



Dear Parents,

A reminder that the deadline for booking a Parents Evening appointment is this weekend. If you have any issues, please contact the school office on Monday for assistance. We look forward to welcoming you to discuss your child's progress and to show you some of their wonderful school work so far this year.

Kind regards, Sarah Vass, Headteacher

Week starting Monday 12th February :

Spring Menu Week 2



Essex Highways - '20 is Plenty' Signage

Hopefully you have all spotted the new signs outside GTPS reminding all passing traffic that 20 MPH is 'plenty' when passing by our school.

Congratulations once again to Sienna (Y6) for creating the winning design.

Safer Essex Roads Partnership will shortly be visiting us to speak with YR and Y5 children about Road Safety.

PTFA Tea Towels

Have you placed your order yet? The children have been having fun drawing their self portrait designs for the KS1 and KS2 souvenir tea towels. You can order as many as you like, why not order one to use and an extra as a keepsake memory of Primary school. They also make lovely presents for Grandparents! See Parentmail for further details.

PTFA School Lottery

Have you seen the PTFA's recent promotional video on social media? We have recently welcomed new members and therefore the monthly prize money has been boosted! 'You have to be in it to win it' so please pick up a lottery form from the school office. Lottery balls are £5 each and winnings are paid directly back into your account by BACS.

Free ACL courses for parents (parental support and family learning)

Please see attached links to family learning and parent support courses from ACL. These are free to access via the Family Learning page, click the 'View all courses' button under the video to see all courses that are currently available throughout Essex.

<https://aclessex.com/community-family-learning/>

Chicken Pox

There has been a recent spike in cases of chicken pox in KS1. As has always been the guidance, children should not return to school until all spots have fully dried up and crusted over, no new spots are appearing and your child does not have a high temperature. There is no set number of days as each individual case will be different, the children are very welcome to return to school with visible scabs when they are feeling well.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Diary Dates:

13th February - Y6 - NCMP Height/Weight Measurements

14th February - Parents Evening (4.30-7.30pm)

15th February - Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

19th to 23rd February - Half Term

26th & 27th February - INSET days

28th February - Communication Station @ GTPS, Full details here: [COMMUNICATION STATION](#)

5th March - Y5 Mayan Day

6th March - Y6 Outdoor Learning

7th March - World Book Day

13th March - Y3 Outdoor Learning

14th March - YR Outdoor Learning

26th March - Y4 Production (to the rest of the school AM, then evening to Parents @ 6pm)

27th March - Y3 Showcase to Parents (PM, time TBC)

28th March - Last day of the Spring term

29th March to 12th April - Easter Holidays

15th April - Start of the Spring term

18th & 25th April - YR & Y5 Road Safety

26th April - Y1 Trip to Hyde Hall

27th April - PTFA Sponsored Walk

(Please check the Newsletter each week for diary updates)

Weekly E-Safety Resources:

Dealing with upsetting content

Please read the attached guidance for parents and carers.



Information about risk and reward of apps, games and other technological features are readily found on the internet via sources such as Childnet (www.childnet.com), Common Sense Media (www.commonsensemedia.org) and EST Training ('The 2 Johns': www.esafetytraining.org).

If you are concerned about an aspect of your child's online safety, please contact their class teacher in the first instance.

Headlice

We have received another report of headlice and we felt it would be a good time to remind you to regularly check your children's hair for lice and apply treatment where necessary. Please find attached for more detail on the detection and treatment of lice. <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/head-lice-and-nits/>