

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JULY 22nd 2020

Dear Parents, Class 6 Farewell

Thank you for all that you have given to Great Chesterford C of E Primary Academy. You have demonstrated our school motto of 'together we are great' in all that you have done. You have embraced every opportunity available to you and proved to be outstanding role models to the rest of the school as our Class 6 2020 – particularly during this global pandemic in which you have impressed us all with your courage, kindness and resilience. The lockdown has changed life as we know it but you have all risen to the challenge and been amazing at managing this adapted finale to your primary school education - well done!

It has been an absolute pleasure to work with each and every one of you. The doctors, musicians, scientists, athletes, authors and maybe even teachers of tomorrow! As you move on, you take with you much love and gratitude from our whole school community.

Good luck Class Six 2020 - we all wish you happiness and success wherever you go... 'Together you were great!'



A Gift for Year Six

Please click on the link to access this virtual gift - we hope you enjoy it. Mrs Middleton has been amazing at coordinating and producing this gift from all of us to you. It is to say thank you for all that you have done at our school. We have so much to thank you for: buddies, library monitors, playleaders, sports leaders, leading friendship groups and so much more. We can't thank you in person but our appreciation is just as strong.

[A gift for Year 6](#) - Looking to the Rainbow!

Class 6 Memories

Year 6 have provided us with entertaining and thoughtful memories. We are so proud of all that they have achieved during their primary education and we are confident that, with all their talents, they will continue to enjoy further success. Please click the link below to share the memories from Year 6 plus a few others!

[Year 6 Memories 2020](#)

Staff Farewell

As we come to the end of this academic year, we must say a huge thank you to Mrs Lindsey Fox, who has made a fantastic contribution to our school over the last two years. We will miss our colleague and friend but are confident that she will enjoy much success in her new teaching role. Good luck Mrs Fox!

Birthdays

We would like to wish many happy returns to those in our school community who have been celebrating their birthday last week or will be doing so during the summer holidays:

Mrs Green	Tommy in Class 6
Hermione in Reception Class	Raphael in Class 6
Pippa in Class 6	Hannah C. in Class 5
Mrs Burson	Dylan in Class 3
Faith in Class 2	Thomas in Class 4
Mara in Class 6	Neve in Class 6
Samuel in Class 5	Amie in Class 4
William R. in Class 4	Jasper in Class 6
Iris in Class 5	Lawson in Reception Class
Shiloh in Class 1	Freya in Class 2
Riley in Class 2	Alfie in Class 4
Henry V. in Reception Class	Ella in Class 5
Eliad in Class 3	James in Class 1
Peter in Class 3	Jasper in Class 2
Florence in Reception Class	Harley in Class 4
Alby in Class 2	William in Class 2
Grace in Class 6	Lily in Class 2
Erin in Class 3	Oaklie in Class 3
Ms Pearce	Mrs Carter
Mrs Fox	Mrs Hitchings
Mrs Raper	



Fantastic Enterprise Projects

We have all been incredibly impressed with how well Year 6 have carried out their Enterprise Projects. As things stand at the moment, Year 6 have raised £1,197.86 for a range of charities which is a truly remarkable achievement. With some children still in the process of collecting their sponsorship, we are confident that the total raised will be over £1,200! Another reason for our Year 6 2020 to feel very proud of themselves!



Family Fundraising Success

Luella and Sophia raised over £200 for WWF by selling some of their unwanted items and creating their own fete stalls. They were supported by some of their peers. Fantastic charity work girls - a great example of fundraising for others to try.

Sports Day 2020

It's not too late to take part in our virtual Sports Day. Resources are on the Sports area of the school website with instructions for holding this 'Rainbow Games' event. The Games are built on the core values that underpin how we approach challenge in everyday life: determination, honesty and accountability. All of the activities can be carried out with minimal space and everyday household objects. There is a downloadable certificate to celebrate your child's participation in the Games.



Transition Days

It has been wonderful to welcome back most of our children this week for their transition sessions with their new class teachers. Smiles and laughter have filled the school and we are all excited about the planned return of whole class groups in September.

Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Staff

I would personally like to thank Mrs Sargeant and every member of staff for their hard work, dedication and utmost professionalism. This has been a time of unprecedented challenge and I remain both proud and inspired by the team I work alongside at Great Chesterford Primary Academy. Please enjoy a restful summer break - it is truly deserved.

A special shout out to staff who have been teaching our bubbles since the beginning of June and most have also had to continue the home learning provision for their own classes:

Reception Class bubbles

Starfish: Mrs Davies, Mrs Gascoyne and Mrs Mannix

Seahorse: Mrs Green, Mrs Lincoln and Mrs Witney

Class One bubbles

Ants: Mrs Brown, Mrs Barden and Mrs Raper

Beetles: Mrs White and Mrs Hitchings

Class 6 bubbles

Kangaroos and Koalas: Mrs Starbuck, Mrs Campbell and Mrs Heath

Key worker bubble

Zoo: Mrs Balchin, Mrs Chambers, Mrs Fox and Mrs Butler

Outdoor face to face sessions at the school field

Year 2: Mrs Langton and Mrs Carter

Year 3: Mrs Langton and Mrs Carter

Year 4: Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Carter

Year 5: Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Carter

The Governing Body and Directors have a large role to play in working with myself and the school as a whole. I would like to say thank you for their time, efforts and commitment as we work together to provide our pupils with the best educational experience we possibly can. They have all given their time generously for the extra requirements that Covid has placed upon leading and running schools at this time.

Families and Friends

Thank you for making a full and active contribution to the life of the school. Whenever we have a special event, church service, school trip, theme week, we have willing volunteers to offer support and time to help the school community. Parent volunteers were also kind enough to support our recent field sessions for Years 2 to 5. On behalf of all the staff at the school, we would like to say a special thank you for your cards, gifts and kind words, we have all been touched by your thoughtfulness when faced with so many other challenges.

Our Friends Committee, once again, has done an amazing job this year with both fundraising and organising events. Monies raised have been put to excellent use in supporting class visits, new books for the school library and helping us with our planned improvements for the KS2 playground - thank you to everyone involved. We are all excited that the building work for the new STEM Hub will be completed in August; the next project will be new play equipment for the KS2 playground. If anyone would like to support this fundraising, donations to the Friends would be greatly appreciated.

Proposed in - year admissions variation for 2021-2022

The Governing Body is applying for a variation to the Admissions Policy for 2021- 2022 with reference to the criteria regarding attendance at church. This is due to the fact that churches have had to close during the pandemic. Please refer to the Admissions section of the school website for further information, including the adapted Supplementary Information Form.

Monies owed

Now the school year has finished, please can we request that all outstanding balances are cleared as soon as possible - thank you.

School uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct school uniform for the new term - full details are on our website. Children need to wear robust leather school shoes and not trainers or canvas shoes - please note

many children do struggle during the school day when they are wearing slip on shoes. We are an active school, and as such, your child's shoes need to be appropriate for all playtime activities and the daily golden mile. Can we also request that children have warm PE layers as they will be wearing their kit all day next term as detailed in last week's Parent Guide. This could be navy blue tracksuits, skins, leggings or jogging bottoms - sweatshirts are fine but please can we remind everyone that hooded tops cannot be worn for PE/ Games lessons.

Term dates 2021-2022

Autumn Term

Tuesday 1st September 2020 – Friday 18th December 2020

Half Term: Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020

Non-Pupil Days: Tuesday 1st September and Wednesday 2nd September 2020

Spring Term

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – Friday 26th March 2021

Half Term: Monday 15th February – Friday 19th February 2021

Non-Pupil Day: Tuesday 5th January 2021

Summer Term

Monday 12th April 2021 – Thursday 22nd July 2021

Half Term: Friday 28th May – Friday 4th June 2021

Bank Holiday: Monday 3rd May 2021

Non-Pupil Days: Monday 7th June and Thursday 22nd July 2021

Calendar for 2020-2021

We will aim to share the full calendar for the next academic year at the start of next term but our plans will have to remain fluid given the additional pressures of the current situation.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and sunshine-filled holiday!

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher