

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JUNE 16th 2017

Dear Parents,

Class 3 assembly

Thank you Class 3 for leading today's assembly on this week's theme - respect. We were impressed with your clear speaking and drama; your reflective prayer gave us all food for thought - well done Class 3!

Community Week

The whole school ended the week with a tea party for our local residents where cakes, songs and music was shared. Following on from our tea party, the school has received a large number of thank you cards from our guests and I am delighted that the pupils have been able to work with a wider group from our community. We look forward to welcoming them again to our school in the future.

Photograph time!

On Tuesday 20th June, the photographer will be in school to take the following photographs:

- the whole school
- each class
- orchestra
- Year 5 sport
- Year 6 sport

With a hot and sunny forecast, school jumpers and cardigans will not be worn for the photographs. Please can we request that children come to school on Tuesday in smart school uniform, wearing a **white** polo shirt / blouse and girls may of course wear summer dresses. For these group images, please can girls refrain from wearing large / flamboyant hair accessories as they could obscure other children in the whole school photograph.

Sports Update

Quad athletics

I had the privilege of accompanying 16 pupils from Years 4 and 6 on Monday afternoon to a Quad athletics event. Each child had to compete in four events : sprint, middle distance, long jump and howler. The children competed with great enthusiasm and gave one hundred percent effort - well done everyone! We are awaiting final results and will update you in due course. Many thanks go to Mrs Balchin, Mr Dunkley and Mrs Hancock for providing transport.



Tri - golf

Four Key Stage 2 pupils, Rhona, Poppy, Hamish and Toby, took part in a golf competition recently showing considerable skill and having great fun doing so! It was described as a high scoring, fast paced event! Thank you to Mrs Brown and Mrs Bushell for accompanying and supporting the pupils at this new event.

Kwik Cricket

The boys team competed in the Partnership finals on Wednesday. They played super cricket at this challenging level and were a credit to themselves and the school. They finished in a very commendable fourth position - super work boys! Special thanks must go to Mr Duers, Mrs Balchin, Mrs Buchallet and Mrs Jones for providing support, transport and umpiring help - particularly given that the event ran-over by a couple of hours - thank you!

At this point, I must say a huge thank you to all parents who do offer help with transport to sports' fixtures. Many schools are unable to compete at such a large number of events because transport is a problem and the whole school community benefits from your continued support in this way.

Barn Dance

"The Friends Barn Dance on Sunday was a lovely event - lots of fun was had with the sun shining for us again. There was music, dancing, games, a lovely hog roast, ice-cream, drinks and a tug of war. Thank you to all those families who came and supported the event and helped to raise funds for the school playground improvement project. Also thanks to all the volunteers on the day who helped with setting up and tidying away and manning the stalls etc. Many thanks to Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Davies for their continued help and giving up their Sunday to support the event.

If anyone is interested with helping at Friends events or joining the Committee, please speak to anyone on the Friends Committee or contact Gabrielle Rowan at growanUK@yahoo.com. We are a fun committee and it is very rewarding as everything we do goes towards raising money for our great school. Without event volunteers and committee members, these events cannot continue to happen.
The Friends"

Bikeability

Class 5 pupils have been working hard over the last two weeks on the Bikeability programme. They have all made super progress and we have received lots of positive feedback - well done Class 5!

Years 5 and 6 Summer Play

Please note the performance dates and times for the Year 5 and 6 Summer play will be as follows:

Tuesday 4th July at 7pm

Wednesday 5th July at 7pm

Specific details regarding ticket allocations will be sent out separately to these class groups.

Tidiest classroom of the week

This week's tidiest classroom has been Class 1 - well done!

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
20th June	Whole school and class photographs
23rd June	Reception class assembly
28th June	Year 5 visit to Kentwell Hall
4th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play - 7pm
5th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play - 7pm
7th July	Year 5 class assembly
7th July	Transition afternoon
10th July	Transition afternoon
11th July	Sports Day
12th July	Open Evening 6-8pm (All classes)
13th July	Reserve Sports Day
13th July	Reception Class Open Evening 4pm
14th July	Year 6 memories assembly
16th - 19th July	Year 6 Residential
21st July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church
21st July	Year 6 Entertainment
24th July	Non-pupil day