

# Great Easton Grapevine

Autumn 10 – Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November 2021

**Our vision:** We are God's children and global citizens. We will be bold enough to use our voices, brave enough to evoke change in the world and strong enough to stand up for what is right. We are valued and are part of a Christian family that grows together in faith, love and kindness.

## School Meal Booking

Please book your child's school meals for w/c 6<sup>th</sup> December using the link below

<https://forms.office.com/r/WxDSpmYrvq>

Closing time for bookings is 10pm on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - please don't forget as we will not be able to add any on if you miss the cut-off.



## IMPORTANT: Christmas Dinner

In order that Jacqui can make sure she orders enough, please make sure to book your child in for Christmas Dinner by

**SUNDAY 28<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER**

Payment can be made nearer the time, but it's important you register them using Schnappy EVENTS so that they are included!



## Online Safety

Just in case this is useful for some parents: <https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/ask-the-awkward> - Talking regularly with your child about relationships and sex can help develop shared understanding, trust and support between you. Talk little. Talk often. Ask the Awkward. - thinkuknow.co.uk Being online is an important part of how young people 'do' relationships. Young people are using online spaces for their social and romantic lives.

**New Digiduck story:** Childnet have released a new version of the hugely popular Digiduck story. Digiduck and the Magic Castle is the fourth story in the series and this time focusses on playing games online. You can download from [here](#)

**New Swoosh and Glide story:** The Australian eSafety Commissioner has some brilliant, free resources on their website. One of the newer resources is a new Swoosh and Glide which tells the adventures of a fun family sleepover, common technology experiences of children and shows what to do when something unexpected happens. The story can be downloaded as a pdf from [here](#)

## Dates for your Diary

(Any new dates that have been added since last week will be in red).

### December

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> - Jazzy Jars (PTA)

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Fayre (PTA) - Save the date!

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am - Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance for younger siblings

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - 2:00pm - Y3/4 Mr Boddington's Class Christmas Performance for younger siblings

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm - Y3/4 Mr Boddington's Class Christmas Performance for parents (creche for Rec & KS1)

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am - Y4/5 Miss Gabenyte's Class Christmas Performance for younger siblings

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm - Y4/5 Miss Gabenyte's Class Christmas Performance for parents (creche for Rec & KS1)

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> - 5:45pm - Reception & KS1 Christmas Performance for parents (creche for KS2)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - Elfridges Xmas Shop (PTA)

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - 1:30pm - Y6 Miss Govey's Class Christmas Performance for younger siblings

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> - 6:00pm - Y6 Miss Govey's Class Christmas Performance for parents (creche for Rec & KS1)

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Dinner & Wear a Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - 10am - Carol Concert in Church

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> - Flu Vaccinations

**CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - 20<sup>th</sup> December - 4<sup>th</sup> January 2022**

### January 2022

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January - Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY - 11<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> February**

### March 2022

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> - Parent Consultations - NO KIDSCLUB on these days

### April 2022

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - 10am - Easter Service in Church

**EASTER HOLIDAY - 4<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April**

### May 2022

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

### July 2022

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> - 3:30-5:00 - Open Evening

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am - Leavers' Service

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> - 9:30am - Leavers' Show

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> - Y6 Isle of Wight Residential

### MRFA Christmas Holiday Course

MRFA are running a course at Fritch Green Community Centre on 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup> December - Mixed & Girls only courses available.

Click the link for details: [A5 Flyer - December 002.pdf](#)



We have had a few cases of sickness in school - please remember in all cases of sickness and diarrhoea, your child should remain at home for 48 hours from the last bout.

## Reception Applications for Sept 2022

Applications for Reception places can now be made online via [www.essex.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions) where you will find all relevant information. The statutory national closing date is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2022



Uttlesford Foodbank provides seven days' worth of food and essentials to those in crisis across Uttlesford. We rely solely on food and donations from members of the public and local organisations.

During COVID-19 we are unable to see clients at our centres but we are delivering food to anyone who needs it within 24hrs. We operate out of Saffron Walden, Dunmow and Stansted.

## EMERGENCY FOOD AND SUPPORT FOR LOCAL PEOPLE IN CRISIS

1 in 5 people in the UK live below the poverty line. That's 13 million people. People in Uttlesford are going hungry today.

Source: The Joseph Rowntree Foundation



We are part of The Trussell Trust's UK-wide network of foodbanks, working to help the many people affected by poverty and hunger in our society.



Lots of prizes to be won!

Essex **Library** Services

Read, learn, connect.

**Winter Reading Challenge**

Saturday 27 November 2021 - Saturday 19 February 2022

Pick up a giant bookmark from any Essex library. Read six books to complete the challenge and collect a stamp for each library book you read!

Visit [libraries.essex.gov.uk](http://libraries.essex.gov.uk) for more information

WILDERNESS FOUNDATION UK | LOVE ESSEX | Explore Essex | essex/outdoors | Essex County Council

Essex Libraries Services will be launching their Winter Reading Challenge on Saturday 27 November 2021 and we would love to invite all of your children and their families to take part.

All families need to do is visit their local library, sign up and collect one of our exclusive giant bookmarks, which will be stamped with one of our special woodland creature stamps for each book they read. The aim is to read six books over the winter period and receive a large golden star on completion of the challenge.

Everyone who signs up will be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win some fantastic prizes. These include Love Essex goodie bags, signed books from authors Catherine Emmett, Vassiliki Tzomaka and Emma Beswetherick and days out with Explore Essex, Essex Outdoors and the Wilderness Foundation. Full details of the prize draw can be found on our [website](#).

Families can take part at any point from 27 November 2021 – 19 February 2022.

Children will join the Animals of Snowy Wood where Connie the fox and her friends will help Fraser the squirrel to get a good night sleep. Please encourage your students to sign up at any Essex Library and fall in love with reading this winter.

Watch the start of [Fraser's story on our YouTube channel](#). We will also be telling more of Fraser's story every week via our social media platforms so [follow us on Twitter](#) and [like us on Facebook](#) to find out what the animals of Snowy Wood get up to and how Fraser can finally get a good night's sleep.

# What is your PTA up to?

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## Dates for your diary...

### Jazzy Jars! Fri 3rd Dec

Bring in your Jazzy Jars for sale for £1 each at school on this Friday rather than being sold at the Christmas Fayre this year.

For new parents - see email dated 18/11 for all details and updated guidelines.



### Elfridges Xmas shop

Friday 10th Dec - £2 per gift

For the children to choose and buy gifts for the family and have them gift wrapped. More details to follow.



### GEPS Calendars 2022

£8 per calendar

If you would like a calendar this year, please send in your money to school clearly marked with your child's name and class (correct change please)



While stocks last!

### Help and donations needed:

- Donations of any unwanted children's or adults **Christmas jumpers** and **Christmas decorations** would be much appreciated for a stall at the fayre. - **Deadline Friday 26th November**
- All donations can be left in the foyer for the PTA to collect.
- If you own a business or know a company that could sponsor the Christmas shop by donating some funds for us to buy gifts, please contact the PTA via FB.

