Our School Newsletter February 2025

Our School Vision -

"In all things, treat others as you would like to be treated."

Matthew (7:12)

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone enjoyed a restful and relaxing half term holiday - it has been lovely to see the children coming back re-energised and ready to learn!

A quick mention for Mrs Amey and our wonderful Choir, who did the school proud at the Big Sing event held at The Stanway School on 12th February. Despite being the smallest choir there by quite a long way they sang in front of a big crowd, received a standing ovation and numerous people commented not just on their lovely singing but also on their beautiful behaviour. We are very proud of them all. The choir are now practising for a school performance later in the year.

A warm welcome to Lily-Mae and her family - Lily-Mae has joined us in Sparrows class and we hope she and her family will be very happy at Great Tey.

RockSteady sessions have now begun on Monday afternoons from 1pm - 3pm in the library, and 18 children are currently in a variety of rock bands! They will be performing to parents either at the end of this term (if they have enough practice time) or at the end of the Summer Term - more info to follow. You can track your child's progress by signing up on the parent portal. There are still a few places left if your child would be interested - Enrol Your Child - Rocksteady Music School .

Finally, Tennis Club begins today after school - again, there are places left if anyone would like to join - please contact the school office. Best wishes, Mrs Overton

Sparrows PE

We have been made aware that some children in Sparrows Class are finding PE days tricky, mainly due to noise. The younger children often do find PE sessions exciting, and the coaches sometimes have to raise their voices over the noise of excited children, but safety is a concern during these sessions and we do need children to be able to listen to what adults are saying, particularly when they are using apparatus. For this reason, we are increasing the number of adults supervising PE sessions and, until Easter, will cut Sparrows class in half so they do a shorter, more focussed PE session with around 12 children in each session. We will review this at Easter to see if things have improved. Please let us know if you have any comments or concerns.

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Diary Dates (new dates in red)

March

Thursday 6th - World Book Day. Wear comfy clothes and bring a favourite book. There will be a book sale after school in the hall.

Friday 28th - FoGT Quiz Night 7pm for 7.30 start

Mondays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th - Rocksteady sessions in the library 1pm - 3pm

Fridays 7th, 14th, 21st and 28th - Pupil Mental Health Lead training sessions

April

Tuesday 1st - FoGT Easter Egg Hunt 3.15 (please note the wrong date was originally put on the School Ping calendar - apologies for any confusion)

Friday 4th - Easter Community Worship in Church 10am (change of time)

Monday 7th - Monday 21st - Easter Holidays

Tuesday 22nd - First day back

Tuesday 29th - Class Photos

May

Mon 12th - Thurs 15th - KS2 SATs week

Weds 14th - Road Safety Talks for Reception and Y5

Fri 16th - FoGT Break The Rules day

Mon 26th - Fri 30th - Half Term

June

Monday 2nd - Non Pupil Day

Thurs 5th - Mental Health Workshop for pupils

Fri 6th - Pentecost Community Worship in Church 10am (change of time)

Tues 10th - Kids Inspire assemblies and workshop

Tues 17th - KS2 Consortium Sports Afternoon

Monday 23rd - Fri 27th - Y6 Transition week (specific dates to be decided by the secondary schools e.g Stanway - Thurs 26th.)

Tues 24th - EYFS Multiskills morning

Fri 27th - FoGT Summer Fayre

July

Thurs 4th 2pm and Fri 5th 6pm - proposed dates for KS2 Performances

Sat 5th - Camp Night

Weds 9th - Fri 11th - Woodpeckers Residential Trip

Weds 16th - Family Picnic and Sports Afternoon 12pm - 3pm

Friday 18th - End of Year Community Worship at Church, 10am

Tues 22nd - Leavers Assembly 2pm