

# Great Easton Grapevine

Spring 11 – Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 check Schnappy EVENTS if you'd like to pay for your child's meals in full at the beginning of the term – this option is available for the first two weeks of each half term.

£64.40 for first half term; £80.50 for second;  
£144.90 from Easter to Summer hols.

If you'd like to set up an ad-hoc payment for school meals, please get in touch.

## Absence During Term Time

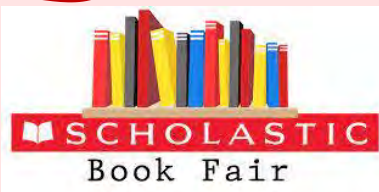
Please remember that there is a form to complete if you wish to take your child out of school during term time – the forms are on our website

<https://www.greateastonprimary.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/sites/142/Request-for-Leave-of-Absence-during-term-time.pdf> or you can email for a copy.

Absences will only be authorised in *exceptional* circumstances.



As outlined previously, I have attached the fourth email with link to video for you, to the Grapevine email.



The book fair will be with us until next Friday – please pop in and browse with your children after school, or at Parent Consultations next week! Card/online payments only please.



'Can You Make a Dragon Egg?'

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



KidsClub booking forms for next term have been sent out – please ensure these are returned before the end of term if you would like to take advantage of the discount.



If your child is not feeling very well and you have given them medicine before sending them into school, please give some thought as to whether they should be staying at home. We have had quite a few children in lately that 'aren't quite right' and consequently we are having to call parents to collect them during the day, with the risk that they may have passed something on to their classmates. If your child has sickness or diarrhoea, then they must wait 48 hours after the last bout, before returning to school.



## EASTER TENNIS CAMPS

### Dates:

Monday 4th, Thursday 7th, Friday 8th,  
Monday 12th, Tuesday 12th, Thursday 14th April

### Times:

10am-1pm Ages 9 and Under  
2pm-5pm Ages 10 and Above

### Cost:

£20 Per Day

### Location:

DUNMOW LEISURE CENTRE

**To Book In Contact Ollie Clark:**

Tel: 07841830926

Email: ojc-tennis@hotmail.com

## TAKEHOME



**Is there still a place for letters in today's world?**



## In the news this week

Royal Mail has announced that stamp prices are to go up for both 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> class options. The price of a 1<sup>st</sup> class stamp will rise by 10p to 95p on 4<sup>th</sup> April. The cost of a 2<sup>nd</sup> class stamp will increase by 2p to 68p. Royal Mail has explained that prices have had to go up as people are sending fewer letters and its running costs have increased.

In a statement it said, "Royal Mail has considered these pricing changes very carefully in light of the long-term structural decline in letter usage".

### Things to talk about at home ...

- When was the last time you received a letter or card in the post? Who was it from and how did you feel receiving it?
- Do you often send cards or letters to others? Explain your answer.
- Why do you think fewer people have been sending cards and letters?

**Please note any interesting thoughts or comments**

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Disco tickets are now available on Schnappy! Please register under Events and pay for your **child's ticket** - make sure to sign up each child **at the same time as sometimes it won't let you** go back in and add another!

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March

R/KS1 3:15 - 4:45

KS2 5:00 - 6:00

Tickets are £3.50 each to include squash, popcorn and a fun tattoo!

## Dates for your Diary

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

### March 2022

Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> - **Mothers' Day pop up café (PTA)**

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

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> - Parent Consultations - NO KIDSCLUB

### April 2022

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> - 10am - Easter Service in Church

**EASTER HOLIDAY - 4<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> April**

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> - **Miss Miles' class trip to Stansted Aerozone (rescheduled from 4/2)**

### May 2022

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

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> - Sports Day

**MAY HALF TERM - 30<sup>TH</sup> May - 3<sup>rd</sup> June**

### July 2022

Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> - Rainbow Run fun day (PTA)

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**

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

# What is your PTA up to?

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## Mother's Day POP-UP CAFÉ

SATURDAY  
26<sup>th</sup> 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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

2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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.



**TESCO**



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## Email 4 - YouTube

Welcome to the 4th video in this series.

In this video we look at one of the most popular activities of children, YouTube. At 7 minutes in length I discuss what types of content is most popular with children and some of the risks and issues.

YouTube is supposed to be for children 13 years and over. If you're not aware there is another version of YouTube which is specifically for younger children, called YouTube Kids. I quite like YouTube Kids, there are some great parental controls that can be used. However I have to say that the content on YouTube kids is for very young children, so it's not a surprise to see younger children using the main YouTube service.

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/487628391/ac8070b8f0>

### Useful Links:

Historically YouTube has only had one content filter available for parents, called Restricted Mode. There are now three, which allows parents to set a filter that is appropriate to the age of your child:

<https://blog.youtube/news-and-events/supervised-experiences-for-families-on-youtube/>

If you're not aware of YouTube Kids have a look here:

[https://www.youtube.com/kids/?gclid=CjwKCAiAn7L-BRbEiwAI9UtkPejld9xRUimU5SXHIAwYM3U9XJ5WZtOrUB4fgTGhza8PS0K48tkuxoCiDYQAvD\\_BwE&gclid=aw.ds](https://www.youtube.com/kids/?gclid=CjwKCAiAn7L-BRbEiwAI9UtkPejld9xRUimU5SXHIAwYM3U9XJ5WZtOrUB4fgTGhza8PS0K48tkuxoCiDYQAvD_BwE&gclid=aw.ds)

YouTube moderation for parents:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1Yvlfw7obwE>

## Can you make a dragon egg?



**You will need:**  
eggs and food colouring

**Step-by-step guide to making dragon eggs:**

1. Ask a grown-up to hard-boil some eggs.
2. Let them cool and then roll them on the work-surface to crackle the shell all over.
3. Half-fill some cups with water and mix in a good dollop of food colouring into each cup (the gel pastes work best).
4. Pop an egg into each cup and leave in the fridge overnight.
5. Peel off the shell and you'll see that the dye is taken up wherever the shell is cracked.
6. Now gobble them up!