

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JULY 7th 2018

Dear Parents,

Class 1 Assembly

Thank you Class 1 for leading today's assembly on the value of working together as a team. You all spoke so clearly and we all enjoyed learning about how animals work well together. Your film illustrated just what a fabulous team you are in supporting, learning and playing together at school - well done Class 1!

The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan!

Years 5 and 6 performed Amazing Adventures of Superstan to a packed hall on Tuesday and Wednesday evening. It was a wonderful production with many talents showcased through song, dance and drama. There were lots of laughs along the way and it was wonderful to share the pupils' enthusiasm, effort and obvious enjoyment. All pupils and staff had worked hard to prepare for this play both on stage and behind the scenes and having the privilege to work with such great pupils and colleagues is the best part of being Headteacher at Great Chesterford - well done everyone!

On behalf of the pupils and school, please can I say a big thank you to:

The staff team - Mrs Witney, Mrs Barden, Mrs Starbuck, Mrs Chambers and Mrs Balchin.

Mrs Menell and Mrs Bushell for producing the eye-catching back drop.

Mrs Rowan and other members of the Friends Committee for providing the pre-performance refreshments.



Open Evening for Years 1 to 6

On Wednesday 11th July, you are invited to attend our summer Open Evening in order to collect your child's annual report and view their work and classroom. This evening will take place from 6-8pm. The class teacher will be available to answer any questions you have. However, if you have anything that requires a more lengthy discussion, please speak to the teacher to make a separate appointment. Please note that this event is open to Year 6 pupils only; we do ask that children of other year groups do not attend.

Reception Class Open Evening has a different format - please refer to the separate email sent out on Thursday 28th June.

Sports Day 2018

Sports Day is due to take place on Thursday 12th July. The children compete in their Friendship Groups and to help facilitate the team spirit, children can wear a t-shirt of their friendship group colour if they have one. For children without a coloured t-shirt, coloured bands will be provided. The format of the day will be as follows:

Key Stage Two Field events: 11am -12pm

Key Stage One and Key Stage Two Track events 1.30-3.00pm

All events will take place at the school field and parents are most welcome to spectate at the morning and / or afternoon events.

Gazebo appeal - please can we borrow any gazebos for Sports Day in order to provide shade for the children whilst they are spectating. Please contact the school office if you have a gazebo that we could use - thank you!

Birthdays and certificates

The last Friday celebration assembly of the term will take place on 13th July. On this day birthdays from the 7th of July to 31st of August will be celebrated. Subsequent certificates will need to wait until September!

Boydells Farm

Reception Class had a brilliant day at Boydell's Farm on Monday. The children enjoyed seeing the pigs, bottle feeding the lambs and having a lovely paddle in the shallow stream. Freya said that she "liked holding the chicks. They tickled her hand!" and Joel said that his favourite part of the day was when he "milked Toffee the cow." The children asked lots of great questions, for example, Caspar asked the farmer "how do cows make milk?"

A great day was had by all and our thanks must go to our parent helpers, Mrs Thackray, Ms Frisenda and Mrs McCullough who supported our trip.



Class 3 trip

Class 3 spent a wonderful day on Tuesday at Colchester Castle Museum to support their learning about the Romans in Britain. The children took part in a range of exciting activities including: building a replica Roman villa and a Celtic roundhouse; handling real Roman and Iron Age artefacts and a fascinating tour of the vaults beneath the Castle, which were once the foundations for the Roman temple in Colchester. As always, the children were well-behaved and they impressed the Museum staff with their enthusiastic questioning and knowledge of the period. Well done Class 3!



Year 6 Picnic

Class 6 enjoyed a warm Thursday afternoon at the field to celebrate the end of their assessments. The children shared a delicious picnic lunch and the afternoon was spent enjoying each others' company and playing various games - a fun way to celebrate their achievements at primary school. Thank you to Mrs McCullough, Mrs Starbuck and Mrs Balchin for organising the games and to the other parents who joined in the fun!

Sports Leaders 2018-2019

We are currently looking for new Sports Leaders to help promote sport and physical activity across the school. If any Year 5 child wishes to apply for this role, they must send a letter to me by Monday 16th July 2018. Remember to explain why you think you will be a good Sports Leader! I look forward to receiving your letters...

English competition

Congratulations must go to our Year 6 pupils: Bea, Felix, Fin and Ruben who took part in the county final English competition this week. Fifteen teams from all over Essex had reached this stage and our team did really well achieving a fantastic third place - congratulations! Thank you to Mrs Sargeant for accompanying the team to Chelmsford.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Attachments:

Pre-school flyer - for Preloved Sale, Sunday 8th July

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
9th July	Transition afternoon
10th July	Reception Class Open Evening 4-6.30pm
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