

Great Easton Grapevine

Autumn 7 – Wednesday 20th 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

No booking this week as you will have booked last week for the first two weeks back after half term. Watch this space next time for the link!

There's still time if you haven't yet donated for #HelloYellow Day - please register on Schnappy under Events. If you'd like to pay more than the minimum £1.00 let me know and I'll add it on for you. We will close this on Friday so that we can send the donations to the charity.

CHANGES TO PICK-UP etc

Please make sure to let the office know of any changes to end of day arrangements, including cancellation of KidsClub/buses/parent collection.

Please do not message classroom staff as there is no guarantee they will pick the message up as they do not have easy access during the working day. If you email/Schnappy then the office staff can make sure everyone that needs to know is informed.



**Essex
Primary SCITT**

Online recruitment events via zoom on the following dates:

2/11/21 7-8pm

1/12/21 6-7pm

12/1/22 7-8pm

8/2/22 6-7pm

Email laura@essexprimaryscitt.co.uk if you'd like to join

Recruitment Coffee Morning at Lyons Hall Primary School:

Weds 15th December 8:30-10am

Secondary School Applications for Sept 2022

Statutory closing date for applications from parents of Year 6 children for a secondary school place in Year 7 from Sept 2022 is **31st October 2021**

Applications to be made via:
www.essex.gov.uk/admissions

Vacancy

Stebbing Primary School are looking to fill a vacancy for a Kitchen Assistant for the next half term only. 5 days per week, 11:30-3:00, setting up, serving and washing up. Salary scale 2, point 3, £9.62ph.

Please email Kate (Office Manager) on admin@stebbing.essex.sch.uk if you're interested or would like more information.

Dates for your Diary

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

October

Thursday 21st - 4:00-7:30pm - Parent Consultations

Thursday 21st - 'Magic Dress Up' Day (PTA)

HALF TERM HOLIDAY - 25th October - 5th November

November

Monday 8th - Individual & Sibling Photos

Thursday 11th - Tuesday 16th - Book Fair

Friday 19th - Dare to be Different Day (PTA)

December

Friday 3rd - Jazzy Jars (PTA)

Sunday 5th - Christmas Fayre (PTA) - Save the date!

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

Wednesday 8th - 1:45pm - KS2 Christmas Performance for younger siblings

Wednesday 8th - 7pm - KS2 Christmas Performance for parents (creche for Rec & KS1)

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

Friday 10th - Elfridges Xmas Shop (PTA)

Thursday 16th - Christmas Dinner & Wear a Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 17th - 10am - Carol Concert in Church

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY - 20th December - 4th January 2022

January 2022

Wednesday 19th January - Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena

HALF TERM HOLIDAY - 11th - 18th February

March 2022

Tuesday 22nd & Thursday 31st - Parent Consultations - NO KIDSClub on these days AMENDED

April 2022

Friday 1st - 10am - Easter Service in Church

EASTER HOLIDAY - 4th - 18th April

May 2022

Friday 27th - Sports Day

July 2022

Tuesday 5th - 3:30-5:00 - Open Evening

Friday 8th - 9:30am - Leavers' Service

Friday 15th - 9:30am - Leavers' Show

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd - Y6 Isle of Wight Residential

Piano lessons at Great Easton Primary



I'm so excited to be teaching the piano at Great Easton Primary School. For more information and availability, please email me at bexjoslin@gmail.com

I have taught the piano for over 25 years and really love it. There are so many reasons why it's brilliant for kids (and adults) to learn the piano. Here are just a few of them -

Improves memory, motor skills and builds confidence.

Relieves stress and anxiety.

Fosters creativity.

Teaches discipline and patience.

Gives you a fantastic sense of achievement.

All you need is an instrument, and a little time. If you don't have room for a piano, a keyboard or electric piano is absolutely fine. Most pianos have just over 7 octaves (around 52 white keys). It's fine to start on something smaller. The most important thing is that the keys are weighted and touch sensitive.

And then there's the time. It really doesn't have to take up much time at all. I really don't like the word practise, but playing every day, or most days, is really important. Little and often (10 minutes a day) is key, and will see the steadiest progression.



Please do get in touch if you have any questions



Thanks, Bex Bennett



Free clubs for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals as well as children from low income working families who would benefit from additional support. Clubs will feature fun physical and enrichment activities, as well as nutrition education. Plus each child will receive a tasty, nutritious lunch!

SEND Activity Hubs - there will be SEND Hubs across Essex, delivery specialist workshops. These will provide coaching and inclusive physical and enrichment activities for SEND pupils, to ensure they get the best out of their holidays.

Mental Wellbeing Hubs - delivering supported activities over shorter sessions, in smaller groups. Activities will be sensitive to children's needs, focusing on gentle social transition and coping exercises to help with the move back to community engagement.

Local Activity Clubs - our holiday clubs, run by locally trusted organisations, offer a wide variety of activities, ensuring they have a fun, memorable and active holiday!

<https://www.activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/bookings/>

www.greastonprimary.co.uk

What is your PTA up to?

Great Easton Primary School / Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) / Issue 42 / Oct 2021

Dates for your diary...



Magic Dress-up Day

21st October

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



Dare to be different day

Fri 19th Nov

Dress in whatever you like and 'dare to be different' Please bring a bottle for the Christmas Fayre Bottle Tombola.

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, more guidance on what a Jazzy Jar is to follow!



Elfridges Xmas shop

Friday 10th Dec

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

Christmas Fayre

5th December

Save the date - More details to come.

Help and donations needed:

- We need any **unwanted gifts** you may have at home! (condition: new). Christmas wrapping paper donations also needed if you can spare a roll to donate - **Deadline 12th November**

- 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.



Find out more and email us: pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk

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