



Dear Parents,

Parents evenings are fast approaching and I know that you will all be keen to learn how your child has settled into their new year group. A letter will be coming out next week to invite you to book your appointments with the relevant teacher(s) via the Parentmail app. The consultations will again take place via Google Classroom for this term.

Now all the children are in their new classes could I remind you that if your contact details have changed over the Summer you inform the school office? If in doubt please just double check. Wishing you all a wonderful weekend.

Kind regards, Sarah Vass - Headteacher

COVID-19 Reminder Following the changes implemented by the Government with effect from 16th August, we have clarified the guidance for schools in respect of potential and confirmed cases of COVID-19. Please refer to the Parentmail dated 2nd September entitled 'Welcome back - Covid-19 Update' for the latest information, and if in doubt, please call the school office.

A PCR test is required if your child is displaying any of the recognised COVID-19 symptoms, **a lateral flow test is not sufficient**. LFTs are designed to pick up asymptomatic cases only. A negative PCR test will always be required before your child can return to school following a high temperature, new or persistent cough and/or a change in taste or smell.

Week commencing 27th September 2021:

Autumn menu: Week 2



PTFA News

Golf Day - Friday 1st October 2021

Registration forms are still available from Jo Lakin (joannekay157@live.co.uk) for this fun annual golfing event.

Fall Ball - Saturday 2nd October 2021

Tickets are still available and those with tickets are now invited to pre-purchase their drinks vouchers from the school office. If you can't attend, why not offer a raffle prize instead?

Thank you for your generosity and support in making these key fundraising events a success.

Guardians of the Village Churches Competition

During the summer term, the children in Years 5 and 6 (of last year) were invited to enter a competition run by The Guardians of The Village Churches.

The Guardians have been established to address the challenge of ensuring that the beautiful buildings of St. Bartholomew's Wickham Bishops and St Nicholas' Little Braxted are preserved for the next generation – to secure their future as multi-use resources and returning them to the heart of the communities they serve.

The children had to draw a picture of either of the churches, with the winning designs being used on promotional items. All of the teachers involved and The Guardians themselves were very impressed by the standard of the children's work. The results are as follows:

Winners: *Leo C and Marcus C*

Runner-Ups: *Emma H, Lucy W, Elizabeth R*

Commendation: *Charlie W, Emily S, Niamh C, Calli B*

Prizes and certificates will be awarded shortly.



Diary Dates:

27th September—1st October - Y6 Kingswood Residential Trip

8th October - Harvest Festival — *GTPS are a very proud supporter of the Maldon Food Pantry and once again we will be asking the children to bring in suitable food items for donation on the morning of Friday 8th October. Further information to follow.*

12th October - Individual School Photos

W/c 18th October - Parents Evenings

25th—29th October - Half Term

1st November 2021 - INSET DAY

Employment Opportunities at GTPS

We currently have the following vacancies if you would like to join our teams. Please contact the school office for an application form.

Catering Assistant (kitchen based)

Monday - Friday (Term time only), 11.30am - 2pm (12.5 hours)

The successful candidate would join our friendly and supportive catering team. The role involves undertaking clearing and cleaning during and after service, assisting with serving meals and occasionally helping prepare food. All training provided.

Mid-day Assistant

You would be part of a team helping to make lunch times happy for the children. You would be supervising in the hall, setting and clearing tables and cleaning the hall after service.

Ideally we would like to appoint someone for 5 days a week for 1 hour 20 mins a day, within the 11.45-1.20 window.

September 2022 New Intake

If anyone you know is considering applying to GTPS then they may want to join us for one of our forthcoming tours.

Miss Vass and Miss Cleghorn are offering tours in November and December, and prospective parents should refer to our school website for more information. Places on these tours can be booked via the school office.