

Great Easton Grapevine

Summer 10 – Wednesday 29th June 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 11th July
<https://forms.office.com/r/SCMuwu765J>

Deadline for form is Sunday 3rd July at 10:00pm – if not ordered before then, you will need to send in a packed lunch for that week.

Please note that Friday 15th there is a Leavers' Meal for **Year 6 only** – please don't choose this if your child is not in Year 6!



We'd like to start a parent library for helpful parenting books. If you have any books you could donate or lend, please drop them off and we'll start a collection in the front entrance. If you have any recommendations for books, we'd be happy to buy a few to start us off!



We will be holding our GEPS talent show on Tuesday 12th July. Classes will vote on their best two acts to go forward to the show and parents will be welcome to come and watch – we'll keep you updated!

The Hub

Following our wellness meeting on Friday morning, we have set up a group called The Hub and will meet half-termly to chat about relevant things. The first meeting will be held in the staffroom from 8:45am on Thursday 14th July and the focus will be around coming up with ideas of things to do with the children over the summer holidays. Please do come along if you are able to. In September, we will have a chat about secondary schools and will set the date at July's meeting.



'Paper Plane'

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

We are absolutely delighted to say that the 42 children chosen to represent GEPS at the USSP athletics event today came 1st in the year 3/4 competition and 1st in the year 5/6 competition. They represented the school brilliantly, showed incredible sportsmanship cheering for EVERY SINGLE member of the GEPS team. James Skinner received huge compliments from staff at other schools for shaking hands with his other competitors after his events. For a small school we achieve AMAZING results in our sports competitions and we are SO PROUD of all our athletes.



Nick will be running a Summer Sports Camp here during August

Wednesday 3rd – Friday 5th

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th

Wednesday 24th – Friday 26th

Click the link below to book:

<https://prestige-sports-uttlesford.class4kids.co.uk/camp/10>

There is a 25% sibling discount – use code **LVD185** if you wish to take advantage of this

MULTI-SPORT



If you would like to sign your child up for Multisports with Nick for the Autumn term, please click the link below:

<https://prestige-sports-uttlesford.class4kids.co.uk/term/19>

Thursdays 3:15-4:15, Years 1-6

20 children max

first come, first served.

TAKEHOME

27 June
- 3 July

In the news this week

A new study, from the University of Montpellier in France, has found that less attractive species of fish are more likely to be threatened with extinction than their more attractive counterparts as they lack public support. People are more committed to saving more colourful fish such as Nemo (Disney's colourful orange and white striped clownfish), than ensuring the survival of other, duller species. Speaking about the study, senior research scientist, Dr Nicolas Mouquet, said, "We found that less beautiful fishes are those recognised as threatened".

Things to talk about at home ...

- > Share your meaning of the word 'beautiful' and ask others at home to share theirs. Are they the same?
- > Can you think of times when appearances do matter and times when they don't? E.g., wearing smart clothes for a special event.
- > Do you agree with the phrase, 'never judge a book by its cover'?

How important are appearances?



Please note any interesting thoughts or comments

Share your thoughts and read the opinions of others

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Dates for your Diary

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

July 2022

Friday 1st - 9:00-1:30 - Year 5 Taster Day at HRS

Friday 1st - Crazy Hair Day (PTA)

Saturday 2nd - Rainbow Run fun day (PTA)

Tuesday 5th - 3:30-5:00 - Open Evening

Thursday 7th - 9:15 - 11:45 - Forest Schools - Class Wilson (Plus Yr6 as buddies)

Friday 8th - 9:30am - Leavers' Service

Tuesday 12th July - Talent Show (timings and participants TBC)

Thursday 14th July - 8:45-9 - The 'Hub' Get-together

Thursday 14th - 9:15 - 11:45 - Forest Schools - Class Govey

Friday 15th - Year 6 'Slip & Slide'

Friday 15th - 9:30am - Leavers' Show

Monday 18th - Friday 22nd - Y6 Isle of Wight Residential

SUMMER HOLIDAYS - 25th July - 31st August

October 2022

Thursday 13th - 4:00-7:00pm - Parent Consultations (We will let you know when available to book - won't be until after the summer holidays) **Date was incorrect on last week's list**

Tuesday 18th - 4:00-7:00pm - Parent Consultations

What is your PTA up to?

Great Easton Primary School / Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) / Issue 60 / June 2022

Volunteers needed / Volunteers needed / Volunteers needed

(contact us via our facebook page or email pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk)



Buy tickets now! / Buy tickets now! / Buy tickets now!

Please email: pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk with how many tickets you would like - payment instructions will follow in response to your email. **First come first served!**

Colour Run 2nd July / 3-6pm

Colour run obstacle course
£5pp (spectators are free).

Azure Woodfired Pizza providing hot food! Alcoholic/non-alcoholic drinks, cake stall, tombolas, games and of course the Colour Run obstacle course!

Crazy hair day 1st July

Please bring in a bottle for the bottle tombola.



Eco balloon race Results

1st - 'Mine is coolest' winning £50

2nd - 'Nicks winner' winning 2 colour run entries & a pizza

3rd - 'The Nest is best' winning 1 entry to the colour run



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

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GEPS Colour Run FAQ

What's a colour run?!

