GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JANUARY 26th 2018

Dear Parents,

Reception Class Assembly

We were all really impressed with today's assembly led by our Reception Class. They were talking about special people: friends, families, teachers and why they are so special to them. We enjoyed watching your film clip and listening to your poem. Everyone thought that you all spoke so clearly and confidently and we could all see how good you are at painting! Thank you Reception Class.

Running Club

Congratulations to all the children who attended running club on Monday. Mrs Dunlop and Mrs White were so impressed with your stamina, determination and super behaviour - well done!

Sports Hall Athletics

Twenty two pupils from Year 5 and 6 competed at the Sports Hall Athletics event on Wednesday and out of seven schools Great Chesterford achieved first place! The event included jumping, bouncing and throwing as well as fast paced activity relays. Everyone tried their best and were fantastic ambassadors for Great Chesterford Primary Academy - Mrs White and Mrs Balchin thoroughly enjoyed accompanying our super athletes - wonderful team work.









Term dates 2018 - 2019

The term dates 2018-2019 will be posted on the school website next week. For those parents wanting to book their summer holidays, children will return to school on Wednesday 5th September.

Film Night - Cars 3

Please support the Friends and our fundraising by taking part in next week's Film Night on Friday 2nd February. The film will be Cars 3 - please refer to the attached flyer for further details.

Friends Easy Fundraising

The Friends are currently raising funds for much needed equipment in both playgrounds. As part of this, they have recently registered to take part in easyfundraising.co.uk. Thank you to the parents who have already joined. For those of you who haven't heard of it before, this is how it works - every time you shop online, and do it through easyfundraising.org.uk, the Friends receive donations which are a percentage of what you have spent. There are thousands of retailers to choose from and many could be used for gift shopping, business supplies, household goods, utilities, insurance, travel and much more. It's a simple 3 step process:

- 1. Head to https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/greatchesterfordprimacad/ and join for free.
- 2. Every time you shop online, go to easyfundraising first to find the site you want (search bar at top of the page) and start shopping.
- 3. After you've checked out, that retailer will make a donation to your good cause for no extra cost whatsoever!

There are no catches or hidden charges and Friends of Great Chesterford Primary Academy will be really grateful for your donations.

Thank you for your support

Trading card / card games

Some of our older pupils enjoy card games and we are going to ask the School Council to work with them to obtain such games that they can play at lunchtime. Please can we ask that cards from home are not brought into school some of these cards are age rated at 13 years plus and are therefore not appropriate for our primary aged setting.

Inconsiderate Parking

It is disappointing that we have received further complaints of inconsiderate parking from local residents. If you are driving to school or attending school events, please allow adequate time for safe and considered parking - thank you.

Tidiest classroom of the week

This week's winning class is Year 4 - well done!

Lost ring

A silver ring has been found in school, please contact the office if it could be yours.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell Headteacher

Attachments:

Friends' Film Night - Cars 3 Inspiration Station Half Term Event Pre-school practitioner vacancy

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
30th January	Parents' Consultation 3:45-6:15pm
31st January	Year 6 Tag Rugby Event
31st January	Parents' Consultation 5:30-8:00pm
1st February	Class 2 Trip to Pizza Express
12th-16th February	Half term
26th February-2nd March	Book Week
5th March	Year 5 Egyptian Day - History Off the Page

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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
29th March	Easter Service at All Saints' Church
16th April	Non pupil day
17th April	Pupils return to school
14th-18th May	Year 6 SATs Week
21st May	Open Morning - sharing success
22nd May	Music Evening 6.30pm
28th May-1st June	Half term
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
20th July	Leavers' Church Service Last day of term
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
23rd July	Non-pupil day