



Dear Parents,

With Christmas now in sight, it is a busy time of year for us all! We hope you will support our forthcoming ice skating event, the details are below and I'm sure it will be a wonderful day. Tickets for our annual Christmas Raffle will be on sale from Monday with the raffle draw taking place on Wednesday 13th December. Each year the Christmas hampers and bags get more and more luxurious. To support this fundraiser we will be having an optional non-uniform day on 8th December (further details attached). In addition, we will be enjoying all the other Christmas events mentioned in the diary dates. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards,

Sarah Vass, Headteacher

Children In Need - Be Spotacular!

Children In Need Appeal 'Be Spotacular' Thank you for your donations for this wonderful cause, the grand total raised by

GTPS today is over **£600!**



PTFA Ice Skating Event - Sunday 17th December:

Tickets are now available for our Christmas Ice Skating Event!

Book online using the link below. Please use the child ticket option to book a Great Totham School child place at a subsidised rate of £3.50 (every child who attends Great Totham is entitled to 1 x subsidised skate).

<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/CVSC>

On the day there will be a line-up of Christmas entertainment, festivities and refreshments, including...

- ❁ Father Christmas
- ❁ Grillaz burger & hotdog stand
- ❁ Hot & cold drinks, snacks and mulled wine
- ❁ Christmas gift stalls
- ❁ Children's craft & games
- ❁ 2 small fairground rides
- ❁ Christmas music and carols
- ❁ Snow machine



Weekly E-Safety Resources:

Tips for Disney+

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.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.



Week starting Monday 20th November:

Autumn Menu - Week 1



Diary Dates:

W/c 27th November - Last week for clubs

30th November - Christmas Post Box opens

1st December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production to the rest of the school

4th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production to Y1 Parents (1.45pm)

5th December - Y1 & Y2 Christmas Production to Y2 Parents (9.30am)

7th December - YR Christmas Event (1.45pm)

8th December - Non-uniform day (further details attached)

8th December - KS2 Author visit - Sam Scott

12th December - Y5 Christmas Production to the rest of the school (AM) and to Parents (6pm)

13th December - Christmas Panto 'Santa Claus' Shoes'

14th December - Christmas Dinner

17th December - PTFA Ice Skating Event

18th December - Communication Station at GTPS (<https://providechildrenandfamilyservices.co.uk/services/childrens-speech-language-therapy/> - see link for further details and booking)

18th December - Last day for Christmas Post Box

18th December - YR/KS1 Christmas Parties at school

19th December - Y3/Y4/Y5 Christmas Parties at school

19th December - Y6 Christmas Disco (5-7pm)

20th December - Last day of term / Christmas singing assembly

21st December to 3rd January - Christmas Holidays

4th January - Start of the Spring Term

15th January - 31st October - Deadline for September 2024 New Intake applications via below link -

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/schools/admissions/primary-school-places>