

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JULY 24th 2019

Dear Parents,

Class 6 Farewell

Thank you for all that you have given to Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy. You have embraced every opportunity available to you and proved to be super role models to the rest of the school as our Class Six 2019. You have provided us with laughter, enthusiasm, compassion and hope! It has been an absolute pleasure to work with each and every one of you. Nothing is more rewarding than seeing you gain in confidence, increase in maturity and discover new talents as you 'out-grow' Great Chesterford and prepare to move on to secondary school. Thank you to everyone who joined us in church this morning to celebrate all that Year 6 have achieved at Great Chesterford and to bid them a fond farewell.

Good luck Class Six 2019 - we all wish you happiness and success wherever you go... 'Together you were great!'

Class 6 Residential

Year 6 returned from their residential trip to Norfolk on Wednesday afternoon having had a fantastic few days away. The sun shone and everyone challenged themselves with a wide range of activities from caving to the 'Leap of Faith.' There were numerous examples of 'Tremendous Teamwork', 'Excellent Behaviour,' and 'Aiming High'. Without exception, all were a credit to the school and the opportunity to collaborate with their peers from Debden means they have some great memories. Thank you to Mrs Starbuck and Mrs Sargeant for giving up so much of their own time, and sleep, to enable this super activity to take place.



Class 6 Memories Assembly

Year 6 provided an entertaining and thoughtful memories assembly last week as they shared some of their favourite memories from their time at Great Chesterford Primary Academy. Mrs Starbuck's final powerpoint presentation made everyone smile. We are so proud of all that they have achieved during their primary education. The pupils have really enjoyed their secondary school transition days and we are confident that, with all their talents, they will continue to enjoy further success.

Congratulations to Class 6 on their fabulous SATs results - we are very proud of you!

Enterprise Sale

Many thanks to everyone who supported Year 6's Enterprise Sale on Monday. The children worked really hard to design, create and up-cycle a product suitable for a garden, which resulted in some great items for sale. At the time of writing, the profits have yet to be calculated, but we look forward to sending the proceeds to Cancer Research, their chosen charity, in due course.

Class and Sports' Photographs

The Early Bird deadline for school photograph orders is on 30/07/2019.

Staff farewells

As we welcome Mrs Gemma Lincoln back to school following her maternity leave, we must say a huge thank you to Ms Helen Benson for ably stepping back into the team to cover this absence. We thank Ms Benson for her continued hard work and commitment to Great Chesterford - we know that Ms Benson will remain a friend and continue to be very much involved with our school community.

Monies owed

Now the school year has finished, please can we request that all outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible - thank you.

School bus

We have been informed that parents can apply for private bus tickets for school transport via Acme Transport Services:

<https://acme-bus.com/booking/>

This is relevant for children living between Wendens Ambo and Littlebury who are not eligible for free school transport. Using the bus, reduces parking congestion and is better for the environment. The more people who apply for private bus travel, the more likely it is that the bus will continue. The cost last year was £570 and payments can be made in monthly instalments.

Term dates 2019-2020

Following the confirmation of our non-pupil days, our term dates for 2019-2020 have now been updated. Please refer to the school website for the full details.

Autumn Term

Tuesday 3rd September 2019 – Thursday 19th December 2019

Half Term: Monday 28th October – Friday 1st November 2019

Non-Pupil Days: Tuesday 3rd September and Wednesday 4th September 2019

Spring Term

Monday 6th January 2020 – Friday 3rd April 2020

Half Term: Monday 17th February – Friday 21st February 2020

Non-Pupil Day: Monday 6th January 2020

Summer Term

Monday 20th April 2020 – Thursday 23rd July 2020

Half Term: Monday 25th May – Monday 1st June 2020

Bank Holiday: Friday 8th May 2020

Non-Pupil Days: Tuesday 2nd June and Thursday 23rd July 2020

Calendar for 2019-2020

The full calendar for the next academic year will be shared at the start of next term but we have included as many dates as possible for the first half term on this final newsletter to assist with your own planning and organisation.

Autumn Term Clubs

Please refer to the separate email, which will be sent out shortly, detailing the club arrangements and booking details for next term. Please note that there will be a nominal charge for all school led after school clubs and a few lunchtime clubs. This is to cover administration and resource costs.

School uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform for the new term - full details are on our website. Children need to wear robust leather school shoes and not trainers or canvas shoes - please note many children do struggle during the school day when they are wearing slip on shoes. We are an active school and as such your child's shoes need to be appropriate for all playtime activities and the daily golden mile.

Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Staff

I would personally like to thank every member of staff for their hard work, dedication and utmost professionalism. I could not ask for a better team to work alongside. Please enjoy a restful summer break - it is much deserved. The governing body and directors have a large role to play in working with myself and the school as a whole. I would like to say thank you for their time, efforts and commitment as we work together to provide our pupils with the best educational experience we possibly can.

Families and friends

Thank you for making a full and active contribution to the life of the school. Whenever we have a special event, church service, school trip, sports day, we have willing volunteers to offer support and time to help the school community. Thank you for your cards, gifts and kind words, I do consider it to be a privilege to work with such wonderful children and their families. Our Friends Committee, once again, has done an amazing job this year with both fundraising and organising social events. Monies raised have been put to excellent use in supporting class visits, our new nature area and the school library - thank you to everyone involved.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and sunshine-filled holiday!

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Sunday Funday!

“Please come along to the Community Fun Day on 8th September at the Great Chesterford Community Centre and Recreation Ground. See the flyer in the book bags for more details.

There is also a competition to design your own community hero! This could be a drawing of a real person, or a fictional character who you believe captures the spirit of our community. Bring your A4 design along to the event on the 8th September. All entries will receive a thank you for participating, and there will be a big prize for the most imaginative designs. Age categories: 4 and under, 5-8, 9-11, 12+ Happy designing!”

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
3rd September	Non-pupil day
4th September	Non-pupil day
10th September	Meet the teacher meetings 3:30pm Year 1 4:00pm Year 3 4:30pm Year 4 5:00pm Year 5 5:30pm Year 6
13th September	Library Opening 9:30am
16th - 20th September	PSHEE Theme Week

18th September	Meet the teacher meeting 3:30pm Year 2
20th September	Thank you assembly for volunteers 9:15am
24th September	Open Morning - Welcome to our school
27th September	Harvest Festival Service at All Saints' Church
27th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning
15th October	Parents' Evening 3:45 - 6:15pm
16th October	Parents' Evening 5:30 - 8:00pm
28th October - 1st November	Half Term