

Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to meeting you again at our forthcoming Parent Consultations. The appointments are now available to book via Parentmail app, the deadline for booking an appointment is next Friday, 3rd February. Please contact the school office if you require any assistance.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Sarah Vass - Headteacher



Week starting Monday 30th January:

Spring Menu - Week 1

E-safety resources

Along with the newsletter, you will receive a 'What parents and carers need to know' guide relating to a game, app or other aspect of E-safety. 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.common Sense Media.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.

Are you interested in joining our cleaning team?

We are looking for someone reliable to work 2 hours a day Monday – Friday.

The hours can be anytime between 3:20 p.m. and 6:00 p.m and the position is for term time with 2 days in the summer holiday. *If you cannot commit to 5 days a week, we will consider applicants who can offer Tuesdays and Fridays.*

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.



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.

Diary Dates:

1st February - Zones of Regulation drop in (9-10.30am)

8th February - Parents Evening (4.30-7.30pm)

Book your appointment(s) now via Parentmail

9th February - Parents Evening (3.30-6.30pm)

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13th to 17th February - Half Term

20th February - INSET day

21st February - INSET day

22nd February - YR & Y6 NHS Heights and Weights check

2nd March - World Book Day (Info to follow)

7th March - Zones of Regulation drop in (2-3.15pm)

7th March - YR Outdoor Learning

21st March - Y6 Outdoor Learning

21st March - Y5 Mayan Day

29th March - Y4 Production to Parents (6pm)

30th March - Y3 Showcase (Timing TBC)

3rd to 14th April - Easter Holidays

21st April - YR & Y5 Road Safety

(Please check the Newsletter each week for diary updates)

Supporting your Neurodiverse Child

Please find the attached information from Essex Family Forum supporting neurodiverse children that may be helpful.

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.