



Her Majesty,
The Queen

21 April 1926 - 08 September 2022

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth

1926-2022

We would like to extend our sincere condolences to the new King and the entire Royal Family, for their deep personal loss.

Great Totham Primary School joins the nation in mourning our remarkable long-serving monarch and also in celebrating her spectacular life.

Dear Parents, What a lovely first week back we have had with so much energy and enthusiasm from the children. I hope you are all settling back into the term time routines after the summer break.

We are looking forward to the most 'normal' year for some time and one of our priorities will be to support our families with maintaining good attendance and arriving at school on time. As a reminder good attendance, as defined by the government, begins at 96%. As you know, term time holidays cannot be authorised except in the most exceptional of circumstances and medical/dental appointments should wherever possible be made outside of school hours.

We never want children who are poorly to be in school, but we try hard to balance this with building resilience when feeling a little under the weather – after all Calpol can work wonders! We will always call you if your child becomes too unwell during the school day.

We will be proactive in contacting you if attendance or punctuality seems to be an issue and please do not hesitate to talk to class teachers or Mrs Wilson, our Family Support Worker, if we can help. Let's work together to have a wonderful school year with everyone achieving 96%+ attendance.

Teaching staff have today been talking with the children about the death of Her Majesty The Queen and we have also discussed this in our whole school assembly this afternoon. We await confirmation of the funeral date in due course.

Attached you will find the termly curriculum letters for your year group(s), this lets you know what topics the children are covering this term and any important dates coming up. It also includes top tips on how you can best support your child.

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new YR classes from Monday.

Kind regards,

Sarah Vass, Headteacher

Dismissal A reminder of the Dismissal arrangements:

Time	KS1 Playground	KS2 Playground
3:05pm	Children in Reception & KS1 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with no siblings OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reception or KS1 siblings only 	Children in KS2 being collected <ul style="list-style-type: none"> With no siblings OR <ul style="list-style-type: none"> KS2 siblings only
3:20pm	Children in Reception & KS1 with KS2 siblings. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The KS2 children will meet the collecting adult on this playground Any Yr3 children will be escorted by an adult 	Once children with KS1 siblings have walked across to the KS1 playground any children who are leaving the site independently will be dismissed

Under no circumstances can the above times be permanently amended for your child(ren).

All Infant children must be collected by an adult. Infant children travelling home on the school bus or attending The Lodge are escorted by a staff member, KS2 children can go independently to the waiting areas.

Ad hoc dismissal changes must be made in writing with ample notice. Phone calls to the office for dismissal changes are only allowed in the case of an emergency.

Week starting Monday 12th September 2022:



Autumn Menu - Week 2 A reminder that the price of a KS2 school lunch has increased slightly to £2.30 due to the ever increasing cost of supplies however this remains in line (or less) than other schools in the area.

Diary Dates:

Parents Evenings - 18th & 19th October

Further important dates for your diary to be added shortly.

Disabled Parking in the GTPS Carpark

A reminder that only those parents with a valid Disabled Parking Badge are permitted to park in the school's staff carpark.

Please make arrangements to update the office with a copy of your badge.

Please refer to the school website for a copy of the school **Behaviour Policy**.

Please also refer to our **Privacy Notices**.

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