

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JANUARY 19th 2018

Dear Parents,

Swimming Gala

I had the absolute pleasure on Wednesday morning of accompanying 33 KS2 pupils to the Lord Butler Leisure Centre to compete in the Swimming Gala. The children were a credit our whole school community with their excellent behaviour, effort and sportsmanship. Both Upper and Lower Key Stage 2 finished in third place overall. Well done to everyone who took part! Special congratulations are given to Fraser Potton, Paul Coe, Thomas Peters, Edward Taylor, Alex Astbury and Henry Hilling who all achieved first place in their individual races! The Year 4 (Raphael, Thomas, Eddy, Paul) and Year 6 (Jack, Billy, Henry, Alex) freestyle relay teams also finished in first position - great teamwork boys. Thank you to Mrs Mackswith Coe, Mrs Buchallet, Mrs Brookes Staddon and Mrs Townsend for their valuable support at the event.



Neil O'Sullivan Sports

Neil O'Sullivan Sports are opening an after school club for Great Chesterford Primary Academy and he is delighted to announce that this will be starting on 29th January. Booking Forms, Parent Handbooks and Registration Forms will be available in the school office next week.

Football Season - referee appeal

The second half of our school football season is about to start and we would like to appeal for any help to referee matches. The dates we require a referee are as follows: 22nd February and 15th March - thank you!

Tidiest classroom of the week

A difficult decision this week with all classes trying so hard but this week's winning class is Year 1- well done!

Friends' Update

Please use the [Friends Facebook Page](#) to keep up to date with school fundraising and social events - remember all parents are Friends of the school.

Company donations

The committee is working really hard to fundraise for the children's playground improvements. If any parent works for a company that has the ability to make a donation for such a project, please speak to any member of the committee or Mrs Mitchell.

Film Night

Save the date for our next Film Night 'Cars 3' which will take place on Friday 2nd February - details to follow shortly.

Easter Bunny Hunt and Fayre

Save the date for our annual Easter event due to take place on Saturday 24th March - we are planning on making this one our biggest and best yet! We would be most grateful of any contributions for the raffle. If anyone has a stall that we may use, for example a coconut shy, we would love to hear from you!

W.I. Calendars

Thank you to the WI for their kind donation following the sale of their calendars which had involved work from children at school.

Thank you for everyone's continued support - if we all work together we should be able to transform both of the children's playgrounds.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell

Headteacher

Stagecoach

Sing! - February Half Term Workshop 2018

This Spring Half Term, Stagecoach Saffron Walden are running a Singing Masterclass for all 5-16 year olds, on Monday 12th and Tuesday 13th February, at Chesterfords Community Centre. During this two day course students will work with singing specialist Emma Donnelly to explore different singing styles and put on a performance for family and friends. The two day course costs just £75.

<https://www.stagecoach.co.uk/saffronwalden#workshops>

Attachments:

iChurch flyer: 21 Jan 2018

Fab Science Fun for half term

Half term cricket with Kevin Duers

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
24th January	Sports Hall Athletics - Upper Key Stage Two
30th January	Parents' Consultation 3:45-6:15pm
31st January	Parents' Consultation 5:30-8:00pm
1st February	Class 2 Trip to Pizza Express
12th-16th February	Half term
26th February-2nd March	Book Week
15th March	Class 6 Trip to the Botanic Gardens
21st March	Open Afternoon - focus on building developments
29th March	Easter Service at All Saints' Church
16th April	Non pupil day
17th April	Pupils return to school
14th-18th May	Year 6 SATs Week
21st May	Open Morning - sharing success
22nd May	Music Evening 6.30pm

Date	Event
28th May-1st June	Half term
4th -8th June	Science Week
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
20th July	Leavers' Church Service Last day of term
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
23rd July	Non-pupil day