



FRIDAY 28TH MAY 2021

# School Newsletter



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**Dear Parents,**

Wishing you all a wonderful half term, the forecast looks fantastic and we hope you all have a safe and restful break. We look forward to greeting you all back on Tuesday 8th June for the remainder of the Summer term.

**Kind regards, Sarah Vass - Headteacher**

## **COVID-19 - Half Term Holiday - Track & Trace**

If your child tests positive for COVID19, within 48 hours of being in school, please contact us via [admin@greattotham.essex.sch.uk](mailto:admin@greattotham.essex.sch.uk). This email address will be monitored for notifications up to and including **3rd June** and anyone affected will be contacted by us.

OR

If your child tests positive for COVID19, having developed symptoms more than 48 hours after being in school, the school should not be contacted. Please follow the instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.

## **Wedding Bells and Baby News!**

We have some happy news to share with you all.

Miss Chapman (RMC) will be getting married during the half term break and returns as Mrs Swann - Congratulations to the happy couple!



Mrs Browne (2B) is expecting a baby later this year and will be leaving us at the end of academic year to begin her maternity leave.

I'm sure you will join us in wishing Miss Chapman and Mrs Browne all the very best at this exciting time.

## **Half Term - Essex ActivAte**

Essex ActivAte will once again be delivering free holiday activity clubs for young people who are eligible for benefits based free school meals.

Essex County Council recognises that many families are struggling financially at this current time and have provided additional funding so that so that Active Essex can extend the offer to working families who are financially struggling and whose children could benefit from the support of the Essex ActivAte clubs during the June half term and Summer holidays.

These clubs provide a range of fun activities and a healthy lunch for every child attending. All clubs offer at least 4 hours each day.

To find your nearest Essex ActivAte club and book your FREE place, please see their website:

<https://www.activeessex.org/essexactivate-halfterm/>

## **PTFA News - Not The Sponsored Walk 2021!**

A final reminder if you have not already done so, sponsorship can be paid at [www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greattotham](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greattotham) - The grand total raised will be confirmed very shortly!

## **Donations for Raffle Prizes**

The PTFA are asking if anyone would be able to donate a prize for our Summer Raffle. Ideally, we are looking for vouchers rather than bottles of drink etc, as the children will need to be able to take the prizes home after the raffle has taken place. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity.

## **Summer Ball**

The last remaining tables are now on sale, please contact the school office to reserve yours!

## **Week starting Tuesday 8th May 2021:**

**Summer Menu: Week 2** - please find new menus attached.



## **Diary Dates:**

**Half Term break** - 31st May to 4th June 2021

**INSET day** - 7th June, children return to school on Tuesday 8th June 2021.

**Outdoor Games clubs start w/c 14th June 2021**— Very limited availability remaining for some year groups, please contact the school office to book a space.

**Class Photos** - 21st June

**Y6 Leavers Trip to Nuclear Races** - 28th June

**Sports Week** - 28th June to 1st July

**School Reports issued** - 16th July

**Last Day of Term** - 21st July

## **Mobile Phones**



It has been brought to our attention that a few children have been bringing mobile phones to school without prior permission and using them on their journey to and from school and we wanted to remind you of our school policy.

Children may bring a mobile phone to school **in exceptional circumstances only (permission to be given by Miss Vass in advance)**. In these cases, children must deposit their phone to the school office at the start of the day and collect it from the office at the end of the day.

Any mobile phone discovered to have been brought into the school and not handed in to the office will be confiscated immediately and parents will be contacted. Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

## **PTFA School Lottery**

Congratulations to the following lucky lottery winners for May;

1st (28) Emma Sause - winning £47.50  
2nd (23) Karen Richardson - winning £33.25  
3rd (67) Wendy White - winning £14.25



If you would like more information on the PTFA lottery, please contact the school office.