

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MARCH 16th 2018

### **Dear Parents, Year 2 Assembly**

Thank you Year 2 for a colourful assembly about Spring flowers and the other joys of this new season. We were treated to song, dance, poetry and even balloons! My favourite was your super poems which you shared so well. Fantastic work Class 2!

### **Year 6 Trip to Botanic Gardens**

Year 6 dodged the showers on Thursday as they explored the Botanic Gardens in Cambridge to support their topic of 'O Grão De Cacau.' Having travelled by train, the children spent the day exploring the tree trail and sketching plants in the different glasshouses. The final activity was to create a piece of live art work with natural objects. The class behaved well and had an interesting day out. Thank you to Mrs Balchin and Mrs McCullough for supporting the trip.



### **English Challenge**

Two teams of four entered the Essex County Council English competition on Monday which was hosted here at Great Chesterford. Rounds included using English grammar skills such as spelling and a favourite activity was to describe an object without using certain words. Both teams enjoyed the experience and found it challenging but fun. Well done to the A team as they won the heat and will now go through to the finals in July. Thank you to Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Burson for supporting the event.



### **Maths Competition**

Four Year 6 mathematicians spent the morning at Radwinter Primary School on Wednesday to enter the Essex County Council Maths' Competition. Teams from the area competed in rounds that tested the children's reasoning skills. They enjoyed the competition and the opportunity to work through different tasks. Mrs Balchin accompanied the children for which we are very grateful.

### **Cake Sales**

Our Friday fundraising cake sales are continuing with wonderful support from everyone. Well done to the Class 3 team for raising £171 - thank you to everyone involved! Today is our last cake sale until after the Easter break.

### **Sport Relief 2018**

We will be supporting Sport Relief 2018 by holding a sports' themed non-uniform day on Friday 23rd March. Children can come to school dressed as their favourite sporting hero, or any other sports clothes of their own choosing. In exchange for wearing sporting attire, we are asking that children donate a chocolate item to school that will be used at the Bunny Hunt fundraising event on the Chocolate Tombola stall. We will then make a donation to Sport Relief from these proceeds.

### **Bunny Hunt**

**A friendly reminder that the annual Bunny Hunt organised by our Friends Committee will be taking place on Saturday 24th March from 2pm - 4pm. Don't forget to return your reply slips if you wish to attend this popular event - please see attached.**

### **Music at Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy**

It is super to have our school orchestra performing more regularly at our Friday morning assemblies this half term and I would like to take this opportunity to thank Janet Wheeler and her army of helpers who enthusiastically support and lead our children in this wonderful primary music experience. In addition to our music curriculum, which is facilitated by our music tutor Mrs Kathryn Middleton, there are also several peripatetic lessons available: woodwind, strings, brass and piano. Please contact the school office if you would like further information.

### **Open Afternoon**

Our next afternoon afternoon will take place on Wednesday 21st March. The aim of these sessions is to provide parents with an insight into school life on a typical day. The sessions are optional and parents should not feel obliged to attend or rearrange working commitments. If you are unable to make this particular date, please refer to the calendar of events for future sessions. On Wednesday, parents may attend between 1.30 to 2.00pm or 2.15 to 2.45pm. Please contact the school office if you would like to book a place on either tour.

### **Friday Assemblies**

Please can we remind parents that hot drinks should not be brought into school. Once the building works have been completed and we have an operational library, we will resume our parent coffee mornings. Thank you for your support.

### **Mrs Sarah Mitchell**

#### **Headteacher**

### **Vacation Bible School (VBS) 2018**

A lively, fun week of Bible teaching, worship and activities for local children aged 5-13 years (Reception – Year 8)

6th – 10th August at Saffron Walden County High School

Apply from 19th March at [www.vbs-sw.org](http://www.vbs-sw.org)

Applications close 11th May

### **Attachments:**

Saffron Walden Junior Band - flyer

Easter and Summer Cricket Camps - Kevin Duers

Parenting an Anxious Child - workshops in Saffron Walden

Great Chesterford Bunny Hunt

Forest School, Ashdon - flyer

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
21st March	Year 4 Big Sing Event at SWCHS
21st March	Year 1 Dance Festival
21st March	Open Afternoon - focus on building developments
23rd March	Sport Relief - non-uniform day
<b>29th March</b>	<b>Easter Service at All Saints' Church</b>
<b>16th April</b>	<b>Non pupil day</b>
<b>17th April</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
<b>14th-18th May</b>	<b>Year 6 SATs Week</b>
21st May	Open Morning - sharing success
22nd May	Music Evening 6.30pm
<b>28th May-1st June</b>	<b>Half term</b>
4th -8th June	Science Week
3rd July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
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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
<b>20th July</b>	<b>Leavers' Church Service Last day of term</b>
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
<b>23rd July</b>	<b>Non-pupil day</b>