

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 29th 2017

Dear Parents,

Growth Mindset Theme Week

The children have learnt so much about Growth Mindset this week and the whole school enjoyed hearing about the activities each class had carried out in today's sharing assembly. If you were unable to attend the assembly or Open morning, information about our theme week has been posted on the school website.

Open Morning

Thank you to those parents who joined us on Tuesday morning for our first Open Morning, I hope that you found your visit informative.

School Football

Great Chesterford: 4 Chrishall: 5

The football season kicked off with an exciting home match on Thursday evening against Chrishall. Mrs White was really pleased with the positive team work displayed and super football skills. It was an exciting match and I really enjoyed seeing all the boys and girls involved working so well as a team. Thank you to Mrs White for organising the match and the parents who supported the fixture. Special thanks must go to the referee, Mr Vince Taylor, and Mrs Van Weede for providing refreshments! A super result everyone - what a great start to the season!



Girls' Football Festival

On Wednesday 28th September, Class 5 and 6 girls went to a football festival at Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. The morning was made up of skills and mini-matches. The girls were able to work with specialist coaches and other local primary schools. The enthusiastic participation from all of our girls was superb and everyone finished tired but very proud of their achievements. Thank you to Mrs Chambers, Mrs Witney, Mrs Tealby-Watson and Mrs Van Weede for accompanying and supporting the girls.

Class 4 Football Festival

Girls from Class 4 also attended a festival at Joyce Frankland Academy developing their football skills on Wednesday. The girls had a super time learning, developing or refining their skills. Mrs Heath was most impressed with the positive team work and the leadership demonstrated by some pupils in helping and supporting others - well done girls! Thank you to Mrs Heath, Mrs Kovacs and Mrs Inoue for providing transport and support at this event.

School Dinners

Could we please ask that parents check the school dinner menus on the website when making a decision about whether their child will be having a hot dinner or providing their own packed lunch. We do have some younger pupils who are eating very little on certain days. Class teachers will continue to provide individual feedback where appropriate.

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile charity. All staff contributed delicious cakes; the School Council members helped to serve and our guests were generous with their donations. We will provide an update of the total funds raised next week.

E-Safety Update

The following website is run by the NSPCC and O2 and is a parent guide to social media sites and on-line games that are popular with children: www.net-aware.org.uk. Further E-safety guidelines / advice can also be found on the school website under the Parent tab.

Building Update

The new toilets are now being decorated and the children will be able to use them from Monday! Watch out for updated photographs on Twitter.

Lost scarf

A white scarf with orange bobbles has been found at All Saints' Church - does this belong to anyone? It may have been left behind following the Harvest Festival.

Midday Assistants

We currently have vacancies for the role of Midday Assistant. Please contact the school office for further information or pass on to anyone who may be interested in this school role.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
9th October	E-safety workshops for Years 5 and 6
9th October	E-safety evening workshops for Years 5 and 6 parents
10th October	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
13th October	Year 4 Trip to Audley End
16th October	Open Afternoon - focus on building developments
18th October	Year 5 Trip to West Stow
20th October	Non-pupil day
23rd-27th October	Half term
1st November	Year 2 Trip to Gunpowder Mills
1st November	Parents' Consultation 5:30-8:00pm
2nd November	Parents' Consultation 3:45-6:15pm
13th-17th November	PSHE Week
23rd November	Open morning - focusing on our values

Date	Event
9th December	Spirit of Christmas for Years 5 and 6
12th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon performance
13th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon and evening performances
19th December	Christmas parties
20th December	Christmas Church Service Last day of term
3rd January	Non-pupil day
4th January	Pupils return to school

The full list of dates for the whole academic year can be found on the calendar on our school website.