

Newsletter Friday 19th June 2020

New Baby

Congratulations to Mrs Liptrot, Emerald class teacher, on the birth of her baby boy, Jack. He arrived at 3.23pm on Monday 8th June and weighed a healthy 8lb 7oz. We can't wait to meet Jack when he is allowed to visit.

Next Steps

We have been able to offer all year 2 children a two-day transition opportunity before the end of term. The parents and carers have been given the dates and the new protocols in place to safeguard all of our children, families and staff.

We have also been able to offer a few more places to children of key workers to help support them during these difficult times. With these few additions, I can now confirm that all bubbles are closed to new children for the rest of this academic year.

Food Vouchers

Food vouchers have been sent to eligible families for the weeks beginning: 15.6.20, 22.6.20 and 29.6.20.

I am delighted to announce that the government has agreed to finance this over the summer holidays. Please note that if your child comes back in to school you will not be able to receive these vouchers during term time. Thank you.

Pond Dipping

The children in nursery and reception enjoyed exploring the junior school pond. They found lots of tadpoles, frogs and even some newts.



100 Keywords

Congratulations to Callum in nursery and Chloe in Moonstone for reading the first 100 key words. Well done to both of you. Keep uploading videos to tapestry of your child reading their key words so we can see their progress.

Easimaths Champs

The following top scorers of this week's Easimaths are: Joshua W (Emerald) with 1380 points, Mattea (Opal) with 2120 points and the top scorer from Year 2 is Finlay (Amethyst) with 1050 points.

New Reception Starters

Thank you to all our lovely staff for hand delivering all 90 packs to the children who will be joining reception in September 2020. If you have received a pack, we would be grateful if you would complete all forms and return to school as soon as possible. You may post them through the letter box on the main front door during site opening hours of 7.00am – 5.00pm Alternatively, you can post them to us

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or scan them and email back to the office on admin@gbins.co.uk.

Nursery 30-Hour Funding

If you currently receive funding, then you must reapply by 31st August 2020. If you are applying for the first time you must complete online by 31st August 2020. I advise you not to leave applications to the last minute because if you miss out on funding you will not be entitled to the additional free 15hour provision. This will result in you being charged for additional sessions or sessions being withdrawn. HMRC will often give advice that is different to that of Essex County. We have to follow the rules set out by County. Please click on the link to apply: https://www.gov.uk/30-hours-freechildcare

School Uniform

Hopefully, we will be back in uniform from September. If so, uniform may be purchased online from one of two outlets: www.myclothing.com or www.schooltrends.co.uk. We have a few items of uniform in the office for sale but will not be holding uniform, other than the rocket team t-shirts going forward.

Warmer Weather

At the moment, it looks as though the sunshine is set to return next week. Please ensure you apply suncream to your child before coming to school. They will need a sun hat and water bottle as well.

School Reports

Teachers are writing reports for each child this year. They will not include any formal assessment information. They will be sent home Friday 17th July.

Lunch Menu

The menu for the rest of this term and the start of the Autumn term can be found on our website:

https://www.gbins.co.uk/parents/menu/

Contact Us

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