

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JUNE 9th 2017

Dear Parents, Community Week

I have been so impressed with the wide range of positive activities that the children and staff have been involved with this week as part of our Community theme week. Here is a selection of activities completed by each class.

Reception Class have produced a lovely video to be used at the induction afternoons for our new children. It provides friendly information about all aspects of a day at Great Chesterford Primary Academy.

Class 1 have been busy visiting All Saints' Church; enhancing the Bug Hotel in the playground and growing cress and mustard for the tea party on Friday!

Class 2 have carried out a traffic survey to compare different roads within the village. They have also been producing posters for topics that they think could make Great Chesterford an even better village, these have included: not dropping litter; being responsible for your own dog's poop and careful driving to name but a few!

Class 3 have been working with the Women's Institute, who are currently undertaking a project to produce a calendar about Great Chesterford. Class 3 have produced art work and information for the W.I. to support their work.

Class 4 have been focusing on 'What Makes Great Chesterford Great?' and will be producing a Powerpoint to share their opinions and findings with everyone.

Class 5 have visited pre-school to spend time with the children: playing games, reading and supporting craft. Both groups of pupils are looking forward to working with each other in September when some of the pre-school will join us and have buddies from this class.

Class 6 have learnt about and taught others about an election campaign. They have enjoyed great success producing posters, leading and holding the actual election. The school hall was transformed on June 8th with our 'pop-up' polling station which included every possible detail - including the pencil on the string in each of our booths. The whole school voted and our results are as follows:

Conservative Party	30
Green Party	81
Labour Party	25
Liberal Democrats	59

The Green Party gained popularity with their four day week!



The whole school have ended the week with a tea party for our local residents where cakes, stories and music has been shared. It was pleasure to welcome 'new faces' to our school and we hope that they will visit again! Thank you to the staff and many volunteers who have organised and supported all of these enriching pupil activities. Our aim was to encourage our pupils to recognise the importance of working together with all

groups within our community and how supporting each other is advantageous to all. A special thank you must go to Mrs Amanda Davies for coordinating this week.

Staffing Update

Mrs Alison Daltrey, our school business manager, will be leaving school at the end of the Summer term for a new role in a secondary school near Ely. Mrs Daltrey has made significant contributions to the daily running of our school and she will be missed by the whole school community. We will be expressing our thanks more formally at the end of term and we all wish her happiness and success in her new role.

We look forward to welcoming Mrs Gemma Lincoln back to school at the end of this term following her maternity leave. We would like to thank Mrs Jade Mannix and Mrs Dee Butler for their enthusiastic and committed approach to teaching Year 2 during Mrs Lincoln's maternity leave.

The whole school enjoyed a visit from Mr Robin Brown yesterday which brought wide smiles to many. It was lovely to see him looking well and he is hoping to attend Sports Day.

Parking

Parking around the school continues to be a problem for the local community. We are working with the Parish Council to ensure that public highways are always accessible to emergency vehicles and public transport. Parking around junctions, as listed in the Highway Code, should not be occurring as this is hazardous to pedestrians, including our pupils, trying to cross the road and other vehicles. Such parking is occurring at each end of School Street.

Please could I request that where driving to school is necessary, parking is carefully considered to ensure that The Highway Code is not being disregarded. Parking is available at The Crown and Thistle car park which is only a short walk from the school.

Thank you for supporting our local community.

School website

Please note that grectchesterfordprimary.co.uk is the address of our new school website and the 'old' website is now dormant. Please be aware that Google may not provide the new website initially and you may have to access the website by the address at first. We will be posting information following our Theme Weeks under the Parent tab to allow you to share the super work and activities that the children take part in during these events.

Emails and notifications

A new system has been introduced to facilitate the sending of emails to school groups. Initial errors should now have been resolved, please contact the school office if you are not receiving the newsletter / school emails or indeed multiple copies - thank you.

Barn Dance

Please support the Friends at the forthcoming Barn Dance which promises to be great fun. The event will take place on Sunday June 11th with planned activities for the whole family. Please refer to the flyer below for more information.

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 5th July at 7pm

Wednesday 6th July at 7pm

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

Lunchtime volunteers

From next week, we are planning to take Years 5 and 6 to the school field at lunchtime to provide more space for all our KS2. Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to help. Please can you contact school if you would be able to help during any lunchtimes this half term - regular or 'one-off' offers would be gratefully received - thank you!

Headlice

We have had several cases of headlice in school this week. Please check your child's hair regularly and may I remind parents that long hair should be tied back for school - thank you.

Tidiest classroom of the week

This week's tidiest classroom has been Class 6 - well done!



Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
12th June	Reception Class - Pirate Day (don't forget to dress up!)
13th June	Year 6 Crucial Crew visit
16th June	Year 3 class assembly
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

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21st July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church
21st July	Year 6 Entertainment
24th July	Non-pupil day