



GIFFARDS PRIMARY MARCH NEWSLETTER



Parent Groupcalls

May we remind parents/ carers to check their emails regularly as the school will be sending out regular updates and information via email.

If you have any concerns about your child then please contact

Inclusion Team

Unfortunately we are unable to hold face to face meetings at present so we will be holding phone meetings instead.

You can contact the team via the school office, please see below days & times:

Every Wednesday 9.15-10.15am

Every Thursday 2.30-3:30pm

Who can I talk to?

Mrs Holdsworth can help you with any **Behavioural** concerns that you may have Mrs Teager can help you with any worries concerning **ADDITIONAL NEEDS**.

Welcome Back and Happy Easter, all at once!

It has been lovely to see all the children back. We are so proud of the way they have returned to school. Thank you all so much for keeping to our school systems and wearing masks whilst on school premises

We would like to thank you all for your ongoing support and understanding during these unusual times. The children have adapted well to the changes that we have had to make and have settled back in really well.

The last three weeks have gone by really quickly and we now find ourselves wishing you all a really lovely Easter break. We hope you all stay safe and well.



As we have not had parents evening this term, they will be rescheduled for the Summer Term - details to follow when we return.

Children return to school on Monday 12th April 2021

Contact tracing over the Easter break

The DfE has asked schools to continue with contact tracing over the Easter break, we will be available for contact tracing duties for the first six days of the Easter holidays (Sat 27th March – Thursday 1st April). If you believe your child may have COVID symptoms, please arrange a full PCR test and then report the result if positive immediately to

admin@giffardsprimary.thurrock.sch.uk

This will allow us then to contact any one that the child may have been in close contact with and advise they need to self-isolate. From Friday 2nd April the NHS will carry out the contact tracing as usual.

Student/Parent Information

Changes

Please can you ensure that the school office is notified of any changes in your/your child's contact details. It is important that we have an up to date telephone number/address & email address in case we need to contact you.

Online Payment System

A reminder that we cannot accept payments over the counter. We do encourage parents to use our online payment system. Not only is it the most secure way to pay for everything and available 24/7 but paying online will also constitute as permission where relevant, so you will not have to complete a slip as well.

All parents should have already received a unique log in and password to set up an account, but if you need this to be re-issued then please contact the office.



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Lateness and Dinners

May we remind parents that all children should be on time for school each day.

If your child is going to be late for school for any reason and you wish them to have a school dinner then could you please ensure that the main office is notified of the reason for your child's lateness and their dinner choice by no later than **9am**. This is because the school kitchen only cook the correct amount of dinners that have been ordered. To ensure that all children can have what they choose.

Free School Meal Vouchers

We have ordered the free school meal vouchers for the two week Easter break . The link to the vouchers should have already arrived into your inbox, if you haven't seen it please do check your junk mail. The vouchers are for £30 per child.

Parent Parking

Unfortunately we have received complaints from local residents regarding parents parking across driveways and blocking access to garages.

Could we please remind parents to park responsibly and to think of our local residents.

We thank you for your support, as always.

Thank You.

Breakfast Club

Remember children can just turn up to Breakfast Club any morning from 7.30am for just £2.50 a session. Please however note that we cannot admit anyone after 8.20am.

Pupil Premium

Pupil Premium is a grant given to schools for each child who claims Free School Meals or has done so in the past. This money provides the school with additional funding which enables us to provide extra resources for your children, including our numerous before and after school clubs that run each day. Therefore it is really important to our school that all parents/carers of eligible children register for Free School Meals even if you don't choose to have them. Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 you still need to register for this even though your child will currently receive 'Universal Free School Meals'

Forms can be downloaded from the school website or picked up from the main office.

School Catering Team

We would like to thank our amazing catering team who were awarded the Top score of 5 for hygiene standards within the school kitchen.

Well Done Team!

Office Pop-up Tent

You may have noticed the Yellow Pop-Up Tent inside the main entrance. This is now where the office staff will be based at the beginning of each day to answer any questions or to give help in any way.



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Twitter



We would like to remind you that Giffards has a Twitter account. We regularly post pictures and updates of the children's day showing you what they have been doing. The school also regularly posts safeguarding updates on it's twitter feed for you to take a look at and familiarise yourself with the information provided.

