

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JANUARY 25th 2019

Dear Parents,

Class 1 Collective Worship

Class 1 led today's collective worship about this week's big question: 'What do you think God looks like?' The class shared lots of ideas about how different people in our community view God. You spoke so clearly that we could all hear your ideas and you reminded everyone about what is truly important: our values and how we treat others. Well done Class 1!

Sports Hall Athletics

Twenty two pupils from Years 5 and 6 competed at the Sports Hall Athletics event on Wednesday 23rd January and out of eight schools Great Chesterford achieved first place! The event included jumping, bouncing and throwing as well as fast paced activity relays. Everyone tried their best and were fantastic ambassadors for Great Chesterford Primary Academy - I thoroughly enjoyed accompanying our super athletes - wonderful team work. Thank you to Mrs Balchin and Mrs Williams for accompanying and supporting this event. Mrs Balchin went above and beyond washing trainers for this indoor event and we are all grateful for her commitment!



St Clare Hospice

We have received a letter of thanks from a very grateful St Clare Hospice for the donation of £136 raised from selling the Christmas Flumpets - super charity work everyone.

School Closure

Our priority is that, wherever possible, we will keep the school open. We will let parents know via email as soon as any decision to close the school is made (e.g snow), and will make every effort to have information posted on our school website by 7.45am. If you have not received a message, you should assume the school will be open as normal.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations are taking place on 29th and 30th January. Please note that if you have not already booked an appointment, the system will close at 9am on Monday 28th January.

Winter clothing

Please can you ensure that your child is suitably prepared for outdoor activities at school - we still have a number of pupils who do not have appropriate kit for outdoor PE during cold weather. It is

really helpful for children to have skins, school tracksuits or school jumpers to keep them warm. The long PE socks are also helpful for warmth, as well as holding shin pads, for Key Stage 2 pupils and these can be obtained on-line from our school uniform supplier or plain navy blue ones can be found at many well known retailers.

Should we ever have a notable snowfall, please ensure that your child has wellingtons or boots for playtime and lunch time - they will not be allowed to play in snow in their usual school shoes. Children will also be expected to wear long trousers and not shorts if we have snow. Please can we request that all uniform and outerwear is named.

Parent workshops in Child Mental Health

Please refer to the advert below which details parent workshops being held at Saffron Walden and other locations which will cover the basics of child mental health and emotional well-being.

Workshops in Child Mental Health 2019

Presented by EWMHS & Family Solutions

West Essex EWMH service and Family solutions have developed introductory sessions that will cover the basics of child mental health and emotional well being. These concise informative sessions are being rolled out over the whole of West Essex and are free of charge.

Morning sessions are designed for parents who are interested in their children's emotional development or who's children are experiencing difficulties or who are already involved with the services. Time is given to questions & further thinking about how parents can support their children to develop positive emotional well being. These sessions are stand alone and are repeated 9 times through the year.

The afternoon sessions are aimed at all professionals who work with children and young people and who are interested in understanding more. Time is given to thinking about and developing ideas for supporting children and young people in a variety of settings (school & community). These sessions are stand alone and include the basic introduction session (Spring) followed by two topics later in the year.

For fuller details please contact Harlow EWMHS administration. Details below.

Places limited to 20 per session. Cancellation list will operate.

You can start booking now!

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All dates are Thursdays.

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Morning Sessions 9.30 - noon Afternoon Sessions 13.30 - 15.30

DATES: January	31st @ Harlow
February	28th @ Saffron Walden
March	29th @ Loughton/Epping locality
April	25th @ Harlow
May	23rd @ Saffron Walden
June	27th @ Loughton/Epping locality
September	26th @ Harlow
October	31st @ Saffron Walden
November	28th @ Loughton/Epping locality

To book, please contact administrator Lewis Ball @ West Essex EWMH Service on:

Email: HarlowHubAdmin@neft.nhs.uk

Phone: 0300 300 1600 (option 1 & 4)

Start of the day

Please can I remind parents that children are expected to be at school by 8.55am for registration at 9am. If your child arrives later than this, they need to be accompanied to the main office and signed in by an adult - thank you.

Term dates 2019-2020

Term dates for 2019-2020 have been posted on the school website under the School Information tab.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
28th January - 1st February	World Religions Theme Week
29th January	Prayer Space for Years 3 and 6
29th January	Parents' Consultation 3:45-6:15pm
30th January	Parents' Consultation 5:30-8:00pm
4th February	Class 1 Trip to Danbury Country Park
5th February	Open Afternoon - The Arts
14th February	Class 2 Trip to Pizza Express and Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
18th-22nd February	Half Term
4th - 8th March	Book Week - When I Grow Up
12th March	KS2 Eucharist Service at 10:15am
19th March	Class 5 Egyptian Day
21st March	Open Afternoon - focus on sports
28th March	Class 6 Trip to The Botanic Gardens, Cambridge
29th March	Class 3 African Drumming Workshop
5th April	Easter Service at All Saints' Church Last day of term
23rd April	Non pupil day
24th April	Pupils return to school