

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING APRIL 27th 2018

Dear Parents,

We have enjoyed an eventful start to the new term involving sporting competitions, visitors, a cake sale and playground improvements!

Meerkats and their friends visit Early Years

Last week, Reception Class enjoyed a visit from the meerkats and their friends. They loved finding out about the African hedgehog, the lizard, the giant cockroach, the snakes and the owl. The highlight, however, was meeting Kitkat the meerkat and his baby brother! The children showed great care when handling the creatures and asked excellent questions.



Cross Country - Essex Race Finals

Our Year 4 boys team competed in the Essex Race finals on Thursday 19th April at Hadleigh Park. The team had qualified for this county finals event following their previous success at the Uttlesford Cross Country competition. We are delighted to be able to congratulate the boys on achieving first place - well done boys! The boys' smiles upon their return were even shinier than their gold medals and they took great delight in sharing details of this 'hilly' cross country race!



It was a fantastic team effort and all six boys should be proud of their contributions and finishing positions on this hot April day: Raphael 3rd, Laurence 7th, Paul 11th, George 12th, Theo 51st and Charlie 59th.

On Tuesday 25th April, five of our pupils competed in the Essex Race Finals also at Hadleigh Park. Billy Van Weede, Edward Taylor, Raphael Buchallet, Laurence Cox and Ezra Cole had all earned a place in this competition following their noteworthy performances in the Uttlesford Cross Country event last term. It was a challenging course on a hot and sunny day. Despite these hurdles, all the boys were a credit to both themselves and our school. There were about 150 competitors in each age group and the boys enjoyed great success in this county competition finishing in the following positions: Ezra 51st, Raphael 6th, Laurence 26th, Edward 7th and Billy 4th. Special thanks must go to the parents for transporting and supporting their children on these two days.

As a school, we must also give a special thank you to our committed, enthusiastic and very talented running coach. Mrs Dunlop has supported Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy runners for several years and so many children have benefitted from her supportive and encouraging coaching skills. Mrs Dunlop, gives her time regularly for our club and also in helping children prepare for competitive events - even in the school holidays - thank you!

Three Tees Event for Year 2

Class 2 took part in a Three Tees cricket competition on Wednesday afternoon at Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. The class behaved so well and competed against lots of other schools with great enthusiasm. Our 5 teams further developed their batting and fielding skills during the tournament; they applied their skills and knowledge of the game to great effect and enjoyed great success. All five teams played two matches with all teams winning at least one match and two teams winning both. Class 2 are looking forward to their next competition. Special credit must be given to the class for the help and support they gave to teams from other schools who had not played this sport before. Such events do not happen without support and our thanks go to the following parents for accompanying and supporting our teams alongside Mrs Butler and Mrs Gascoyne: Mrs Kovacs, Mrs Olafsson and Mrs Collins.

Cake Sales

Our Friday fundraising cake sale continued with Class Five last Friday. On a very hot afternoon the Class 5 bakers and sellers enjoyed great success raising £149 towards the playground improvements - well done everyone! Watch out next week for an update on phase one of our playground improvements!!

Scarlet Fever

Please be aware the we have had a reported case of scarlet fever in Key Stage 2. The first signs of scarlet fever can be flu-like symptoms, including a high temperature, swollen glands and sore throat. A rash usually appears a few days later. Please contact your GP if you have any concerns regarding your own child.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Attachments:

Ark Support Group - Halstead
REAL Football Fun Day
Coalhouse Fort Park - Half Term Fun! Kite Making
Fowlmere Bullfinches RSPB Wildlife Explorers Event
Stansted 10k fun Run and Walk
Family Shotokan Karate Class at Great Chesterford

Half Term Fun! Kite Making at Coalhouse Fort

Monday 28 & Tuesday 29 May

10am-12pm & 1pm-4pm

£3.50 per child aged 3-16, adults and under 3's go free!

No need to book in advance

More information: <https://www.thurrock.gov.uk/coalhouse-fort-park/whats-on-in-2018>

Coalhouse Fort, East Tilbury RM18 8PB

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
14th-18th May	Year 6 SATs Week
21st May	Open Morning - sharing success
22nd May	Music Evening 6.30pm
25th May	Royal Celebration Tea Party - details to follow
28th May-1st June	Half term
4th -8th June	Science Week
15th June	Year 5 visit to Kentwell Hall
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
20th July	Leavers' Church Service
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
20th July	Last day of term
23rd July	Non-pupil day