If you wish to follow us our username is 'GiffardsPrimary'

Help is always available

Is your child finding it hard to adjust being back in school is he/she having problems settling. If so you can contact your child's class teacher or Mrs Teager/Mrs Holdsworth via the school office on: 01375 672138 to discuss your concerns



Red Nose Day

We would like to thank everyone who helped support Red Nose Day we had a lot of super hero's attend school. Thanks to your support the school raised **£299.00**

Thurrock Council Parent Childcare Survey

"We are calling all parents and carers in Thurrock to tell us about your childcare needs so we can ensure families are able to find childcare that meets their child's learning and development needs"

To have your say, visit:

<https://consult.thurrock.gov.uk/parent-childcare-survey?>

Consultation closes Friday 30 April."

PSA

Easter Egg Raffle

The PSA would like to thank everyone who took part in the Easter Raffle, an amazing **£ 327.55** was raised.

NELFT NHS
NHS Foundation Trust

Mental Health Support Team

Who are we?
We are a team of Education Mental Health Practitioners who work in schools to help improve children's emotional well-being.

What can we offer to children?
We can offer workshops to children in primary school on the following topics:

- Moving to secondary school
- Managing worries
- Coping with exams

How do I access support?
Parents can complete a 'request for support form' which is available at reception. Children and parents can also look out for any workshops that we are advertising!

What can we offer parents?
We offer parents 1:1 weekly sessions on:

- Challenging behavior (for parents of children up to the age of 8). Up to 8 sessions focused on understanding and improving difficult or challenging behavior.
- Overcoming your child's fears and worries (for parents of any age child) – up to 8 sessions on helping your child to face anxious situations, manage their worries and build their resilience.

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Diary Dates

- 26th March - Break up for Easter
- 12th April - Return to school
- 16th April - EYFS 2021 places announced
- 3rd May - May Day Bank Holiday
- 27th May - Break up for half term
- 28th May - INSET DAY no children in school
- 7th June - INSET Day no children in school
- 8th June - Children return to school



School Uniform

Along with Uniform Wise and My Clothing we now have a 3rd uniform supplier, Urban Uniform
Please see contact details below for all suppliers.

School Uniform:

My Clothing

<https://myclothing.com/#/uniform>

Uniformwise 01268 551888

<https://www.uniformwise.co.uk/shop>

Urban Uniform 01375 767997

<http://www.urbanuniform19@gmail.com>

Week 1

Week Commencing - April 12th - May 3rd - May 24th June 14th July 5th

Monday	Pork Sausage with Diced Potato	Quorn Sausage with Diced Potatoes	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Peas	-	Ice Cream
Tuesday	Chicken Chunks with Smiley Faces	Quorn nuggets with smiley Faces	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Fresh Broccoli	-	Banana Sponge
Wednesday	Ham baguette with fresh fruit pot and veggie sticks	Cheese baguette with fresh fruit and veggie sticks	Jacket Potato with Butter	-	-	Jelly
Thursday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Wedges	Vegan Sausage Roll with potato wedges	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Mixed Vegetables	-	Marble muffin
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips	Vegetable Fingers with Chips	Jacket Potato with coleslaw	Peas	-	Flap jack

Week 2

Week Commencing - April 19th - May 10th - May 31st - June 21st - July 12th

Monday	Beef Burger with Potato Wedges	Quorn Burger with Potato Wedges	Jacket Potato with Coleslaw	Sweetcorn	-	Ice Cream & Peaches
Tuesday	Fish Cakes with Herby Diced potatoes	Macaroni cheese & Garlic Bread	Jacket Potato with Butter	Mixed Vegetables	-	Oat & Raisin Cookie
Wednesday	Pork sausage in a bun with chips	Quorn Hot dog with chips	Vegan sausage roll with chips	Baked Beans	-	Cake
Thursday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza with Potato Smiles	Quorn dipper with potato smiles	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Sweetcorn	-	Jelly
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips	Vegetable Fingers with Chips	Jacket Potato with Cheese	Peas	-	Cocoa & Orange Sponge

Week 3

Week Commencing - April 26th - May 17th - June 7th - June 28th - July 19th

Monday	Jacket potato with Beef Bolognese	Cheese sandwich with fresh fruit and veggie sticks	Jacket Potato with Coleslaw	Green Beans	-	Fruit Smoothie
Tuesday	BBQ Chicken with Savoury Rice	Vegetable Biryani with Rice	Jacket Potato with Tuna	Mixed Vegetables	-	Cookie
Wednesday	Ham sandwich with fresh fruit pot and veggie sticks	Jacket potato with Quorn Bolognese	Jacket Potato with Cheese	-	-	Apple Sponge
Thursday	Cheese & Tomato Pizza Potato smiles	Vegan Sausage Roll with potato smiles	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans	Sweetcorn	-	Jelly
Friday	Fish Fingers with Chips	Vegetable Fingers with Chips	Jacket Potato with Butter	Peas	-	Cocoa Brownie

