

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JULY 7th 2017

Dear Parents,

Class 5 Assembly

Year 5 talked to us all this morning about how it is important to be patient and how patience is linked with perseverance. It was an action - packed assembly with singing, drama, a competition and thought provoking facts. Thomas Edison was a fine example of how inventing 1093 things had required 1% inspiration and 99% patience and perseverance. Well done Class 5!

Shakespeare Rocks!

Years 5 and 6 performed Shakespeare Rocks to a packed hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. It was a wonderful production with many talents showcased through song, dance and drama. There were lots of laughs along the way but my favourite part was the finale when every single pupil rocked the stage with their enthusiasm, effort and obvious enjoyment. All pupils and staff had worked hard to prepare for this play both on stage and behind the scenes and having the privilege to work with such great pupils and colleagues is the best part of being Headteacher at Great Chesterford - well done everyone!

Boydells Farm

Reception had a great time at Boydells Farm. They milked a cow, fed goats, sheep and poultry; bottle fed and stroked some lambs and kid goats and also held some chicks. After a tasty picnic lunch, everyone had a chance to cool down by playing in the shallow stream. A super time was had by all and a number of children expressed a desire to become a farmer when they grow up. Many thanks to Ms Sheikh, Mrs Allen and Mrs Akhtar who supported this class trip.



Year 6 Picnic

Class 6 enjoyed a warm Thursday afternoon at the field to celebrate the end of their assessments. After a fancy dress fun run, the children shared a delicious picnic lunch. The rest of the afternoon was spent enjoying each others' company and playing various games - a super way to celebrate their achievements at primary school. Thank you to Mrs Sargeant, Mrs McCullough and the Year 6 team for organising the games and to the other parents who joined in the fun!

Welcome back to Mrs Lincoln

Mrs Lincoln returns from her maternity leave on Monday and will be taking part in our transition afternoons. Mrs Lincoln will also be teaching Year 3 on Monday 17th to Wednesday 19th July whilst Mrs Witney accompanies Class 6, Mrs Sargeant, Mrs Starbuck and Mrs Benn on the residential.

Cricket

A team of Year 5 and 6 boys played matches against three other local schools on Tuesday afternoon. A super afternoon was had by all and the team demonstrated excellent team spirit and resilience. Our third and final match was the closest with several sixes for both teams, however after some great fielding and skilled batting the final score was 287 to STM and 254 to GCPA. We finished the competition in fourth place but everyone walked away smiling. Congratulations to St Thomas More who were the overall winners. Thank you to Mrs Jeremy and Mrs Abbiss for providing transport to the cricket club and to all those parents who supported the event. Thank you to Mrs White for organising and support this year's cricket fixtures.

Sports Day

Sports Day is due to take place on Tuesday 11th July. Please refer to the email sent out on Tuesday for more detail. Fingers crossed for good weather. Does anyone have a PA system that the school could borrow for Sports Day - please contact the school office or myself if you do - thank you!

Food technology in Class One

Class One started their week with a visit from Susie Diggons, Community Champion from Tesco, Saffron Walden. Susie brought a variety of bread products with her, including a very popular peppery baguette, for the children to evaluate. The children are now designing their own sandwich which they will make later in the term.

Birthdays and certificates

The last Friday celebration assembly of the term will take place on 14th July. On this day birthdays from the 8th of July to 31st of August will be celebrated. Subsequent certificates will need to wait until September!

History Assembly

On Thursday morning, in a special assembly, children in Years 1 to 6 shared details of the different topics and periods they have focused on in history this term. The children made a human timeline which stretched from 2000 B.C. to 2015 A.D. It was great to share our learning and to see how it all fitted together to give a bigger picture. It was also fascinating to find out that at some points in history very different things were happening in different parts of the World at the same time.

Open Evening

Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 12th July 6-8pm. At this evening parents receive their child's annual report and can spend time looking at their work. Children from Years 1 to 6 may accompany parents to this particular evening. Please can we request that pre-school children do not attend.

Tidiest classroom of the week

This week's tidiest classroom has been Class 3 - well done!

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
10th July	Transition afternoon
11th July	Sports Day
12th July	Open Evening 6-8pm (All classes)
13th July	Reserve Sports Day
13th July	Reception Class Open Evening 4pm
14th July	Year 6 memories assembly
16th - 19th July	Year 6 Residential
18th July	Ancient Greek Day for Class 4
21st July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church
21st July	Year 6 Entertainment
22nd July	Building Works - Phase 2 start
24th July	Non-pupil day
4th September	Non-pupil day
5th September	First day of term for Years 1 to 6 Reception Class has a staggered entry