Great Easton Grapevine

Spring 12 – Wednesday 30th 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.



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

In addition to the note in last week's Grapevine, please note that all absence notifications need to be in writing (email/Schnappy) to the school office and not verbally to other members of staff. If your child needs to attend an appointment, then a copy of the appointment letter is required for the attendance records. If the absence is for a whole morning/afternoon or longer then the absence request form <u>MUST</u> be completed.



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

THE AWESOME SCIENCE MAGAZINE FOR KIDSI 'Can You Make a Straw Glider?'

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

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



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.

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Over the next few weeks Ruth Tidball is going to be doing a stock-take in the library and will be ordering new copies of popular books that she hasn't seen for a while. If you have any school library books at home that your child has finished with, please can

you send them in. Thank you!



Book outo free Easter holiday clubs!

April 4th-14th 2022

Eligible children and young people are invited to join our FREE fun-filled school holiday clubs, run by a network of locally trusted organisations! Brought to you by Active Essex, Essex County Council and Thurrock Council, on behalf of the Department for Education.

Who is eligible?

Clubs are FREE for school aged young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals, or from low income working families.

Where are clubs running?

Clubs are on offer across all 12 Essex County Council Districts & Thurrock

What do clubs offer?

Each organisation provides their own unique variety of physical and enrichment activities, as well as a tasty, nutritious meal for every child.

In addition to inclusive mainstream clubs, we also run dedicated SEND clubs and Mental Wellbeing hubs. To find out more about each of these offers, visit the link below

activeessex.org/children-young-people/essex-activate/



DementiaUK

On Friday 1st April, Y6 are holding a cake and savoury sale in the walking bus area in or around break time. Anything left over will be sold after school. All proceeds will be going to Dementia UK – this is part of their PHSE work on helping other communities.

Please send money in with your child if you'd like them to have a cake/savoury item and remember to bring some up at the end of the day if you are collecting, in case you're feeling peckish! 50p per item



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JOIN US AT: PASSMORES ACADEMY PARINGDON SPORTS CENTER LITTLE PARNDON PRIMARY ST MARY'S ROOM, DUNMOW

 10AM - 2PM
 AGES 5-11

 FREE FOR CHILDREN ON FREE SCHOOL MEALS

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If you keep trying, will you always succeed?



In the news this week

The shipwreck of Sir Ernest Shackleton's ship, Endurance, has been found 107 years after it became trapped in ice and sank off the coast of Antarctica. The Falklands Maritime Heritage Trust said the ship, which had not been seen since it sank in 1915, was found by a robot at a depth of 9,868 feet (3,008 metres). Footage of the wreck shows it has been very well preserved, with the ship's wheel still intact and the name 'Endurance' still visible on the ship's stern.

www.picture-news.co.uk/discuss

Things to talk about at home ...

- How do you think the team felt when they found the Endurance shipwreck over 100 years after the ship sank?
- Can you think of a time when you've persevered and achieved something, perhaps not on your first attempt?
- Why do you think failure is harder for many of us to deal with than success?

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Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others







Meet the Spring Lambs

Veteran Bicycles Plant sale Feed the animals

Sunday 24th April

High Easter Road, Near Barnston CM6 1NG Tickets £5.00 per person. Children under 12 free From 10:30am More info: www.rainbowrural.co.uk

Contact: admin@greateaston.essex.sch.uk



www.greateastonprimary.co.uk

Dates for your Diary

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

March 2022

Wednesday 30th - PTA Discos - KS1 3:15-4:45; KS2 5:00-6:30. (Change to times) Thursday 31st - Parent Consultations - NO KIDSCLUB

April 2022

Friday 1st - 10am - Easter Service in Church

EASTER HOLIDAY - 4th - 18th April

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

<u>May 2022</u> Wednesday 4th - Young Voices Concert at O2 Arena Friday 27th - Sports Day

MAY HALF TERM - 30TH May - 3rd June

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



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Thank you to all who came, helped and baked for the Mothers Day Cafe! Cake containers are in the school foyer awaiting collection



Last few days to vote! 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

Tonight Discos

£3.50 per ticket - to be paid via Schnappy events

KS1 - 3.15-4.45pm

KS2 - 5-6.30pm

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Email 5 – Social Media

At just over 7 minutes in length, in this video I'm taking a look at social media. I'm only covering the basics as social media is it is huge, it is the one area where we find all the most serious issues (content, contact and conduct) but I have also included some links below the video link that I hope you will find useful.

https://vimeo.com/487628965/949c437a21

Useful Links:

Common Sense Media – this is a one-stop shop to find further, useful information for parents. Whether it's an app, a game or a book it's a good chance it's here. Just use the search bar at the top of the page. https://www.commonsensemedia.org

TikTok Safety – TikTok have been introducing a few, useful safety and wellbeing features. You can find out all about these features here: https://newsroom.tiktok.com/en-gb/safety

Instagram – a guide for parents. https://about.instagram.com/community/parents

Internet Watch Foundation - In the video I mention the IWF in relation to concerns over live streaming. You can have a look at the IWF live streaming report here: <u>https://www.iwf.org.uk/news/iwf-research-on-child-sex-abuse-live-streaming-reveals-98-of-victims-are-13-or-under</u>

Live streaming – risks and advice: https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-live-streaming/

Social Media Risks and Rewards – guides to help your family navigate the risks and rewards that social media can bring as well as guides to the most popular social media apps: https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-advice-hub/

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Can you make a straw glider?

You will need: a paper straw, 2 strips of paper, tape

Step-by-step guide to making a flying triangle:

- 1. Cut out a paper strip 2.5cm x 20cm.
- 2. Cut out another paper strip 2.5cm x 12cm.
- 3. Fold the longer strip into a triangle with equal sides and secure with sticky tape.
- 4. Make a circle with the shorter strip and secure with tape.
- 5. Now fix the triangle onto one end of the straw, and the circle onto the other.
- 6. Your flying machine is ready to throw

Try creating some more straw planes in different shapes try changing the shape of the smaller loop or changing the length of the straw. Remember to change one variable at a time and record your results like a real scientist!

