

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 23rd 2018

### Dear Parents, Class 1 Assembly

Thank you Class 1 for a super assembly on the theme of 'Once upon a time...'. It was lovely to hear their individual stories and exciting future aspirations. They had also thought really hard about the personal qualities needed to make their personal stories come true. Well done!



### Book Week updates / reminders

We are very excited about our celebration of books and reading next week. There are lots of fun activities planned across the school. These include: a visit from our school's Patron of Reading Linda Newbery; visiting story tellers and book sharing sessions; a 'Once upon a Wednesday' whole school writing session; book sales (Monday to Thursday) and the Great, Great Chesterford Book Swap on Friday.

Don't forget children are invited to dress up on Friday as any character from a favourite book that has transported them to another place or time.

Thank you in advance to all the volunteers who are helping with these 'book related' activities and for your support at the book fair. Proceeds from the Travelling Book Fair are used to order new books for each class.

### **School Orchestra**

Please note there will be no orchestra on Tuesday 27th February because of Book Week activities in the hall after school - apologies for any inconvenience this may cause.

### **Water Bottles**

Please can all children bring a named water bottle to school each day. Please note that this should be plain water only. Fruit juices and flavoured waters should only be sent in as part of a packed lunch - thank you.

### **School Dinner Menu**

The new menu was sent out during half term and is also posted on the school website. please support your child by looking at the menu together and checking that there are options that they will like. Thank you for your support.

### **After school**

Please may I remind parents that once children have been released to their parents at the end of the school day, teachers are no longer on 'duty' in the playground. This week we have had some behavioural incidents in the playground after school. If you are not able to leave the playground promptly, please can we ask that you supervise your child closely to prevent further negative behaviour. Children should not be on the mound or playing with sticks after school. Thank you for your support.

### **Hall door**

Please can we remind parents that the door at the back of the school hall is not to be used during the school day. Visitors should enter and leave school via the main entrance so that we can monitor who is in the building at any given time for both Health and Safety and Safeguarding.

### **Cake Sales**

Our Friday fundraising cake sale begins today with Class One. Please remember that we are a nut free school and as such **all contributions must be nut free**. At each cake sale, there will be a small number of shop bought "free from" treats for children with dairy, wheat or gluten allergies. All proceeds will be used to support our school playground improvements.

**Mrs Sarah Mitchell**  
**Headteacher**

### **Attachments:**

Book Swap information

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
26th February-2nd March	Book Week
26th February-1st March	Travelling Book Sale after school each day in the hall
2nd March	Book Week Dressing Up Day
5th March	Year 5 Egyptian Day - History Off the Page
6th March	Year 4 Trip to Water Recycling Plant
15th March	Class 6 Trip to the Botanic Gardens
21st March	Open Afternoon - focus on building developments
<b>29th March</b>	<b>Easter Service at All Saints' Church</b>
<b>16th April</b>	<b>Non pupil day</b>

Date	Event
<b>17th April</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
<b>14th-18th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>
21st May	Open Morning - sharing success
22nd May	Music Evening 6.30pm
<b>28th May-1st June</b>	<b>Half term</b>
4th -8th June	Science Week
3rd July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
4th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
6th July	Transition afternoon tbc
9th July	Transition afternoon tbc
10th July	Reception Class Open Evening 4pm
11th July	Open Evening 6-8pm (All classes)
12th July	Sports Day
13th July	Year 6 Memories Assembly
13th July	Reserve Sports Day
15th-18th July	Year 6 Residential
<b>20th July</b>	<b>Leavers' Church Service Last day of term</b>
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
<b>23rd July</b>	<b>Non-pupil day</b>