

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JUNE 8th 2018

**Dear Parents,**

### **Trip to Ireland**

We are pleased to welcome back our Year 6 pupils and three members of staff who have just returned from a four day exchange to Killarney in County Kerry, Ireland. The twelve children were fantastic ambassadors for the school and we are grateful that the all boys' school, The Presentation Monastery, has once again been able to accommodate our girls. The children learnt about the Irish culture and education system in addition to participating in a variety of activities including: gaelic football; visits to local landmarks and exploring the local area with their new friends. As a school, we are keen to continue this programme with our friends in Ireland in future years.



### **Class Four Assembly**

Well done to Class 4 for a super assembly about our Queen - Elizabeth II. Everyone learnt lots of fun facts and you have probably inspired others to put pen to paper and write to other inspirational people. Well done!

### **A-hoy there Pirates!**

Reception Class had an amazing day on Monday as pupils and staff transformed into a gang of lively pirates! Great fun was had by all with pirate ships, sing-songs and treasure hunts. Their wonderful day has inspired some super work throughout the week. A special thank you must go to Mrs Davies and Mrs Howes for their unwavering commitment in providing Reception Class with such an exciting and engaging curriculum.



### **Class 1 visit to Hatfield Forest**

On Monday, Class One started Science Week with a lovely trip to Hatfield Forest. Thank you to Mrs Allen, Mrs Drake and Mrs Lister for their excellent support on this trip. Beatrice, Lewis and Xavier have written a recount of their day: *"At Hatfield Forest, first we built dens for toy animals. We did a pollinator and flowers hunt. Next we played a game of flowers and bees. Finally, we did some pond dipping and caught lots of Back-swimmers!"*

### **Science Week**

We have enjoyed a fantastic theme week in school celebrating science. There has been lots of excitement and enthusiasm as we have all been involved in daily science activities. The children have participated in a wealth of activities, including: parachuting eggs, building bridges, making bubbles, growing and planting, building giant structures and investigating poo! Next week, we are looking forward to sharing all of their exciting Science Challenge homework. There will be a Powerpoint reflecting some of these Science Week activities on our website shortly. We would like to give a special thank you Mr David Spreadbury and Mr Hugh Spotwsood for giving up their time from work to talk to classes about 'Light' and 'Genetic Engineering'! I must pass on my thanks to all the staff within school. We are lucky to have staff that always give one hundred per cent to all of our enrichment activities and without their enthusiasm and commitment such weeks would not be possible.



### **Royal Tea Party**

Thank you to the many parents who joined us for our Royal Tea Party on the last Friday before half term. The children's contributions were super and they clearly enjoyed performing to such a large and encouraging audience. Thank you to all the parents, who were brilliant at stepping in to help with both the setting up and packing away at the end of the afternoon not to mention contributing treats for the party.

### **Year 6 Raffle**

The Year 6 raffle has raised close to £250. We would like to thank everyone who bought tickets, we couldn't have hit that figure without your generosity. £100 will go to the Key Stage 2 playground fund. We will put the rest towards entertainment costs for Year 6 party. Congratulations to all the pupils who won a prize. In total there were 43 lucky winners and a Year 3 pupil won the top prize Samsung Galaxy tablet. Enjoy your prizes! Thank you all again, Lisa Gray and Jane Van Weede on behalf of all Year 6 parents and pupils.

### **Trolls**

The Friends of Great Chesterford Primary Academy are running a film night on Friday 15th June from 3.30 - 5.00pm. At £3.00, it is a fun fundraiser for children of all ages!

### MDA Appeal

Would anyone like to earn a little extra as a school MDA every Friday? Please contact the school office if you are interested.

### Menu Updates

There have been a couple of menu adjustments for our school lunches - please refer to the website for full details.

### Mrs Sarah Mitchell Headteacher

### ***Little Chesterford Village Fete – Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2018 at 2:30***

*Please come and join us for a fun-filled, traditional Village Fete, with live music, sumo wrestling, glitter tattoos, obstacle course, bouncy castle and lots more for the whole family. Free admission and plenty of parking.*

### Attachments:

Friends Film Night Booking Form

Anaphylaxis Campaign - Youth Workshop Poster

SAS Swimming Enrolment Form - Linton Granta School

SAS Swimming Lessons - Summer Crash Course at Linton Granta Course

SAS Swimming - Summer Carsh Course

SAS Swimming - Crash Course Enrolment Form

Tom's Trust - The Anniversary Auction, Thursday 14th June

Tom's Trust - Family Fun Run, Sunday 10th June

### Dates for your diary

Date	Event
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
19th July	Year 2 visit to Sealife Centre, Southend
<b>20th July</b>	<b>Leavers' Church Service</b>
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
20th July	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>23rd July</b>	<b>Non-pupil day</b>