

Dear Parents,

After many years as the Chair of Governors for GTPS, John Gilbert is now stepping down from the role but will remain on the Governing Body. We want to thank John for his hard work and valuable support of the school. We are very pleased to announce that Andy Johnson has accepted the position of Chair, Andy has already been an active member of the Governing Body for the past few years.

Our Y6's have had a wonderful week on their residential at Kingswood in Kent. The weather has been great and the photographs we have received display the wide variety of activities and challenges as well as lots of happy faces. I'm sure the children will love telling you all about their adventures when they return later this afternoon. Photographs can be viewed on the school website:

[Kingswood 2023 - Click Here](#)

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Sarah Vass, Headteacher

Week starting Monday 2nd October:

Autumn Menu - Week 2



Nuts Allergy Reminder

We encourage all children in school to have nut-free lunches to support those with allergies. We do have children with particularly severe reactions including airborne triggers. We therefore politely request that you refrain from any nut-based products in your child's lunchbox including Nutella / Nutella snack products, Kinder Bueno and of course peanut butter.

(NB products which 'may contain nuts' are fine in lunch boxes).



Diary Dates:

3rd October & 4th October - Y5 Daws Hall Visits

12th October - Flu Immunisations (please see Parentmail for more information and consent form(s) for completion)

13th October - Harvest Assembly / Food Bank Donations

16th October - Individual and Sibling Photographs

17th October - Y4 Colchester Zoo Visit

18th & 19th October - Parents Evenings (appointments now available to book via Parentmail app)

23rd to 27th October - HALF TERM

30th October - INSET day

30th October - Communication Station at GTPS <https://providechildrenandfamilyservices.co.uk/services/childrens-speech-language-therapy/> - see link for further information and booking details.

2nd November - Y1 Outdoor Learning

17th November - Children In Need

27th November - Last week for Autumn clubs

Further important dates for your diary to be added shortly.

Secondary School Applications for September 2024 – Reminder for Year 6 Parents

A reminder that the closing date for applications for a secondary school place in Year 7 from September 2024 (current Y6) is **31st October 2023**.

Applications can be made via Essex County Council's website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Do you have a child starting school in September 2024?

We are running a number of tours for parents with a child due to start school in September 2024;

1st November @ 9.15 or 10.30am

2nd November @ 9.15 or 10.30am

6th December @ 9.15am

Please get in touch with the school office to book a place on one of our tour dates.

Weekly E-Safety Resources

Top tips about devices in your home

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, and would like advice, please contact their class teacher in the first instance.

