

**Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy**  
**Class 1 Newsletter**  
**Summer Term 2024**

Dear Children and Parents,

I hope you all had a restful Easter holiday, and you are feeling excited to move into the final term of the academic year.

Our topic this term will be 'Bugs, Butterflies and Beautiful Blooms'. This topic will facilitate lots of opportunities to learn from the natural world. We hope to utilise the school grounds and local area for topic enrichment activities this term. In geography, we will be learning more about the wider world. If you are going on holiday, or on day trips away from the local area please do send us a postcard with some information about your journey and destination. Postcards will be shared and displayed in class. If you have friends and family going to interesting destinations, please do encourage them to get involved and send us a postcard too. In DT, the children will be developing their food preparation skills in DT so any opportunities to practice peeling/chopping/grating/spreading at home will be beneficial to your child. A topic web with information about what the children will learn during the summer term will also be added to the school website in due course. If you have any resources relevant to our topic, or you are able to support in any way please do let me know.

**Key Dates**

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April:** Class One will lead the whole school worship.

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June:** Children will take part in the Year 1 statutory phonics screening check. This is a very low-key activity, the children are given a colourful booklet and asked to have a go at reading the words to me, they will not be aware that it is an assessment at all. Some useful information about the check can be found here: <https://home.oxfordowl.co.uk/year-1-phonics-screening-check/>

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June:** Sports Day

**Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** Open Afternoon

Please read the fortnightly newsletter from Mrs Sargeant and regularly check the school website to keep up to date with important events.

**Staffing**

I will continue to teach the class full time, except on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons when Mrs Sargeant will take the class; this is the best time to arrange a telephone conversation or meeting if there is anything you wish to discuss. Mrs Brown, Ms Roscorla and Miss Thom will support the class throughout the week.

**P.E. and Outdoor Learning**

P.E. lessons will continue take place on a Wednesday and Friday. Children should come to school in their PE kit on these days. For safety reasons, jewellery, smart watches and hooded sweatshirts should not be worn. Please ensure all clothing and personal items are named as we encourage the children to take responsibility for their own belongings. **Children should wear school shoes except for PE days.**

We will be using the nature space on Tuesdays every week. When visiting the nature space, your child needs: named wellington boots and suitable clothing. During the summer term, we might not always need the waterproof layers, but it may be best to keep them in your child's bag just in case.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child also has a sun hat and a full water bottle in school with them every day (no squash, juice or energy drinks). Children may bring a fruit snack or crackers/breadsticks to eat at playtime; please remember that we are a nut/sesame free school.

### **Homework/Reading books**

Arrangements for homework and reading at home remain the same as last term. Occasionally, your child may bring home a Little Wandle phonics book that they have previously read. Please do not be concerned if this happens, reading books are carefully selected to match your child's developing phonic knowledge so it may be necessary to return to previously read texts to target particular GPC's or build fluency. On Mondays, your child will choose a book from the class library. This book will not be matched to your child's phonic level and is not expected to be read independently. Please read this book to your child or share the reading experience with them. Please feel free to comment in the home/school link book about the books your child is enjoying, including texts other than their school reading book.

If you have any questions or need to update me about any issues affecting your child, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. I look forward to another enjoyable term ahead.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Thorburn