



Dear Parents,

It was a pleasure to welcome parents this week to both the Year 4 Production of 'Robin & the Sherwood Hoodies' and the Year 3 Showcase. The children were so proud to be able to perform in the hall and share their hard work with you all.

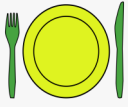
Mrs Browne is leaving us today to have her baby and we all wish her the best, we look forward to sharing news of baby Browne in the coming weeks. We have already welcomed Miss Goodsell who has spent the past 2 weeks getting to know Y2.

We also say a fond farewell to Mr Reynolds who is leaving the position of Site Manager for pastures new. We want to thank Richard for his time at GTPS wish him well. We are looking forward to welcoming Mr Lloyd who will be taking over as Site Manager from the end of April.

Wishing you all a wonderful Easter break, let's hope for less rain and more Spring sunshine. Enjoy the chocolate!

Kind regards, Sarah Vass, Headteacher

Week starting Monday 15th April :



Summer Menu, Week 1

Please find attached a copy of our NEW Summer lunch menus. As advised, the price of a school lunch is increasing to £2.50 next term.

PTFA Sponsored Walk 2024

We are thrilled that the children are so excited to take part in our long-standing tradition of the PTFA Sponsored Walk. This popular event is taking place on 27th April and it is not too late to sign up to take part. Please hand your reply slips into the school office to receive your sponsorship card. Full information is attached for reference.

Summer Term Clubs

Please refer to today's Parentmail for full information on how to apply for the Summer Term Clubs.

The online form must be submitted by **15th April**.

Club spaces will be confirmed by 25th April and for those clubs where a payment is due, this must be paid via Parentmail **by no later than 3rd May**—club places will be withdrawn if payment is not made by this time.

Signing up to a club is a commitment for the whole duration of the club. Unless your child is absent from school, attendance is expected.

National Smile 2024



In light of National Smile Month, the Oral Health Improvement Team have put together the attached resources which you may find useful.

KS1 Swimming Helpers

Thank you to those parents who have contacted the school office to confirm they can assist with the KS1 swimming lessons this year, it is much appreciated.

Please let us know if you would like to assist as we need to allow sufficient times for the DBS checks to be completed prior to the start of the swimming timetable on 30th April.

Diary Dates:

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

30th April - Swimming starts

9th May - YR Dino Day

W/c 13th May - Y6 SATS Week

20th May - Sports Day (am KS1 / pm KS2)

21st May - Y6 Bikeability starts (various dates through to 12th June)

21st May - Communication Station @ GTPS

27th May to 31st May - Half Term

3rd June - INSET Day

4th June - Y2 Outdoor Learning

5th June - PTFA Bouncy Bonanza

10th June - Class Photos

11th June - Y4 Outdoor Learning

18th June - Y5 Outdoor Learning

19th June - Y3 Trip to Colchester Castle

26th June - Y1 Outdoor Learning

10th July - Y5 Thurstable School Taster Day

12th July - PTFA Summer Fete

(Some dates may be subject to change and additional diary dates are still to be added, please check the Newsletter each week for updates)



iRock

Last Friday we welcomed parents to a concert performance by those children that have been taking part in the weekly rock band sessions with iRock. It was wonderful to see and hear the progress the children have made.

Please find attached more information if your child is interested in joining next term.



THURSDAY 28TH MARCH 2024

Sports News

www.greattotham.essex.sch.uk



Year 5/6 Football Tournament

On Monday 25th March we hosted other local primary schools to play in a football tournament.

We played and won 2 matches which meant we were through to the 1st/2nd place play off.

The final game was closely fought but a scrappy goal from All Saints gave them the win!

Well done Totham on achieving 2nd place.

