

# Great Easton Grapevine

Spring 2 – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**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.

## Lunch Ordering

Here's the link for ordering your child's lunches for week commencing 24<sup>th</sup> January 2022

<https://forms.office.com/r/FE73qQMECj>

Please make sure to book by 10pm on Sunday (16<sup>th</sup> Jan) or you will need to provide a packed lunch for that week.



Please can parents ensure their children do not play on the equipment after school as we are finding lots of bikes etc being left out once everyone goes home. The equipment is for use during the school day only.



Dunmow Tennis Club is a non-profit organisation, only a short walk away from the High Street. The terrace by the clubhouse offers a lovely view over the tennis courts and Talberds Ley Park. New coach, Sunny Dimic, is offering free introductory taster sessions on January 23<sup>rd</sup> with the full weekly coaching programme starting on Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January. For more information visit [www.dunmowtennisclub.com](http://www.dunmowtennisclub.com) or email [dimics1968@gmail.com](mailto:dimics1968@gmail.com)

**2022**

## Young Voices

A new date has been set - Weds 4<sup>th</sup> May - please encourage your children to keep practising at home so that we are able to pick up where we left off - we hope to recommence the after school club from 21<sup>st</sup> February, but will confirm nearer the time. There are a couple of extra spaces available if anyone else would like to attend and some extra tickets available - please get in touch if you/your child are/is interested.

**TESCO**  
Bags of Help

Don't forget to vote for our new Wellbeing Garden in Tesco when you're doing your shopping!

**Sexual abuse update - may or may not be relevant to people at the moment, but really worthwhile to help you keep up to date as children are growing up by the day!**

The things I wish my parents had known....about online sexual harassment:

The Children's Commissioner, Dame Rachel de Souza DBE, has recently published a guidance document for parents helping to support them to understand online sexual harassment. It is a sensitive topic, and not one all parents feel comfortable discussing with their children.

The commissioner's team brought together a group of 16-21-year-olds and asked them to talk about what they think parents should know and what they should be saying to their children when talking about sexualised bullying and pressures of growing up online.

Key advice from the young adults in the focus groups included:

- Start conversations early, before your child gets a phone or social media account. Keep the conversation going over time, adapting to your child.
- Young people want their parents to learn about new technology and trends, including risky behaviours and dangerous spaces online.
- Create a safe and trusting home environment. Young people told us the home environment is key, they want to share things with their parents but don't always feel able.

The report and poster 'The things I wish my parent had known....' can be downloaded here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/report/talking-to-your-child-about-online-sexual-harassment-a-guide-for-parents/>

## Dates for your Diary

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

### January 2022

### February 2022

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> - Miss Miles' class trip to Stansted Aerozone

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> - Miss Wilson's class trip to Stansted Aerozone

**HALF TERM HOLIDAY - FRIDAY 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

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> - Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena

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 [www.greateastonprimary.co.uk](http://www.greateastonprimary.co.uk)

# What is your PTA up to?

The **Christmas Fayre** raised a total of **£2221.30**



## PTA Meeting Fri 21st Jan

After morning drop off in the staff room.  
**All welcome.**



## New Year clear out!

If you are having a new year clear out please remember we would gladly take any donations of christmas jumpers or school hoodies that no longer fit your children.



Great Easton Primary School

# Wellbeing Garden

## Vote for our new Wellbeing Garden

We want to use the money – which could be up to £1,500 – to transform the existing underused pond area into a Wellbeing Garden to promote the mental health of children and staff in our school, a place that's buzzing with life but also invites relaxation and reflection.

We've got lots of exciting ideas for our Wellbeing Garden, including a nature trail through a willow arch, introducing bug hotels and nesting boxes, building raised planters and creating calm areas for quiet contemplation.

You'll be able to vote for our Wellbeing Garden at **Tesco Superstore in Great Dunmow** and **Tesco Express in Prior's Green, Takeley**, from January until 31st March 2022 using tokens from the checkout.



## Vote for us now!

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