (to be confirmed) - Woodpeckers Class trip to Layer Marney

Monday 11th October - Bags2School (black bags of unwanted clothes can be left beside the PTA shed in the days leading up to this, thank you)

Monday 18th October - final date for Cauliflower Cards art designs to come into school (Christmas designs are then made into packs of Christmas cards - more information to follow)

Mon 25th October - Friday 29th October - Half Term

Mon 1st November - Non-Pupil / Staff Training Day

Tues 2nd November - School Photographs

Friday 5th November - Flu Immunisations

Friday 19th November - Children in Need Day

Tues 23rd November - second date for flu immunisations

Friday 17th December - final day of Autumn term

Tuesday 4th January - Non-Pupil / Staff Training Day

Wednesday 5th January - first day of term

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

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

Friday 1st April - final day of Spring Term

Tuesday 19th April - first day of Summer Term

Please, please put names in children's clothes - it is very easy to return a named sweatshirt or cardigan to the correct child; slightly more complicated in the end of day rush to get a class of 5 year olds to recognise their blue sweatshirt from everyone else's!