

# Great Easton Grapevine

Autumn 5 – Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> October 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

Here is the link for booking your child's meals for w/c 18<sup>th</sup> October (Menu Week Two)

<https://forms.office.com/r/P6Dm5BBNfY>

## EVERY MEAL MUST BE PRE-BOOKED

**Deadline** for bookings is **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> October** - we have extended the time to **10:00pm** to allow for those who have busy Sundays!

Parent Meetings

Please don't forget to book your appointments and let us know if you need to use the creche facilities.

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Congratulations to Miss Gabenyte's class with 96.11% for September!

## Dates for your Diary

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

### October

Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> - Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - Y5 Danbury Residential

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> - #HelloYellow Day - wear something yellow (see overleaf for details)

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> - Donations for Harvest Festival to be brought into school (see overleaf for details)

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> & Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - 4:00-7:30pm - Parent Consultations

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> - 'Magic Dress Up' Day (PTA)

### November

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> - Individual & Sibling Photos

### December

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

### March 2022

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> & Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> - Parent Consultations - NO KIDSClub on these days

### July

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



If you'd like to sign up for Multi-sports after school club after half term, please follow links below - 11<sup>th</sup> November - 9<sup>th</sup> December, £21.00 - to book and make payment

KS1 - <https://prestige-sports-uttlesford.class4kids.co.uk/info/22>

KS2 - <https://prestige-sports-uttlesford.class4kids.co.uk/info/23>

## #HelloYellow Day

This Friday (8<sup>th</sup> October) is #HelloYellow day. It's National Mental Health Day on Sunday and lots of schools are getting involved to raise awareness and money for Young Minds - the children's mental health charity.

“Dig out your neon socks, custard scarf and banana hat - let's show young people they're not alone with their mental health!”

We all struggle with how we're feeling sometimes and it's normal to have ups and downs. This year might have felt a little more down than up. It's the little things that have got us through - morning walks, singing in the shower, the perfect cuppa, your favourite film, the bestie who makes you LOL or the teacher who has your back!

Saying #HelloYellow this World Mental Health Day is a little thing we can do to make a BIG difference to young peoples' mental health.

**Please encourage your child to wear yellow this Friday and if you'd like to contribute then please sign up on Schnappy under Events and pay your £1**

## School Meals

We always try to provide the tastiest food and encourage children to enjoy their school meals, try new foods and make healthy choices, however, we are constantly evaluating and therefore occasionally need to make changes.

We have been running with the current menus for half a term now and it is evident that some changes need to be made. After half term, Week 1 Seaside Fish (KS2) will now be Fish Fingers for all children, KS1 will have Smiley Faces and KS2 Crispy Cube potatoes as normal. Week 2 we are removing Sweet & Sour Chicken from the menu - out of 80 meals booked, only 26 are choosing this option, so it is not viable for us to cook it anymore. Instead, we will be offering Macaroni Cheese (this can be made gluten-free, but not dairy-free) or Tomato Pasta. The salad bar will be loaded with various toppings (including BBQ Pulled Pork) and our lovely salad. There will be no light bite options as Pasta was the most popular light bite option for this day. Fridays, for the Hot Dog Day, rolls will be placed on the salad bar for the children to take if they want them - currently more than half of the rolls are being thrown away untouched! By doing it this way, we can work out exactly how many rolls will be needed and avoid unnecessary waste. As always - if you have any problems/questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

*Jacqui (aka Mrs Broccoli) x*



For Harvest festival this year, we would like to collect urgently needed supplies for our local food bank. Coronavirus has had a monumental impact on food bank use, with a huge rise in people needing to use a food bank in its network for the first time.

- *The Trussell Trust's new analysis forecasts a 61% increase in food parcels needed across its UK network in October to December - six parcels given out every minute*
- *During the start of the pandemic around half of people who used a food bank had never needed one before*
- *Families with children have been hardest hit*

If you would like to help, please drop off both food and non-food items (urgently need items are listed below) into boxes in each class or the main entrance on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October**.

### AN URGENT APPEAL

#### OUR SHOPPING LIST

- INSTANT RICE/NOODLES - PREFERABLY FLAVOURED
- CHILDREN'S TOILETRIES EXCEPT NAPPIES
- ADULT TOILETRIES (DEODORANT, SHAMPOO, SHOWER GEL, SHAVING FOAM ETC)
- TINNED FRUIT/VEGETABLES
- VEGETARIAN TINS, E.G. MAC CHEESE, VEG CHILLI/CURRY
- SAUSAGE & BEANS/SPAGHETTI BOLOGNESE/RAVIOLI
- RICE PUDDING/CUSTARD/MICROWAVE PUDDINGS/JELLY
- CRACKERS/SAVOURY SNACKS/CRISPS
- KETCHUP/MAYO/GRAVY/STUFFING
- INSTANT MASH/TINNED POTATOES
- BAKED BEANS/SOUP
- LONG-LIFE JUICE/SQUASH
- PEANUT BUTTER

#### THINGS WE'RE WELL STOCKED WITH (THANKS)

- PASTA
- CEREAL
- TINNED MEAT
- TINNED FISH
- MILK

THE FOODBANK ARE ALWAYS IN NEED OF BAGS FOR LIFE SO THESE ARE ALSO GRATEFULLY RECEIVED.

#### Non-food items

Deodorant	Toothpaste
Toilet roll	Soaps and hand wash
Baby wipes	Pet food

# What is your PTA up to?

Great Easton Primary School / Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) / Issue 41 / Sept 2021



## Christmas PTA Meeting

**Friday 8th October - 9am in the staff room.**

Discussing all things Christmas - everyone very welcome.



### Coming Soon...

Watch this space for the new 'Making Waves' 2022 GEPS Calendar.



### Magic Dress-up Day

**21st October**

Bring in £1 and dress up/ accessorise if you wish!



### Christmas Fayre

**5th December**

Save the date - More details to come.

Find out more and email us: [pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk](mailto:pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk)

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