

Great Easton Grapevine

Spring 9 – Wednesday 9th March 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.

School Lunch



Please click the link below to order your child's school meals for week commencing 21st March 2022

<https://forms.office.com/r/6DvwwR6DBK>

Deadline for form is Sunday 13th March at 10:00pm – if not ordered before then, you will need to send in a packed lunch for that week.

Easter Holiday Camp

As emailed previously, Nick will be running a sports camp here in school during the Easter Holiday – please sign up using the link below:

<https://prestige-sports-uttlesford.class4kids.co.uk/camp/7>

Sibling discount available using code LVD185



'Can You Make Custard Slime?'

Please see experiment attached to the email with this week's Grapevine!



Essex Music

Education Hub

We currently have music lessons run by Essex Music Services for the following:
Singing ~ Guitar ~ Drums ~ Flute ~ Saxophone ~ Clarinet ~ Recorder ~ Ukulele

If your child would be interested in starting lessons next term, please sign up on the website:

<https://www.essexmusichub.org.uk/site/>

Deadline for new sign-ups is Friday 18th

March 2022



As outlined in last week's Grapevine, I have attached the second email with link to video for you, to the Grapevine email.

TAKEHOME



How might your life be different if you weren't able to go to school?



In the news this week

Six months after the Taliban seized power in Kabul, Afghanistan, there have been big changes to the lives of many in the country, particularly for the younger generation. The BBC has reported that more and more Afghan children are having to work to help support themselves and their families. As many people have not been paid for months, some children have had to work and earn money, instead of going to school. The Taliban also declared that girls would no longer be able to attend secondary school. Some schools are campaigning hard to remain open for all pupils.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Talk about your school and all the different things you learn there. Can you ask an adult at home about their experience of school? How was it similar to your experience and how was it different?
- What do you think life might be like for young people in Afghanistan at the moment? How do you think they might be feeling?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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A huge well done to our marvellous tag rugby team who finished in 3rd place out of all the schools in Uttlesford last Wednesday and have qualified for the Regional Finals in a couple of weeks' time! Thank you to Mr Bush for excellent refereeing and to everyone who helped out with lifts to and from the event.

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Summer menus have been sent out to everyone now and will be available to view on the website shortly. These take effect when we return after Easter. If you have been asked to send in your **allergy menus**, please can you do so as soon as possible, so that we can ensure we have the correct foods for your children.

We occasionally have children bringing packed lunches into school on days that a school meal has been pre-ordered – please note that we will still have to charge for these as the food has already been purchased and cooked.

Increase in Price of School Dinners

With the increase in food costs, the Governors have decided to increase the cost of school meals from April to £2.30. Having canvassed several other schools, we will still be slightly below the average cost being charged elsewhere.

As always you will have the opportunity to pay for meals in bulk at the beginning of term – we will be adding this to Schnappy Events shortly.

Free School Meals are available for some families receiving certain allowances/benefits – if you think this might apply to you, please check by visiting <https://www.essex.gov.uk/free-school-meals>



Don't forget to buy your Red Noses for Comic Relief! If your child would like one, please register on Schnappy under Events and pay – once we have received payment, we will distribute noses. If you'd like more than one, please message/email me with how many. The cost is £1.50 each (I originally put £1.00 so if you paid for one before it was changed, there will be an additional charge of 50p on your Schnappy!)

Thaxted Flower Club

Saturday 26th March 2022

Show mum you love her!

Flower arrangements for sale outside
Parrishes in Thaxted from 8am



PRESENTS

HONK!



15-19 MARCH 2022

TUE/WED/THU/FRI/SAT 7.30pm
& SAT 2.30pm

**THE CRAMPHORN THEATRE
CHELMSFORD**

BOX OFFICE - 01245 606505
WWW.CHELMSFORD.GOV.UK.THEATRES

Music by George Stiles
Book and lyrics by Anthony Drewe



WWW.SPRINGERS.CO.UK



This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Music Theatre International (Europe). All authorised performance materials are also supplied by MTI Europe www.mtishows.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

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

March 2022

Thursday 17th - Miss Miles' class trip to Stansted Aerozone (rescheduled from 4/2)

Friday 18th - Red Nose Day (register on Schnappy to purchase a nose)

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

Saturday 26th - Mothers' Day pop up café (PTA)

Wednesday 30th - PTA Discos - **KS1 3:15-4:45; KS2 5:00-6:30. (Change to times)**

April 2022

Friday 1st - 10am - Easter Service in Church

EASTER HOLIDAY - 4th - 18th April

May 2022

Wednesday 4th - Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena

Friday 27th - Sports Day

July 2022

Saturday 2nd - Rainbow Run fun day (PTA)

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

What is your PTA up to?

Great Easton Primary School / Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) / Issue 53 / March 2022

Mother's Day POP-UP CAFÉ

SATURDAY
26th MARCH

2 - 4pm

Great Easton
Village Hall

- Cakes
- Cream Teas
- Prosecco
- Hot & cold refreshments

Everyone welcome!

Great Easton Primary School PTA



Thank you to everyone that supported the second hand toy sale - **£135.15 was raised.**

Discos Weds 30th March

£3.50 per ticket - to be paid via Schnappy events - look out for the email regarding this with full details.

KS1 - 3.15-4.45pm
KS2 - 5-6.30pm



colour Run



Rainbow Run fun day

2nd July

Full details TBC



Vote for us now!

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

TESCO

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

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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.



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Can you make custard slime?



You will need:

1 cup of custard powder, $\frac{1}{2}$ cup of water, large mixing bowl

- 1. Pour 1 cup of custard powder into a large mixing bowl then mix in $\frac{1}{2}$ a cup of water.**
- 2. Now get in there with your hands- try grabbing a handful, pressing it into a ball and then relaxing your grip.**

Hit it, scratch it, stir it - it's crazy! Mixing cornflour (the main ingredient in custard powder) with water makes a non-Newtonian fluid. Without any pressure on it, the cornflour particles flow around suspended in water and the mix acts like a liquid. But put pressure on it and the water is pushed out the way, the cornflour particles pack together and it acts like a solid!



Email 2 – The Three C's

I mentioned in the previous email that you can't know everything. It's impossible to know all the risks and issues that our children might face online, much as it is impossible to know all the risks and issues they may face in the real world.

In this second video, which is just over 6 minutes, I discuss what is commonly called the 3C's which refers to: Content, Contact and Conduct.

The 3C's is the easiest way of understanding risk regardless of whether you think you are tech savvy or not.

Click on the link or copy/paste the link into your browser. You will also find some links below the video link that you may find useful.

<https://vimeo.com/487627081/883aa4475d>

Useful Links:

There is a huge range of risks and concerns online. Below you will find links to some common concerns.

One of the main concerns from parents is related to adult content. Here is a link that will help you to learn a little more, tips to protect your child and how you can deal with it.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/online-pornography/>

Another concern is related to youth produced sexual images (sometimes called sexting). Here you will find some very useful information. In particular I would recommend reading the document 'Look at Me'. It is quite long but it gives many useful facts, particularly in relation to vulnerable children.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/issues/sexting/>