Great Easton Grapevine

Spring 7 – Wednesday 23rd February 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.



Editor: Sharon Scott

Please click the link below to order your child's school meals for week commencing 7th March 2022

https://forms.office.com/r/mfYSciyySv

Deadline for form is Sunday 27th February at 10:00pm – if not ordered before then, you will need to send in a packed lunch for that week.

Singing Lessons

Essex Music Services has now found us a lovely singing teacher! If your child would be interested in this, please follow the link below to find out more – and sign up!

https://ukessex.speedadmin.dk/registration?signupSchoolID=1497#/courselist/25



'Curly Wurly Challenge'

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



We are so excited and ready for World Book Day – Mr Boddington has organised 300 WBD books from Harts Book Shop in Saffron Walden and every child will be able to spend their £1 voucher on one of the special WBD books.

Children are welcome to come in book themed fancy dress or wear their pyjamas.

Each class has 3 books they will base their learning on (a non-fiction, a wordless picture book and a diverse picture book). There will be shared reading with another class, a mystery story time with adults in the school and a drag queen storytime for each class. We are very excited about the day and will continue to promote children's love of reading.

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In the news this week

ollowing his admission that he attended a socially distanced event in the garden of Downing Street during the first lockdown, Prime Minister Boris Johnson has apologised. He has, however, faced weeks of calls from both the public and his colleagues in government to resign. At the time of the event, people were only allowed to meet one other person outside their household, in order to slow the spread of corpognizius.

Things to talk about at home ...

- Can you remember the last time you said sorry? Were you forgiven?
- Why do you think some people find it hard to apologise?
- Should you always accept an apology? Why? Why not?

Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

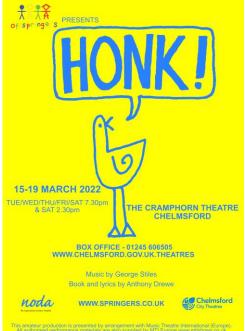
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My amdram group is performing this fabulous show

next month – if you fancy a fun evening/afternoon out, why not come and see us? The story is based on Hans Andersen's 'The Ugly Duckling' and has some lovely musical numbers! Suitable for all ages (there's some hilarious one-liners for the adults!) – you'll definitely enjoy yourselves! I shall be looking out for some familiar faces!



Friday 25th February, during school hours

Bring in your old toys... Take home some new ones!

- Donations can be left in the foyer any time from Monday 21st February, or sent in to school with your child on Friday 25th February.
- Please only donate toys and books suitable for primary-aged children (no baby or toddler toys).
- Please no huge items (all donations should fit in a supermarket bag).
- Please send your child in with a little money on Friday 25th. They
 will have the opportunity to visit the shop in the afternoon. Items
 will be priced so that a pound or two will be plenty. A carrier bag
 to put their purchases in would also be good.
- · All proceeds to Great Easton Primary School.



Dates for your Diary

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

February 2022

Friday 25th - Second-hand toy & book sale (PTA - see poster overleaf)

March 2022

Thursday 3rd - World Book Day

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

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

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

Wednesday 30th - PTA Discos - KS1 3:15-4:30; KS2 4:30-6:00.

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?

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Dates for your diary...



2's Day

Thank you all for your donations and sponsored activities.

Total raised tbc...



2nd-hand toy & book sale (in school hours) Fri 25th Feb

Please donate any pre loved toys and books (leave in the foyer) from Monday 21st Feb and send your children in with spending money on Fri 25th.



Mothers' Day pop up cafe Sat 26th March

Venue - Great Easton Village Hall (details TBC)



Discos Weds 30th March

KS1 - 3.15-4.30 KS2 - 4.30-6.



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!



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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https://www.guinnessworldrecords.com/world-records/longest-curly-wurly-stretching/

rly Challenge

You will need:

- A Curly Wurly
- A timer
- A tape measure

Did you know that the Guiness World Record for a Curly Wurly stretch is 4.26 meters? It was accomplished under three minutes by Tracy Sullivan in Frome in 2015. You can see her record here.

Now it is your turn to try the Curly Wurly challenge in three minutes! This challenge will help kids understand more about

Method:

- Unpack your Curly Wurly. Why not try this experiment with a friend? You would have one Curly Wurly for the two of you.
 (Don't forget to discuss your strategy!)
- · Set the timer for three minutes.
- Start stretching! Stretching works best when the Curly Wurly is heated up, so try to warm it up with your hands at first. Remember to be gentle or it might snap!
- After the three minutes, lay the Curly Wurly down on a flat surface and measure it. Or, have a third person measure it while still holding onto it. How long is it? Did you beat the record?

The science bit:

Some materials behave differently according to their temperature. The Curly Wurly stretches better when it's warm
because its molecules are spread wider apart, increasing the material's elasticity. When the chocolate and toffee are cold,
their molecules are bonded together tightly, keeping it from stretching.

Why not try this Curly Wurly challenge again with a frozen Curly? Or after it's been in the microwave for ten seconds? Is it harder or easier to do?

Why not try it with a different treat? Will a Fudge bar stretch? How about stretching a strawberry lace?