It's a fun run around an obstacle course, during which coloured powder is thrown at you, so that by the end you are gloriously colourful from head to toe! It is inspired by the Hindu festival of Holi, a joyful festival that celebrates spring, love and new life.

When is it?

Saturday 2 July, 3-6pm. The run itself will take place from 3.30 to 4.30pm.

Do I need to pre-book?

It isn't essential to pre-book, but we do recommend it as spaces are limited. Email pta@greateaston.essex.sch.uk to book your place.

Where is it?

GEPS school fields.

Where should I park?

In the field behind Great Easton Village Hall.

Who can take part?

All current GEPS pupils, plus older and younger siblings. (Younger siblings will need to be accompanied round the course by an adult/older child who is also prepared to get colourful!)

If there is powder left after all children have taken part, we will do a final run for the grown-ups.

What should participants wear?

The powder will show up best on white, but any light coloured t-shirt/top will be fine. The powder is completely safe and will wash out of clothes - but results may vary depending on detergent, temperature, etc., so we recommend wearing stuff you don't mind getting a little colourful. That includes your footwear – a pair of old trainers will be best. Feel free to accessorise with bright colours, tutus, headbands, etc.

The powder is 100% non-toxic (see below), but as with any substance you will want to keep it out of your eyes, so you will need to wear eye protection. We recommend bringing swimming goggles, but we will have sunglasses available to borrow if preferred.

If your child has particularly light-coloured hair, or dyed hair, we recommend they wear a swimming hat to avoid any risk of the colour staining their hair.

How do we get clean afterwards?

A good dusting-off should get your children clean enough for the journey home, but you may want to bring baby wipes for an extra wipe down, and depending on how clean you like to keep your car you may want to bring some towels to protect the upholstery.

When you get home, a bath or shower will wash off any remaining powder. It may take a few shampoos to get all the powder out of hair. Shake as much powder as possible from clothes before putting them in the washing machine on a cold cycle first, and then a regular wash cycle. Dependent on fabric, it may take a few washes to get things completely free of colour – we reiterate that you should not wear your favourite expensive items to this event! If you do get powder on car upholstery, etc, use a vacuum to remove as much powder as possible before spot-cleaning as needed.

GEPS and the PTA cannot be held responsible for any damage from powder getting on participants' vehicles, public transport or private property.

What else should we bring?

We suggest you bring a warm change of clothes to put on afterwards. The children may be a little damp from the sprinklers/firefighters' hoses (see below).

Is it a race?

No! Participants can run, walk, skip, dance, or even cartwheel their way around the course so long as they are mindful of other participants. If they finish the course and want to go round again they can do so, until the time limit for their wave elapses, or the powder runs out!

What happens on the day?

Please come to the registration desk from 3pm. A parent/guardian will need to sign a waiver for each participant. You will then be given a wristband and told which "wave" you will be running in. Just before your run begins there will be a safety briefing, you will be issued with sunglasses if required, and Mr Bush will lead participants in a warm-up to get your muscles ready. At the start of the course there will be sprinklers which participants can run through to dampen their clothes to help the powder stick (this is optional).

Will it hurt? What is the powder made from?

No! It's just powder made from cornstarch and food-grade dye. See our supplier's website for more information: www.ministryofcolours.co.uk/pages/about-us. It is non-toxic, biodegradable and complies with food standard guidelines. We advise you don't eat it though as it doesn't taste very nice! If you have a skin allergy or respiratory condition such as asthma, we recommend you consult your doctor before taking part, and make sure to have appropriate medication close to hand.

What if my child gets powder in their eyes or mouth?

As with any substance, the powder could cause discomfort if it gets in eyes, which is why we require eye protection to be worn. If, however, powder does get into eyes, rinse it out with water. Sinks will be available in the school lavatories. If you need assistance, please ask at the registration desk for a first-aider – they will be happy to help. If powder gets in a child's mouth, swill water and spit.

What if it's raining that day?

We'll go ahead unless the weather's so bad that safety is a concern.

Can we take photos?

Yes – but as always please do not post photos on social media that contain any children other than your own.

What other entertainment will there be on the day?

There will be rounders and other games on the top field, and a tombola. We also hope to have a fire engine in attendance.

What about refreshments?

Azure Woodfired Pizza will be selling pizzas. There will also be a cake stall and a bar selling alcohol, soft drinks, teas and coffees.

Do you take card payments?

We are able to take card payments, but poor mobile reception on sites means it can be hit-and-miss so cash is easier!

What are we raising money for?

All proceeds will go to Great Easton Primary School. As Covid has made fundraising difficult over the last few years, funds are low, so our immediate priority is to ensure we can continue to cover the cost of those items traditionally paid for by the PTA. These include subsidising school trips, replenishing outdoor equipment, the Reading Eggs subscription, and food for the chickens.

Got a question we haven't covered? Please email or phone the school or post on the PTA Facebook page.



Paper plane

This week, your challenge is to make a paper aeroplane that can travel the furthest distance. You might like to try lots of different designs to get the furthest distance, using various techniques, materials and Technology. The only limit for your design is that you can only use 1 sheet of A4 paper. You can use weights, glue, sellotape and other resources if you would like to. When you have made the perfect paper plane, film yourself throwing it and if you can, measure the distance.

