

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JUNE 30th 2017

Dear Parents,

Go for it!

This week's theme has been 'Go for it!' As part of National Sports' Week, our Sports leaders have been particularly busy helping in today's assembly and working with Pre-school. Lots of positive feedback has been received from pre-school children and their families - well done!

Class 1 Butterflies

Having nurtured their class caterpillars, Class 1 bid a fond farewell to nine beautiful butterflies on Thursday morning in the school grounds. This has been a lovely experience to support their science and topic work.



Key Stage 1 Athletics Event

On Wednesday morning, Reception and Key Stage 1 took part in an athletics event at Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. All of the children enthusiastically participated in a range of sports including long jump and throwing a howler javelin. The final event was an exciting relay race that involved every child and I am delighted to report that we did not drop the baton! Congratulations to all of the children who took part - they behaved extremely well and listened carefully to instructions. Our thanks must go to Mrs Van Weede, Mrs Coe and Mrs Brookes - Staddon for supporting this event.

Three Tees Cricket

On Monday, eighteen Year One and Two pupils travelled to Saffron Walden Cricket Club to participate in a Three Tees Cricket Tournament. All pupils had a super day and were great ambassadors for the school. It was lovely to see them using the skills that they have developed in the weekly club to compete against other schools. Our teams just missed out on a medal but were delighted to receive a wristband and temporary tattoo! Thank you to Mr Rivett, Mr Richmond, Mrs Patton, Mrs Ingham, Mrs Taylor, Mr Horton and Mrs Brown for their much valued support.

Please note, this week will be the last three tees club.

Cricket Match: Great Chesterford v Radwinter

Our Cricket match against Radwinter on Friday was an enjoyable fixture. Both teams played well and demonstrated great sportsmanship. We congratulated Radwinter on winning the match and quickly packed up to try and escape the rain! Thank you to all the parents who provided transport and supported the match. Thank you to Mrs White for organising and supporting the match.

Kentwell Hall

On Wednesday this week, Class Five stepped back in time when they visited Kentwell Hall, an old Tudor manor house in Suffolk. Dressed as Tudor visitors to the Hall, this amazing opportunity allowed the children to immerse themselves in the sights, sounds and smells of the 16th century to help them learn more about how people lived and worked in this period. As they walked around the manor, they had the chance to meet and speak to hundreds of Tudor folk, from the bearded alchemist in the woods to the grand gentry living in the house. As always, we were proud of the children for their excellent behaviour and for their enthusiasm and questions throughout the visit. Our special thanks go to the parents who helped with the trip: Mrs Curtin, Mrs Porter and Mrs Richley-Jones.

Birthdays and certificates

The last Friday celebration assembly of the term will take place on 14th July. On this day birthdays from the 8th of July to 31st of August will be celebrated. Subsequent certificates will need to wait until September!

Summer Library Reading Challenge

This year's library challenge - Animal Agents - was introduced to the whole school on Monday. I would encourage all pupils to get involved as in addition to being fun, it provides an excellent opportunity to encourage and maintain your child's reading during the six week break. It would be super if Great Chesterford could win the trophy for the school with the greatest participation!

Open Evening

Open Evening will take place on Wednesday 12th July 6-8pm. At this evening parents receive their child's annual report and can spend time looking at their work. Children from Years 1 to 6 may accompany parents to this particular evening. Please can we request that pre-school children do not attend.

Building Works

The second phase of building works is due to start on 22nd July! The plans will be on display in the school during Open Evening.

This second phase will include:

- Extending Reception Class
- Extending Class 1
- Improving the Early Years Courtyard
- Refurbishing the pupil toilets
- Refurbishing the disabled toilet

In the Autumn Term, Key Stage One classes will be in the following locations:

Reception - new classroom (old Junior Library)

Class 1 - current Class 2

Class 2 - demountable classroom to be positioned in the Infant Playground

I will keep you updated in the Autumn Term of progress and details of when Key Stage 1 will be moving back into their 'usual' rooms. The whole school community is very excited and we will post updates on Twitter.

Year 6 Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone who supported the Year 6 Cake Sale on Tuesday. They learnt so many skills planning, budgeting, advertising and cooking. They raised just over £213 - super work Class 6!

Year 5 and 6 Summer Play

Tickets have been sent home today - please check your child's bag. If you have not yet requested tickets, please do so as soon as possible.

Tidiest classroom of the week

This week's tidiest classroom has been Class 4 - well done!

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event |
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| 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 |
| 18th July | Ancient Greek Day for Class 4 |
| 21st July | Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church |
| 21st July | Year 6 Entertainment |
| 22nd July | Building Works - Phase 2 start |
| 24th July | Non-pupil day |