

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING APRIL 26th 2019

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term at Great Chesterford. The children look healthy and recharged and have made a super start to this term; we have enjoyed sharing news from their sunny Easter holidays. Our summer term is always busy with new clubs, trips, transition activities and whole school events. Please use the calendar on the website to keep up to date with new items. Class newsletters and topic webs will also provide additional details including dates of assemblies and extra-curricular activities.

Values in Practice

Value Points are awarded to pupils for demonstrating our school values:

God's Guidance
Respect One Another
Excellent Behaviour
Aiming High
Tremendous Teamwork

The results for the Spring Term were as follows:

White Group	139 points
Green Group	135 points
Black Group	127 points
Blue Group	122 points
Red Group	118 points
Yellow Group	107 points
Orange Group	106 points



Congratulations to White Group who achieved the most points overall - they were rewarded with a celebratory lunch on Thursday. Which Friendship Group will gain the most points in the Summer Term and which group will have the most points for the whole year?



Our Behaviour Policy has been updated in consultation with teachers, pupils and governors and includes the introduction of our new positive behaviour strategies: Value Points, Headteacher postcards, praise notes, etc. A copy of the policy is posted on our school website for your reference.

Maths Competition

Four Year 6 pupils travelled to Braintree today to take part in a Primary School Maths Competition. Our team of four: Daniel, Edward, Fiona and Sofia were a mathematical credit to the school finishing in second place overall. A fantastic result - well done!

Outside Learning Area Development

We are most excited about the first phase of work which starts tomorrow with our generous and willing volunteers who will be giving up their time to help develop our "Nature for Nurture" - outside learning space. The works will be taking place 10am - 3pm tomorrow all help gratefully received.

Cake Sales

Our Friday fundraising cake sales continue with Class One today and Reception Class on 3rd May. Please remember that we are a nut free school and as such **all contributions must be nut and sesame free**. These will be our last cake sales of the academic year and I would just like to thank the Friends and everyone who has supported this fundraising activity. One parent has made a suggestion about alternative healthy fruit snack sales and if other parents have ideas for other fundraising options or could offer their help, I am sure that the Friends Committee would be very pleased to hear from you.

Summer Term

In the hope that we are blessed with lots of sunshine this term, please can I remind parents of our hot weather requirements. Please ensure that your child has a named water bottle in school everyday. On sunny days, children will be expected to wear a sun hat; sunscreen should be applied before children come to school - there is a wide selection of long-lasting sun protection on the market. Children should always wear socks to school. Please inform the school if your child suffers from hay fever and complete the administration of medicine forms if required - thank you.

Message from Revered Alex

The Cam Villages Churches has a new website! The Cam Villages covers Great Chesterford, Little Chesterford, Littlebury, Littlebury Green and Wendens Ambo . I am pleased to announce that if you visit <https://www.camvillages.org.uk> then you'll find details about our five churches, our services and events. Please add the site to your bookmarks, visit often and support your local church.

St Clare Hospice

We have received a letter of thanks from a very grateful St Clare Hospice for the donation of £104 raised from selling the Easter bears - super charity work everyone.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
13th-17th May	Year 6 SATs Week
20th May	Open Afternoon
21st May	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
27th-31st May	Half term
4th June	Music Evening 6.30pm
10th -14th June	Community Past and Present Theme Week
20th June	E-Safety Day
20th June	E-Safety Parent Workshop 7.00pm
25th June	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
2nd July	Sports Day
4th July	Reserve Sports Day

5th July	Transition afternoon tbc
8th July	Transition afternoon tbc
10th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
11th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
14th-17th July	Year 6 Residential
16th July	Prayer Space for Years 1 and 2
19th July	Year 6 Memories Assembly 1.30pm
19th July	Open Afternoon and report collection for all year groups 2.15-3.15pm
23rd July	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
24th July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church 9.30am
24th July	Year 6 Entertainment 1:45pm
24th July	Last day of term
25th July	Non-pupil day