



FRIDAY 16TH APRIL 2021

School Newsletter



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Dear Parents,

We trust you all had an enjoyable Easter Break, we are looking forward to the Summer term and attached you will find an overview of the curriculum plan for your child's year group.

Have a lovely weekend and hopefully the temperatures begin to rise soon!

Sarah Vass - Headteacher

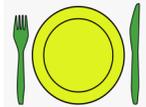
Diary Dates:

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

INSET day - 7th June (confirmed), returning to school on Tuesday 8th June 2021.

Week starting 19th April 2021:

Summer Menu: Week 2



Road Safety

Unfortunately, we have received a number of reports from parents concerning various worrying incidents surrounding road safety.

Please can we ask that every effort is made to ensure that you are parking your car both safely and considerately, not obstructing the pathways or driveways. When pulling in and out of your parking space, it is of course paramount that you check the surrounding area is clear. Smaller children can be harder to see and therefore we also suggest that parents keep beside their children at all times while walking to and from the school and not allow them to run ahead and out of sight.

We must also remind parents that children are not to run into the road in between vehicles and they must stick to the safety of the pathways except when sensibly crossing the road. Please could all parents take the opportunity to remind their children of the importance of road safety as our roads are busy especially at drop off and pick up.

Thank you for your cooperation with this important subject.

Not The Sponsored Walk 2021!

The Sponsored Walk had been a long standing tradition at GTPS, for over 30 Summers until the lockdown restrictions last year. Whilst the ongoing pandemic means we cannot host the full event again in 2021.... we have decided to do things a little differently!

There is still time to join this year's alternative event, please find attached further details with some fun suggestions for the children to take part in over the weekend of **8th and 9th May**. The more people who join in means greater funds for the school!

PTFA Balloon Race

Thank you for your support with the recent Virtual Balloon Race, a fantastic **£800** was raised to go towards the planned shelter for the KS1 playground.

We are looking for a new Chairperson for our PTFA

Although being Chair sounds a bit daunting, please do not be put off. The role is to lead the team and chairing our meetings - not to run every single event single-handed! We have a great team of committee members who have experience organising and running events.

To support you in the role, we have an experienced Secretary, Treasurer and Vice Chair.

As Chair you need to be confident, organised and approachable. You do not need any prior experience just some passion and enthusiasm!

We meet approximately three times a year at Forrester Park or The Prince of Wales Pub in the evening.

If you feel Chairperson is not for you but would like to get involved, we would be delighted to welcome more volunteers to the team.

If you would like more information or to have an informal chat with a member of our committee, please email belinda.hay@sky.com.

Thank you, The PTFA



Temme English Estate Agents - Community Donations

If you, or someone you know, is thinking of moving house, please consider Temme English Estate Agents in Maldon. Under their local community donation scheme Temme English will donate £50 to the school if you select us as your chosen recipient when instructing them to sell your home.

Amazon Smile

Amazon Smile offers the same items, prices and benefits of its sister site Amazon.co.uk, but with one difference; when you shop on Amazon Smile 0.5% is donated to our school PTFA.

All you have to do is click on the link below every time and order as normal, Amazon do the rest.

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1102220-0>

Thank you for your support, in February we received **£33.38**.