Weekly Newsletter

Monday 27th September 2021

Dear Parents,

I know it is very early to be thinking about Christmas - we usually don't mention it until 1st December! - but your child will bring home a Cauliflower Cards pack this afternoon. The pack includes a sheet of A4 paper which your child can use to design a Christmas card (this can be either portrait or landscape). Designs can be drawn, painted, collaged - the brighter and fuller the design the better! It's a good idea to draw a light pencil border about 1cm in from the edges of the paper so that none of the design is lost in production (please erase the line when your child has finished). You then go online to https://xmas.cauliflowergroup.co.uk and order the products you would like - cards, mugs, gift tags etc. Then return the design and the artwork form to school in time for it to be collected on Monday 18th October. This is entirely optional; please return any unused forms to school if you don't wish to take part. Siblings are welcome to have any of the returned packs, please email to let us know if you would like one (please don't photocopy forms, each one has a unique code). Cards, mugs etc. are then delivered to school at the start of December and sent home in book bags. If you are looking for inspiration, there is a book of design ideas on our website under the News and Events tab - https://www.greatteyprimary.org.uk/Christmas-Card-Ideas/Index.asp/. Happy designing! Yours, Lucy Overton

Office Cover

Please note that the office is manned at the following times -

Monday 8.30 - 3.30

Tuesday 9.00- 2.30

Wednesday 8.30 - 1.00

Thursday 8.30 - 3.30

Friday 8.30 - 3.30

At all other times, messages can be left on the answerphone or emailed to admin@greattey.essex.sch.uk or head@greattey.essex.sch.uk . Letters and forms can be left in the black box next to the office window or given to teachers. Thank you

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New secondary admission round (Year 6 to 7 transfer September 2022)

The application period for admissions to Year 7 in secondary schools for September 2022 opened on 10th September and closes on **31st October 2021.** You can make an application at www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. So that you are aware, you will not receive any letters or information from Essex County Council about applying - all information is on the website.

Please also be aware that, to the best of my current knowledge, secondary schools are not holding taster days this year. Most schools are holding open evenings and are offering visits and tours over the next few weeks - please see individual school websites for details. For example -

Honywood Open Evening - 7th October from 5.30. Tours are available at 9am and 10.30am from 27th September to 15th October. To book, email schooloffice@honywoodschool.com or call 01376 561231

Parents Forum

Thursday 14th October 9am

Parents Forum is an informal, friendly meeting held, on this occasion, in the school hall. It is an opportunity for you to ask questions about school matters, suggest improvements or raise any concerns (but not about specific children - if you have any concerns about your child, please talk to their teacher first and then make an appointment with the Headteacher if things don't quickly improve). Minutes of the meeting are kept and posted on our school website.

To ensure the meeting runs smoothly, it would be appreciated if you completed the form on School Ping to let me know which subjects you would like to discuss beforehand, thank you. Please also let us know if you intend to join us for the meeting so that chairs can be set out with a little distance between them. Masks are not compulsory but you are welcome to wear one if you wish.

Club Collections

Children should be collected from clubs at 4.15 at the following gates / doors -

Woodland Club - play park gates (Mondays)

Cookery Club - main office doors (Tuesdays)

Ball Skills Club - play park gates (Wednesdays)

Choir - Woodpeckers Class door (Wednesdays)

Cricket - Woodpeckers Class door (Wednesdays)

Dance - play park gates (Thursdays)

Football - Woodpeckers Class door (Fridays)

Film Club - playground near hall doors at 5.30pm (Fridays)

Diary Dates

New or changed dates in red

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

Tuesday 5th October - Woodpeckers Class trip to Layer Marney

Wednesday 6th October - Chocolate Workshop for Robins Class

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)

Thursday 14th October - Parents Forum in hall 9am - 9.45

Monday 18th October - final date for Cauliflower Cards art designs to come into school

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

Monday 2nd May - Bank Holiday

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!