



Dear Parents,

We do hope you have enjoyed hearing how well your children have settled in to this academic year, during this week's parent consultations.

I am sure you are all looking forward to the half term break and I hope you have some lovely things planned.

It has been a busy half term and so far we have been fortunate not to suffer very much disruption from COVID-19, unlike many schools. Fingers crossed our luck continues in the run up to Christmas.

Wishing you all a wonderful half term break, see you back to school on Tuesday 2nd November.

Kind regards, Sarah Vass - Headteacher

**COVID-19 Reminder** Following the changes implemented by the Government with effect from 16th August, we have clarified the guidance for schools in respect of potential and confirmed cases of COVID-19. Please refer to the Parentmail dated 2nd September entitled 'Welcome back - Covid-19 Update' for the latest information, and if in doubt, please call the school office.

A PCR test is required if your child is displaying any of the recognised COVID-19 symptoms, a **lateral flow test is not sufficient**. LFTs are designed to pick up asymptomatic cases only. A negative PCR test will always be required before your child can return to school following a high temperature, new or persistent cough and/or a change in taste or smell.

**Week commencing 2nd November 2021:**

Autumn menu: Week 3

Please see new menu attached.



### Employment Opportunities at GTPS

Administration Assistant

37 hours per week, 40 weeks per year. Scale 3, points 4 - 5.

£18,933 - £19,312 pro rata.

We are looking for an Admin Assistant to join our busy office ideally from 17th November or as soon as possible thereafter. The successful candidate will be the first point of contact for parents and therefore a calm and positive disposition is essential. This varied role includes duties such as answering the phone, dealing with emails, processing personal and financial data, managing our child care bookings (The Lodge) and monthly invoices. Experience of working in a school environment would be an advantage but not essential. Please apply online at

[www.essexschooljobs.co.uk](http://www.essexschooljobs.co.uk)

Please be reminded that we also have vacancies for a cleaner and a midday, application forms can be obtained from the school office.

### Morning Drop-Off

Our voluntary drop-off zone operates between 8.35 and 8.55am. Parents can pull in, children can get out and then parents can drive off. This really helps keep the traffic flowing for everyone and is working very well.

Miss Cleghorn has 3 lovely Year 6 monitors with her on the main gate who can escort younger children to their classroom safely. They are eager to help!



Our Y6 monitors (Teddy, Olivia, Adam)



We have 5 of these  
GTPS backpacks for sale  
£5.00 each

### Diary Dates:

25th—29th October - Half Term

1st November 2021 - INSET DAY (non-pupil day)

2nd November - Y1 Toy Museum

5th November - Last day for Christmas card orders

2nd December - Christmas Post Box Opens

10th December - Flu Immunisations (YR - Y6)



We are pleased to be supporting the annual Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal in the run-up to Remembrance Day. Poppies and themed stationery will be on sale in classrooms from 2nd November.

Due to an error at our local dairy, there will be no milk available for the children on Tuesday 2nd November. Normal delivery will resume on the Wednesday. Please contact Cool Milk directly if you do not receive a refund on your account.



Temme English Estate Agents in Maldon are inviting children in the area to design THEIR ideal house! This could be their idea of a dream home, one that is traditional or one that is an idea for the future that hasn't been seen before. To enter, just pop in to the Temme English office in Maldon high street and pick up an entry form. Closing date for entries is 19<sup>th</sup> November. Full entry terms can be found here.

<https://temmeenglish.co.uk/competition-rules-oct-2021>