

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING APRIL 20th 2018

**Dear Parents,**

Welcome back to a new term at Great Chesterford. The children look healthy and recharged and have made a super start to this term; we have enjoyed sharing news from their Easter holidays. Thank you to all those who shared their Easter experiences with us via Twitter - hashtag GCPAEasterExperiences! Our summer term is always busy with new clubs, trips, transition activities and whole school events. Please use the calendar on the website to keep up to date with new items. Class newsletters and topic webs will also provide additional details including dates of assemblies and extra-curricular activities.

### **Fond Farewell**

Following many, many years at Great Chesterford, Mrs Howes has decided to retire at the end of the summer term. This will allow her more time to spend enjoying life with Mr Howes and her delightful grandchildren. She will be greatly missed by all and we will be organising a fitting send off for our much loved colleague at the end of term!

### **Building Update**

The next phase of our building programme has now been completed! Year 6 are enjoying their bright, extended classroom. Year 3 have moved to the newly converted classroom (previously Junior Library) which is larger than their previous room and located in the heart of the school close to other classes. Join us at our next day Open Morning on Monday 21st May to see our improvements.

### **Playground Development**

We are most excited about the first phase of playground improvements which are taking place in Key Stage One this week. This work has been brought about by the excellent fundraising carried out by our committed Friends. Please continue to support our hardworking PTA committee to enable further developments to be made in both playgrounds.

### **Cake Sales**

Our Friday fundraising cake sale continues with Class Five on Friday. Please remember that we are a nut free school and as such **all contributions must be nut free**. At each cake sale, there will be a small number of shop bought "free from" treats for children with dairy, wheat or gluten allergies.

### **Social media, You Tube and Open Blogs**

Please can I remind parents that films and photographs taken in school that include children other than your own should not be shared on social media sites, YouTube channels and open blogs. It has been brought to our attention that some families have been posting assembly footage and photographs from various school events in this way. Please can we request that any such posts are taken down. Not all of our families have provided permission for the online posting of images and we would expect anyone wanting to share such content online to obtain consent from all individuals in the footage or image first. If such public posts are not removed, we will have to withdraw the permission for the filming and photographing of school events. Thank you for your cooperation.

### **Summer Term**

In the hope that we are blessed with glorious sunshine this term, please can I remind parents of our hot weather requirements. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school everyday. On sunny days, children will be expected to wear a sun hat; sunscreen should be applied before children come to school - there is a wide selection of long-lasting sun protection on the market. Children should always wear socks to school. Please inform the school if your child suffers from hay fever and complete the administration of medicine forms if required - thank you.

## Summer Term Clubs

### Lunch time

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b><u>Rounders Club</u></b> <b><u>Yrs 3 &amp; 4</u></b> <b><u>Mr Snelling</u></b>	Choir/Music Games Club KS2 Mrs Middleton	Knitting Club KS2 Miss Norris		Gardening Club KS2 Mrs Butler
	Leading Worship Year 6 Mrs Lincoln	Recorder Club Yrs 4-6 Mrs Witney		Ukulele Club KS1 Mrs Middleton

### After school

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Running Club - KS2 Mrs Dunlop / Mrs White / Ms Benson	<b><u>Orchestra</u></b> <b><u>Ms Wheeler</u></b>	<b><u>Rounders Club</u></b> <b><u>Yrs 5 &amp; 6</u></b> <b><u>Mr Snelling</u></b>	<b><u>Inspiration Station</u></b> <b><u>KS2</u></b> <b><u>Mrs Fernell</u></b> <b><u>(specific dates)</u></b>	
		STEM Club Yrs 1 & 2 Mrs Mitchell & Mrs Sargeant	Cricket Club Yrs 5&6 Mr Duers	
		Art Club KS2 Mrs Raper	<b><u>Spanish</u></b> <b><u>Yrs Rec 1-4</u></b> <b><u>Spanish Amigos</u></b>	
		Cheerleading Club Yrs 5 & 6 Mrs Lincoln (after half term)	Three Tees Cricket Yrs 1&2 Mrs White & Mrs Davies	

**Underlined clubs denote those that have a charge.**

Individual letters will be sent out for new clubs and those run by outside providers where needed.

**My next newsletter will be circulated on Friday 27th April.**

**Mrs Sarah Mitchell**  
**Headteacher**

### Attachments:

Real Football Fun Day! - Saffron Walden Town Football Club  
Icklestock Flier  
Elite Pro - Half Term Soccer Schools  
Elite Pro - Registration forms

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
<b>16th April</b>	<b>Non pupil day</b>
<b>17th April</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
<b>14th-18th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>
21st May	Open Morning - sharing success
22nd May	Music Evening 6.30pm
25th May	Royal Celebration Tea Party - details to follow
<b>28th May-1st June</b>	<b>Half term</b>
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
<b>20th July</b>	<b>Leavers' Church Service</b>
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
20th July	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>23rd July</b>	<b>Non-pupil day</b>