

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 6th 2017

Dear Parents,

Class 4 Assembly

Well done Class 4 for a super assembly on the theme of manners - saying please and thank you. The children's drama, personal examples and entertaining rap clarified the positive impact that using manners has on all of our daily lives. As Theo said today, "It doesn't cost anything to say please and thank you". So from all of the school - thank you Class 4!



School Football

St Mary's, Stansted 12 Great Chesterford 1

The football season continues and the team played away against St Mary's. On Thursday afternoon, our boys and girls played really well developing their football skills and a positive team spirit. It was super to see such determination and commitment against this able team. Thanks must go to Mrs White for organising the match and Mrs White, Mrs Boxall and Mrs Van Weede for providing transport and support. Fantastic ambassadors for Great Chesterford - well done!

Boys' District Football

The boys took part in the District Football Tournament on Wednesday morning. There were 10 teams in the tournament and it was a difficult competition. The boys came 5th in their pool and lost count upon scoring 20 goals! Team highlights were the fantastic team work and resilience shown by every player. Thank you to Mr Duers for accompanying the team and Mrs Jeremy, Mrs Bushell and Mrs Van Weede for providing the transport. Super team work boys!

Girls' District Football

The girls took part in the District Football Tournament on Wednesday afternoon. There were 8 teams in the tournament and the girls won 2, drew 1 and lost 2 out of their five matches. At the end of the tournament, the girls finished in 7th position. Team highlights were: the positive team work, great communication and all four goals! Thank you to Mrs Mannix for accompanying the team and Mrs Larenas for providing the transport. Fantastic football girls!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who supported this worthwhile charity. All staff contributed delicious cakes; the School Council members helped to serve and our guests were generous with their donations. We managed to raise £278.04.

Building Update

The new toilets are now in use and the children have been very positive about their new facilities.

Hall door

Please can we remind parents that the door at the back of the school hall is not to be used during the school day. Visitors should enter and leave school via the main entrance so that we can monitor who is in the building at any given time for both Health and Safety and Safeguarding.

After school

Please may I remind parents that once children have been released to their parents at the end of the school day, teachers are no longer on 'duty' in the playground. Children should not play on the mound or play equipment in the absence of staff as we need to ensure their health and safety. We have had some behavioural incidents in the playground after school this week. If you are not able to leave the playground promptly, please can we ask that you supervise your child closely to prevent further negative behaviour - thank you for your support.

Scooters

If your child travels to school by scooter, please remind them to take care with regard to their own safety and for other people using the footpaths. Children should not ride their scooters or bicycles in the playground - thank you.

Midday Assistants

We currently have vacancies for the role of Midday Assistant. Please contact the school office for further information or pass on to anyone who may be interested in this school role.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell Headteacher

Bonfire Night in Little Chesterford

Our traditional Bonfire Night celebrations will take place on Sunday 5th November, with the lighting of the bonfire at about 6:15pm and then a magnificent Firework Display starting at 6:45pm. Delicious food will be served from 6:00pm onwards including hot dogs, filled baked potatoes, toffee apples, soup and mulled wine. So, whatever the weather, come along to the meadow behind the Village Hall (please leave your cars behind if possible!) and come and enjoy a really good evening. Admission, as always, is free, but we do kindly ask for donations at the gate, please.

Dramawise Performing Arts Group Sawston

This award winning group has just performed Shakespeare's "Taming of the Shrew" at the Edinburgh Fringe Festival getting a Four Star review and winning a Derek Award. We perform at the Edinburgh Fringe every two years. We are now rehearsing for the Musical "Tracey Beaker Returns" to be performed at the Cambridge Junction 10th June. Our main aim is to encourage all our students to be confident to learn about theatre and acting and have fun!! Due to expansion we have vacancies for all ages from 5yrs to 14yrs. Classes take place on Fridays 4.30-7.30 at the Free Church High St Sawston. Why not try a free taster session. For more information contact Frances on frances.wyse@btinternet.com

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
9th October	E-safety workshops for Years 5 and 6
9th October	E-safety evening workshops for Years 5 and 6 parents 7-9pm at JFAN
10th October	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
11th October	Year 3 Multi-skills event

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13th October	Year 4 Trip to Audley End
16th October	Open Afternoon - focus on building developments
18th October	Year 5 Trip to West Stow
20th October	Non-pupil day
23rd-27th October	Half term
1st November	Year 2 Trip to Gunpowder Mills
1st November	Parents' Consultation 5:30-8:00pm
2nd November	Parents' Consultation 3:45-6:15pm
13th-17th November	PSHE Week
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
3rd January	Non-pupil day
4th January	Pupils return to school

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