

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MARCH 9th 2018

Dear Parents, Year 4 Assembly

Thank you Year 4 for a super assembly all about your favourite book characters. It was really interesting to hear how certain characters have been a source of inspiration; the children particularly enjoyed your quiz at the start. It was also lovely to have another chance at seeing your Book Week costumes from last week. Well done Year 4!

Year 5 Egyptian Day

Class 5 travelled back in time to the world of Ancient Egypt on Monday. The school hall was transformed into a workshop in the kingdom of Pharaoh Akenaten and his Queen Nefertiti. The children dressed as artisans and learnt the skills of mummification, perfume making, writing hieroglyphs (with ink that they had made) and carving amulets. The day ended with a celebration of the Festival of the Nile complete with feast and entertainment. The whole class engaged brilliantly with the challenges during the day. One child commented, "I didn't want the day to end!" It really brought our history topic to life.

Special thanks must go to Mr Gregory and Mr Fennell who both came in to school, at very short notice, to support the workshop sessions.



Year 3 African Drumming Workshop

Year 3 had great fun at the African Drumming Workshop on Tuesday. Here is Emily's feedback:

'An African drummer called Raz came to school on Tuesday. He taught Class 3 how to play a rhythm on the drum by saying two different sentences to help us. It was quite tricky because the class split into two groups and we had to remember how to play different rhythms at the same time! After a while our hands hurt! I really enjoyed playing the drum when we did the longer sentences because it was challenging but it was great when we finally got it!'

Tag Rugby Finals

Congratulations to our Year 6 Tag Rugby Team who competed in the finals this week. There was fantastic team spirit and lovely moments of great play! Great Chesterford achieved first place in their group and finished eighth out of twelve overall - super rugby! Many thanks to Mrs Townsend and Mrs Trigg for supporting us with transport and to Mr Weir for his help as a referee.

Bunny Hunt

A friendly reminder that the annual Bunny Hunt organised by our Friends will be taking place on Saturday 24th March from 2pm - 4.30pm. Please see the attached flyer for further details. We hope that many of our families are able to support this fun fundraiser!

Year 4 Trip to Water recycling centre

Year 4 enjoyed a very informative trip to the Water Recycling Centre. During the day, the children learnt about the job the centre does; made sewage soup; took a tour around the centre and carried out a filtration experiment. The children really enjoyed this 'hands on' experience with some saying that it was their best trip ever! The class received lots of positive feedback regarding their behaviour and science knowledge. Thank you to Mrs Buchallet and Mrs Mackswith Coe for supporting this visit.



Cake Sales

Our Friday fundraising cake sales are proving to be fantastic fundraisers with generous donations of scrumptious cakes and very keen customers! We are delighted to announce that the Year 2 sale raised £148 last week - thank you to everyone involved.

Sport Relief 2018

We will be supporting Sport Relief 2018 by holding a sports' themed non-uniform day on Friday 23rd March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite sporting hero, or any other sports clothes of their own choosing. In exchange for wearing sporting attire, we are asking that children donate a chocolate item to school that will be used at the Bunny Hunt fundraising event on the Chocolate Tombola stall. We will then make a donation to Sport Relief from these proceeds. Further details will follow.

Friday Assemblies

Please can we remind parents that hot drinks should not be brought into school. Once the building works have been completed and we have an operational library, we will resume our parent coffee mornings. Thank you for your support.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Attachments:

Easter Bunny Hunt Flyer

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
15th March	Class 6 Trip to the Botanic Gardens
21st March	Open Afternoon - focus on building developments
23rd March	Sport Relief - non-uniform day
29th March	Easter Service at All Saints' Church
16th April	Non pupil day
17th April	Pupils return to school
14th-18th May	Year 6 SATs Week
21st May	Open Morning - sharing success
22nd May	Music Evening 6.30pm
28th May-1st June	Half term
4th -8th June	Science Week
3rd July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
4th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
6th July	Transition afternoon tbc
9th July	Transition afternoon tbc
10th July	Reception Class Open Evening 4pm
11th July	Open Evening 6-8pm (All classes)
12th July	Sports Day
13th July	Year 6 Memories Assembly
13th July	Reserve Sports Day
15th-18th July	Year 6 Residential
20th July	Leavers' Church Service Last day of term
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
23rd July	Non-pupil day