

# **GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY**

## **NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 10th 2017**

**Dear Parents,**

### **Class One Assembly**

Well done Class One for a wonderful assembly on the theme of Light. You were brilliant at demonstrating how we can shine our light for the good of others. We were really impressed with your clear speaking and lovely examples of how you have helped others but our favourite part was your colourful fireworks dance - well done!

### **Miss Hornett**

The whole school bid Miss Hornett, our school cook, good luck and a 'temporary' farewell today as she starts her maternity leave. We will keep you fully updated of the exciting news. The kitchen will now be run by Mrs Frost with support from Miss Sadler and Mrs Van Weede during her absence.

### **Midday Assistants**

We currently have vacancies for the role of Midday Assistant. Despite external advertising, we are having difficulty fulfilling these positions. Please contact the school office for further information or pass on to anyone who may be interested in this school role. If we are unable to fill our current vacancies, we may have to re-structure our school day. We are also keen to hear from anyone who would be willing to support the children at lunchtime as a volunteer either in the dining hall or by organising games in the playground.

I would like to thank all the teachers and admin staff who have been working through their lunchtimes to support our provision.

### **Ketchup King / Queen**

In order to support our Midday Assistants and children on a Friday, we would like to reinstate a system that was used in school quite a few years ago. We would like to invite parents to volunteer their support in the school dining hall. Please contact the school office if you are able to offer your help for a particular Friday during the school year - thank you.

### **Heart Christmas Jingle**

The whole school had fun on Thursday morning performing Sleeps 'til Santa for Heart radio. The children were an absolute credit and we look forward to listening to them on December 13th on the Kev and Ros Breakfast Show for Heart Radio, Cambridgeshire. Once we know whether this will be aired at 7.30am or 8.30am, we will let you know. Photographs were taken by Heart to promote the school's contribution, pupils without photographic consent were not included, if you need further detail, please contact school.



A few children were asked about their favourite Christmas activities.

### **School Photographs**

Individual and family group photographs will be taking place on 16th November - don't forget your smiley faces and smart school uniform on Thursday morning!

### **School Football**

#### **Birchanger 9 Great Chesterford 4**

The final football match of the half term took place on Thursday with a mixed team to face our opponents, Birchanger. Despite the final score of 9-4, this was an excellent match demonstrating strong teamwork and communication. We received positive feedback and this was clearly our best match of the season so far. Thanks must go to Mrs White for organising the match and Mrs Rowan, Mrs Cullen and Mrs Van Weede for providing transport and positive support - well done everyone!

### **Football Kit Sponsor Appeal**

We would like to replace the school football kit for both the girls' and boys' teams. If you work for or know a company that may be interested in sponsoring either kit, we would be delighted to hear from you - please contact myself or Mrs White.

### **Start of the day**

Thank you to parents for their understanding and patience during our current building programme. It can become very congested outside Year 6 and Reception Class rooms at the start of the day. Please can I request that messages for class teachers are passed to the office staff or the member of duty staff - thank you.

### **Homework and reading**

The school Homework Policy was revised and changed last year to reduce set homework pieces to allow quality time for reading. Key Stage 2 have new planners and we would like parents to use these to record reading that is taking place at home. Children of all ages benefit from reading to adults and it has a positive impact upon their progress across the curriculum - thank you for your continued support.

### **PSHE Week:-14th - 18th November**

Next week is our PSHE theme week which will focus on British Values. **On Friday 18th November we are also participating in the Spotacular Event to raise funds for Children in Need and also a charity chosen by the children. It will be a non-school uniform day and everyone is invited to wear something red / white / blue. In return, we ask the children to bring in a minimum donation of £1 which we will share between the two charities.** Dressing up is, of course, completely optional.

### **Friends of Great Chesterford Primary Academy**

Thank you to the committee for organising today's Film Night: Boss Baby. They have also been working very hard on the forthcoming 'Bling, Bubbles and Beauty' event which will take place on Thursday November 30th - the flyer is attached. Please support this event as proceeds make a real difference to the children's life in school. Recent finds have contributed to school visits, events such as iSingPop and we are now enthusiastically fundraising in order to re-furbish the Infant Playground.

### **Map-o-graphs**

The school has a selection of Map-o-graphs that we would be happy to donate to a good home - please contact the school if you could make use of them.

**Mrs Sarah Mitchell**  
**Headteacher**

### **Attachments:**

**Bling, bubbles and beauty - Friends fundraising event**  
**Chesterfords Autumn Festival - Pre-school fundraising event**

### **Message from X:Site**

X:Site, the fun-filled, multi-media event for kids is back this weekend! The group, now in its 7th year, is run by local churches for junior school children in Years 3-6, and is happening on Saturday, 11 Nov 2017 at Saffron Walden Community Church, (ex Methodist) Castle Street, Saffron Walden. It runs from 6-8pm and costs just £2.50 for a fun evening learning about Jesus and the bible including games, activities,

competitions, singing with a live band and the much-loved gunging of the leaders, if you liked VBS you will love this. No need to book – just bring the kids and their friends along and there is a prize for everyone who finds the number hidden under the gold bar on the website. If you've not been before, and to save time on the night, please visit [www.sw-xsite.org.uk](http://www.sw-xsite.org.uk) and download the registration form. You can also see photos on the Events page of the website from previous X:Site events to get an idea of how much fun we have. For more information, please phone Tony on 01799 520870.

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
13th-17th November	PSHE Week
<b>16th November</b>	<b>Individual and family group photographs</b>
<b>17th November</b>	<b>Spotacular Charity Non- uniform day (red, blue and white theme)</b>
23rd November	Open morning - focusing on our values
9th December	Spirit of Christmas for Years 5 and 6
12th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon performance
13th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon and evening performances
19th December	Christmas parties
20th December	Christmas Church Service Last day of term
<b>3rd January</b>	<b>Non-pupil day</b>
<b>4th January</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>

The full list of dates for the whole academic year can be found on the calendar on our school website.