

Friday News 21.06.2024

It is that time of year when we are busy completing assessments and final reports for our current classes in preparation for them to move to their new teachers in September. Year 6 are at the time of writing, having an amazing day in Colchester. They are having an Industry day at the Mercury theatre where they will learn all about the work that goes on behind the scenes as well as the career opportunities in this creative industry.

Staffing

I am pleased to share with you all the class teachers for September.

Antarctica (YR) - Mrs Longhurst (Mon, Tue, Thur, Fri) Miss Paddon (Wed)

Africa (Y1) - Mrs Jenkins (Mon, Wed, Thur, Fri) Miss Paddon (Tues)

Oceania (Y2) - Mrs Hutchings (Mon to Wed) Mrs Benford (Thurs, Fri)

South America (Y3) - Miss Balaam

Europe (Y4) - Mrs Weatherill

North America (Y5) - Miss Butcher

Asia (Y6) - Mr Bassett

The teachers will be meeting to discuss the children in a few weeks before they meet them on Tuesday 16th July. You will also have the opportunity to meet your child's new class teacher after school on 16th July. Mrs Jenkins will be passing on information about any children with SEND at this time as well.

Sports Day

This is coming up on Tuesday 9th July. Please bring your child to school at the normal time. They will enter their classrooms in the usual way and will be brought onto the school field for a 9:15am start. Please ensure your child is wearing suncream and a hat as there is very little shade on the field. The field gate will be opened at 8:45 and parents can enter the field from then. We aim to finish at about 11am. This should be a very enjoyable morning and we welcome you to come and support your child and their class.

Attendance

We achieved **92.1%** attendance this week which is below the national average.

Year 5 are our attendance champions this week as they achieved 96.8% attendance.

They were followed by Year 1 and Year 4 in 2nd place with 94.6% and Year 6 in 3rd place with 91%.

Our whole school attendance has been impacted heavily this week with unauthorised term time holidays. Please be aware that the attendance policy is changing significantly for September 2024 in line with DFE recommendations. #MomentsMatterAttendanceCounts

T-Birds Collection

Just a reminder that the collection times for T-Birds are **4:30pm** or any time **after 5pm**. In this weather the children are on the field and there is not a member of T-Birds staff monitoring the door as they are needed outside to supervise the children. We have had an increasing number of parents turning up between 4:30 and 5pm to collect their children and

ringing the bell. If it is an emergency and you need to collect between these times, you need to call the T-Birds mobile on 07762 022895. Thank you.

Booking into Early Birds and T-Birds

If you try to book into Early Birds or T-Birds and are unable to do so it will be due to one of two things:

1. Your child's 'Money Outstanding' account must be in credit to enable you to book (unless you pay via Childcare Vouchers)
2. The club is full and we cannot take any more bookings.
3. You are booking too late and staffing for that session has already been allocated.

Please do not turn up to the club if you have not booked. The school has an obligation to contract the necessary ratio of staff to children and therefore prior notice is required.

Dropped Kerbs

We have a number of dropped kerbs close to the school. These are vital for people with restricted mobility who may need to use a Wheelchair. Unfortunately, there have been reports of these being partially or completely blocked therefore restricting access for these people to our school. Please be mindful of the kerbs when you are parking especially when close to the school.

BBQ, Bounce and Fun (Summer Fair) - a message from Arwen

Thank you to all those who have already purchased their wristbands!

We are still in need of selling 50 more wristbands to ensure the event can proceed as planned. These sales will help cover the cost of the inflatables. If we don't reach this goal by **Wednesday next week (26th June)**, unfortunately, the event will have to be canceled. It would be a shame to miss out on this last event of the academic year. Year 6 students won't have the opportunity to run the games stall, and everyone will miss out on what promises to be a fantastic afternoon.

On the day of the event the inflatable company will have tokens to purchase. However each token costs £3 and provides 5 minutes on the inflatables. So, investing in a wristband is definitely worth it!

Don't delay, secure your wristband now at <https://www.pta-events.co.uk/gwpsptfa/index.cfm> and prepare for an exciting day filled with bouncing fun! Remember, there will also be a BBQ and games available on the day.



[Great Waldingfield Primary PTFA](#)

We are a Parent teachers and friends association meaning we are not just a group of parents and teachers but also other community members. We fundraise to engage in activities, provide facilities or equipment which support the school and advance the education of the pupils. We also organise events that build community spirit within the school, such as family nights and

www.pta-events.co.uk

Safety warning

We have had a parent in this week to make us aware that she witnessed a car in the Sudbury area driving around very slowly, stopped at 3 young girls and asked them to get in his car. She has posted this on social media and had a response about a similar incident in the Chilton area. Please remind your children about stranger danger and who they should and shouldn't be talking to. This is really important at this time of year when some of our older pupils may be out with their friends without adult supervision.

Key dates

- 28th June - Dress down day - donations for Bounce BBQ and Fun event
- 2nd July - Year 4 trip to Imperial War Museum Duxford
- 3rd July - Royal Shakespeare Company performance (year 5)
- 5th July - Year 2 & 5 to Felixstowe
- 5th July - Bounce, BBQ & Fun!
- 8th July - Year 6 Leavers' Assembly pm (more details to follow)
- 9th July - Sports Day am (timings and more details to follow later)
- 11th July - Reports out to parents
- 16th July - Transition morning in school for pupils to meet their teacher for next year
- 16th July - Meeting the teacher drop in after school 3:15 - 3:45 an opportunity for you to meet your child's teacher for the following year
- 17th July - Purple and Gold reading non uniform
- 19th July - Last day of term

Happy weekend everyone!

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"Let the children come to me and do not stop them, because the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them"

MATTHEW 19:14