



## Teachers calendar

3rd May  
National Sun  
Day  
5th May  
Space day  
6th May  
Eiffel Tower  
opens to the  
public in 1889  
8th May  
No sock day  
12th May  
Limerick day  
13th May  
Tulip day  
24th May  
Mary had a  
little lamb was  
published in  
1830  
30th May  
The ice cream  
freezer was  
patented in  
1848 by William  
Young



Please remember we are a fragrance free school, please do not bring in or wear aerosols and perfumes.

Hello Everyone;

Spring feels as if it has finally sprung as we see more and more students coming into school without their coats. It is important to remember as we enter the warmer weather that our children need to have appropriate sunscreen to wear. Some will also require hay fever supplies or medication to take before leaving for the school day. The garden is vibrant this time of year and provides many interesting horticulture topics for our students to learn from.

Following spring is exam season and staff are busy supporting our students to manage this anxious time. Please remember that good sleep routines will provide many health benefits, and much needed 'down time' from the learning that has taken place during the day.

Till next time, *Julie*

## What is Prevent?

**Prevent is about safeguarding people and communities from the threat of terrorism. Prevent is 1 of the 4 elements of CONTEST, the Government's counter-terrorism strategy. It aims to stop people becoming terrorists or supporting terrorism.**

Prevent covers all forms of terrorism and extremism and some aspects of non-violent extremism.

The Home Office works with local authorities, a wide range of government departments, and community organisations to deliver the Prevent strategy. The police also play a significant role in Prevent, in much the same way as they do when taking a preventative approach to other crimes.

Prevent uses a range of measures to challenge extremism including:

- Supporting people who are at risk of being drawn into terrorist or extremist activity through the Channel process, see the What is Channel section to find out more about this
- Working with and supporting community groups and social enterprise projects who provide services and support to vulnerable people
- Working with faith groups and institutions to assist them in providing support and guidance to people who may be vulnerable; and
- Supporting local schools, local industry and partner agencies through engagement, advice and training.

Prevent is measured locally and nationally to make sure the Prevent programme provides value for money.

# What is Channel?

Channel provides support across the country to those who may be vulnerable to being drawn into terrorism. The overall aim of the programme is early intervention and diverting people away from the risk they may face.

## How does channel work?

Channel works by partners jointly assessing the nature and the extent of the risk and where necessary, providing an appropriate support package tailored to the individual's needs.

**The three key stages of Channel are:**

- Identify individuals at risk of being drawn into terrorism;
- Assess the nature and extent of that risk; and
- Develop the most appropriate support plan for the individuals concerned.

Channel is aimed at all individuals who may be most at risk of being drawn into terrorism – whatever section of society they may be from.

# Educate Against HATE

Visit the website

## WORRIES ABOUT THE WORLD

Some things that are happening in the world can make us scared. Or feel confused, unsafe or like we don't have control. However you feel, it can really help to share your feelings and get support.

### On this page

Extremism, terrorism and radicalisation  
Attacks and bombings  
Being bullied or treated badly  
What to do if you're worried



### Talking about terrorism: tips for parents

Children are exposed to news in many ways, so it would be practically impossible to shelter them from reports of terrorist attacks when they occur.

When talking with your child, it's ok to agree such attacks are frightening and sad, and that you can't stop them happening. Avoid complicated, worrying explanations, as they won't be able to process the information and it could leave them more frightened and confused.

It's also important to address victimisation following the terrorist attacks.

- ◆ **Some children will feel targeted because of their faith** It's important to look for signs of bullying, and make sure that they know they can talk with you about it. Often they'll feel scared or embarrassed talking about it, so reassure them it is not their fault that this is happening, and that you will help the bullying stop. Alert your child's school so that they can be aware of the issue.
- ◆ **Offensive or unkind comments about a child's faith or background in response to the terror attacks** If you think this is happening, it's important to intervene. Calmly explain that comments like this is not acceptable. Your child should also understand that someone's beliefs do not make them a terrorist. Explain that most people are as scared and hurt by the attacks as your child is. You could ask them how they think the other child felt, or ask them how they felt when someone said something unkind to them. Explain what you will do next, such as telling your child's school, and what you expect them to do.

**For further information visit:**

**[Www.nspcc.org](http://www.nspcc.org)**

**<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/.../news.../children-calling-childLine-fearing-terrorist-attack...>**

### "All is Well" - Exam Time Tips to Beat the Pressure



- It is natural to feel nervous before exams, so allow yourself some fun-time to relax.
- Look after your body, because the more tired you are the less efficiently you will work.
- To provide energy to your brain cells have healthy food and drink lots of water to avoid dehydration
- Get plenty of sleep. Don't pull "all nighters" as this will tire you out and prevent you from being fresh for your exam.

Wishing you all the best for the exams!



# Information

## Parents Visiting

Please only enter via the main reception green door at the front of the school building. Please sign in and collect a visitor's badge from the front office.

You must be accompanied by a member of staff at all times.

## Appointments

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:**  
**All emails in the first instance must be sent to the office or call and Jackie (Julie's PA) will ensure your request is directed to the relevant member of staff**

**This will allow your enquiries to be dealt with as soon as possible.**

## Clothing:

Please remind your child to wear appropriate clothing; shorts may be worn but they must be knee length, bare mid-ribs are not allowed.

## Mosquitoes

Please be aware we have a lot of mosquitoes in the gardens and students will need to bring in repellent/bracelets if they are going into the garden. No aerosols please.



## Attendance

It is of utmost importance that you inform the school of any absence before 9am each day. Failure to do so will result in an unauthorised absence being recorded and may involve a visit from the Student Liaison Officer.

## Sickness

Please note that if your child is unwell with a sickness bug they must not come into school until they have had 48 hours clear of vomiting or diarrhoea.



## Students travelling to and from school by taxi are escorted by staff.

If you are collecting your child at 3.15pm (not before), please park at the back of the Chai Stop and make your way to the front of the school where your child will be 'released' to you by a member of staff. If you are aware that you are going to be late, please let the office know immediately. Your child will wait in the common room. If you are already doing this, please continue as it has been successful to date in ensuring the safety of all students.

## Jot it down!



School is open to student's from 8.30am-3.15pm.

Take Hay fever medication if you suffer

Appropriate sun creams, hats, sun glasses.

**Thank you to all staff, trustees and volunteers who help keep Great Oaks Small school a wonderful place to be.**

Emails should be sent to: [office@greatoakssmallschool.co.uk](mailto:office@greatoakssmallschool.co.uk) and not to individual staff. This allows emails to be prioritised and dealt with promptly.

