Weekly Newsletter

Tuesday 2nd November 2021

Dear Parents,

Welcome back - we hope you had an enjoyable half term holiday.

Communication within school has become a little more difficult since the arrival of Covid, and we recognise that it can be more difficult to talk to your child's teacher at times. Communication from school is mostly by School Ping, backed up by emails and, for particularly important messages, by hard copies. If you wish to contact the school, please follow the following procedures to ensure your communication is dealt with by the right person:

- Urgent information, such as someone else collecting your child that day, should be phoned through to the office on 01206 210415. Please leave a message on the answer machine if necessary and this will be picked up as soon as possible.
- Issues relating to attendance, holiday requests, medical appointments, school meals, breakfast club, after school clubs, trips or payments should be directed to admin@greattey.essex.sch.uk or phoned through to the main office on 01206 210415
- Issues relating to your child's behaviour, well-being at school, friendship issues, attainment, work or homework should be directed to their teacher, by email or by catching teachers at the end of the school day. You can also phone the office and leave a message asking for teachers to contact you. Teacher emails are:

Ducklings - mlambert@greattey.essex.sch.uk ccanning@greattey.essex.sch.uk

Sparrows - thodgkins@greattey.essex.sch.uk head@greattey.essex.sch.uk (until Christmas)

Robins - dtucker@greattey.essex.sch.uk head@greattey.essex.sch.uk (after Christmas)

Woodpeckers - mfarrer@greattey.essex.sch.uk camey@greattey.essex.sch.uk

Emails will be responded to within 48hrs.

Please use the head@greattey.essex.sch.uk address to contact me only once you have been in touch with teachers and if you feel things have not sufficiently improved. This will ensure that any concerns are dealt with by the people who know your child best. Thank you

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

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Email: admin@greattey.essex.sch.uk **Website:** www.greatteyprimary.org.uk

Tel: 01206 210415 **Head Teacher :** Mrs Lucy Overton

Covid-19 Updates

Just before half term, and over the half term week, we have had more incidents of coronavirus amongst staff and the school community, so I wanted to take this opportunity to clarify procedures if anyone within your family, or within your child's class, becomes ill.

⇒ If a member of your household becomes ill with any of the recognised symptoms, they should have a PCR test. You can book one online here - https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test . If the test is positive, all household members should have a PCR test, whether they have symptoms or not. Anyone in receipt of a positive result must isolate for ten days.

⇒ We strongly suggest that all pupils carry out home lateral flow tests twice weekly. Tests can be accessed here - https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/testing/regular-rapid-coronavirus-tests-if-you-do-not-have-symptoms/

⇒ If a lateral flow test gives a positive result, the child should stay away from school until a PCR test can be carried out. Siblings who received a negative lateral flow result are able to attend school until the PCR results are received, as long as they are not showing any signs of illness.

⇒ If the PCR test is positive, all members of the household must have a PCR test carried out - those who are negative may continue to attend school; those who are positive must remain at home in isolation for 10 full days. Full information on this can be found here - https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/self-isolation-and-treatment/

⇒ If we become aware of a child or staff member in school receiving a positive result (if they receive that result or become ill within 48hrs of their having been at school in contact with others) we will inform you of this. From now on, following Government and Local Authority advice, we will recommend that all pupils and adults in the same class access a PCR test. Children do not need to isolate while awaiting a test or the test results, but should isolate if the test is then positive. Also, at that point, all family members should also access a PCR test.

⇒ Due to the increase in cases around school, we are now encouraging the use of face masks whilst in the school grounds and particularly if you come into school for an assembly or a meeting, thank you

Diary Dates

New or changed dates in red

Tues 2nd November - School Photographs

Friday 5th November - Flu Immunisations - postponed

Monday 8th November - Parent Consultation Week. Appointments are available on School Ping.

Tuesday 9th November - Non Uniform day. Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre

Mon 15th - Thurs 18th - Travelling Book Fair in school.

Friday 19th November - Children in Need Day

Fri 19th November - new date for flu immunisations - forms will come home soon

Tuesday 7th December - bring a gift for Elfridges (more info to follow)

Friday 10th or 17th December - possible dates for Christmas Fayre

Mon 13th December - Elfridges

Tuesday 14th December - EYFS and KS1 Christmas Performance 10am and 2pm

Thursday 16th December 2pm - Provisional date for our Carol Service

Friday 17th December - final day of Autumn term

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

Wednesday 5th January - first day of term

Friday 28th January - PTA Quiz Night

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

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