

Dear Parents,

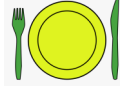
We are looking forward to meeting you again at our forthcoming Parent Consultations. The appointments are now available to book via Parentmail, the deadline for booking an appointment is next Friday, 4th February. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance. Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards, Sarah Vass - Headteacher

Week commencing 31st January 2022:

Spring menu: Week 2

Minor changes to next week's menu, as attached.



Self-isolation period for those who test positive for COVID-19

People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 now have the option to reduce their isolation period after 5 full days if they test negative with a lateral flow device (LFD) test on both day 5 and day 6 and they do not have a temperature.

For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to school immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day (24 hours later). All test results should be reported to NHS Test and Trace.

If the result of either of their tests is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10 day period of self-isolation.

Application for Leave of Absence

Any application for leave of absence must be made to the school office in writing by completing the Application for Leave of Absence Form. Forms are available to collect from the white drawers in the reception area, or alternatively you can contact the school office to obtain an electronic copy.

Forms must be submitted to the school office in advance and sufficient notice must be provided in order that teaching staff can be made aware for planning purposes, and to allow Miss Vass opportunity to respond. Please refer to the school Attendance Policy for further information, this is available on our website.

Cool Milk

Please remember school milk is free for all children under 5 years old, however if your child is over 5 and you would like to pay for a daily 189ml milk portion, you need to register with Cool Milk at www.coolmilk.com.

You can pay Cool Milk either online, over the phone or at a local PayPoint in half-termly, termly or annual instalments.



Please pay by a Tuesday at 5pm for your child's milk to start the following week

If you have any questions regarding school milk please visit www.coolmilk.com or contact Cool Milk directly on 0844 854 2913.

Diary Dates:

8th and 9th February - Parents Evenings - appointments now available to book via Parentmail.

14th to 18th February - Half Term

21st and 22nd February - INSET days

World Book Day - Thursday 3rd March

This year we are participating in World Book Day to celebrate its 25th anniversary.

As part of this, we would like the children to dress up as their favourite book character. This could be from ANY book that they have read, but not just film characters please.

Please talk to your child about what ideas they have for dressing up as they will need to be able to talk about their book character. Costumes do not need to be bought especially or elaborate.

<https://www.worldbookday.com/dressing-up-ideas/>

If you need any further help please ask your class teacher.



Prescribed Medication Administered in School

A reminder that any prescribed medication that requires a dose to be administered during school hours must be handed into the office by a parent who will need to sign a consent form.

For example, if your child is prescribed antibiotics and requires **4 doses each day**, we are happy to arrange for 1 dose to be administered at the appropriate time detailed on the consent form. If the prescription is for **3 doses per day** these should be given by the parent before and after the school day (with the third dose at bedtime).

We are unable to administer 'over the counter' medication such as Calpol. Should you have any specific queries, please contact Mrs Wilson.

Come and join our cleaning team!

Are you interested in joining our cleaning team?

We are looking for someone reliable to work 2 hours a day Monday – Friday, although we are willing to discuss alternatives to this pattern.

The hours can be anytime between 3:20 p.m. and 6:00 p.m. The position is for term time with 2 days in the summer holiday.



If you are interested please contact the school office on

01621 891091 or
admin@greattotham.essex.sch.uk for an application form or for more details.