

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MAY 22nd 2020

Dear Parents,

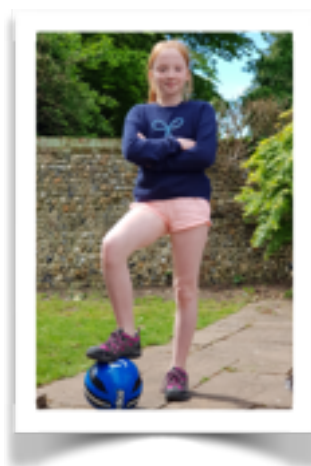
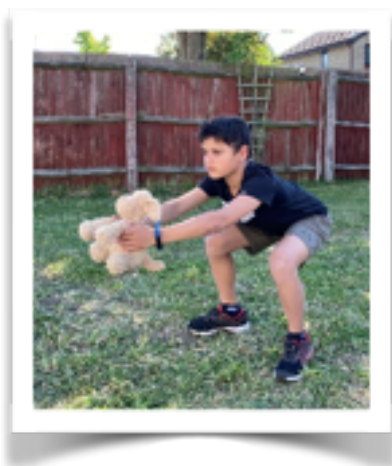
COVID-19

As part of the national social distancing measures to limit the spread of COVID-19, schools are currently open to vulnerable children and children of key workers only. From the week commencing 1st June 2020, at the earliest, the Department for Education is asking primary schools to extend their provision to children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 6.

In preparing for this phased return, the Leadership Team and Governors have closely followed Government guidelines and their scientific advice with regard to protective measures; in addition to local advice from the Essex Local Authority. A comprehensive risk assessment has been conducted to inform our phased return. Our initial offer is for Reception Class and Year One. Please refer to the separate letter sent out to all parents earlier today for further information.

Sports Leader Activities

A special 'shout out' to our fantastic Sports Leaders! All of our Sports Leaders have produced an activity for one of the younger year groups to complete. We have been really impressed with their creative ideas and the careful planning carried out - thank you! All of their resources can be found on the 'Sports' area of the website in the USSP section.



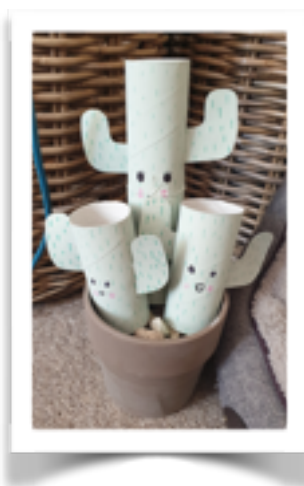
Home learning this week

Another busy week with lots of different activities taking place within our school community!

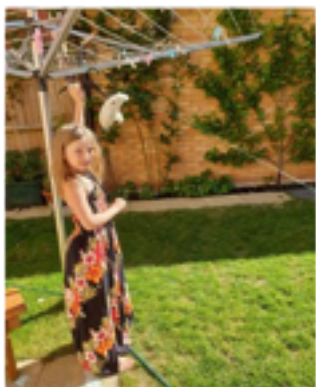
With half term next week, and a non-pupil day on the 2nd of June, home learning will resume on **Wednesday June 3rd.**

Creative Class 2

Class 2 have made some fantastic toilet roll characters this week. Their new creative characters have been the source of inspiration for their writing activities. They have been busy creating interesting settings and developing conversations between their characters. Year 2 enjoyed sharing their 'new friends' with the rest of the class in their Zoom meeting this week!



Other home learning activities have included: science investigations with a home-made zip wire; painting in the garden; tasting challenges; making Celtic Roundhouses and programming Lego robots to move, talk and dance!



Active Week

We wanted to share this photograph of Ellen and Jack enjoying the outdoors on their bicycle and scooter. A great example of active and healthy activities!



Birthdays

As we are currently unable to celebrate birthdays in school, we would like to wish many happy returns to those in our school community who are celebrating this week:

Barnaby in Class 4
Jasmine in Class 4
Alex in Class 5
Jacob in Class 5
Mrs Starbuck, Class 6



Take part in the Juniper Reading Challenge for KS1 and KS2 Pupils

If your child is looking for a reading challenge or just something different to read, take a look at this super resource via the following link: <https://junipereducation.org/reading-challenge/>.



Keeping in Touch

During term time, please keep in touch with your child's class teacher via the class email address at least once a week. If we have not had any contact, we will try to contact you.

For all other queries, please follow the normal practice of emailing the office via admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk.

Wishing everyone in our school community a lovely half term break!

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher