

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JANUARY 18th 2019

Dear Parents,

Class 2 Collective Worship

Class 2 led today's collective worship about this week's big question: 'Do you need to see something to believe it?' The class shared lots of super examples, including dragons, dinosaurs and fairies and we all enjoyed their beautiful art work. They clearly explained how faith and trust support us in our daily lives and finished with an uplifting song - well done Class 2!

Key Stage Two Eucharist

The first Key Stage 2 Eucharist Service of 2019 took place at school on Tuesday this week. Reverend Alex explained each stage of the service in some detail and Year 6 were involved with the reading, prayers and had the opportunity to take communion or receive a blessing. Members of staff and the local community were also invited to participate. Over the coming months, each KS2 class will support future Eucharist services, which will also develop their understanding of this aspect of the RE curriculum.



Swimming Gala

I had the absolute pleasure on Wednesday morning of accompanying 30 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. Lower Key Stage 2 finished in third place and Upper Key Stage 2 in second place overall - well done to everyone who took part! Special congratulations are given to Amelia Olafsson, Erin Osborne and Edward Taylor who all achieved first place in their individual races! Thank you to Mrs Balchin, Mrs Daw and Mrs Gardiner for their valuable support at the event.

Stop Animation Club Appeal

Please could we request that any unwanted mini-figures and Lego accessories are donated for our Stop Motion Animation club - thank you!

School Closure

Our priority is that, wherever possible, we will keep the school open. We will let parents know via email as soon as any decision to close the school is made (e.g snow), and will make every effort to have information posted on our school website by 7.45am. If you have not received a message, you should assume the school will be open as normal.

Parent Consultations

Our next parent consultations will be taking place on 29th and 30th January. Due to GDPR regulations and the rules associated, we are no longer able to use our on-line signing up app. We are trialling a new provider for these forthcoming consultations and details will be sent out at the start of next week. We will be inviting feedback on the process after the event - thank you.

Winter clothing

During cold weather, please can you ensure that your child is suitably prepared for outdoor activities at school. All children should wear a warm coat to school each day and gloves and hats are useful during these colder days. Should we ever have a notable snowfall, please ensure that your child has wellingtons or boots for playtime and lunch time - they will not be allowed to play in snow in their usual school shoes. Children will also be expected to wear long trousers and not shorts if we have snow. Please can we request that all uniform and outerwear is named. Outside games lessons continue this term and it is really helpful for children to have skins, school tracksuits or school jumpers to keep them warm. The long PE socks are also helpful for warmth, as well as holding shin pads, for Key Stage 2 pupils and these can be obtained on-line from our school uniform supplier or plain navy blue ones can be found at many well known retailers.

Start of the day

Please can I remind parents that children are expected to be at school by 8.55am for registration at 9am. If your child arrives later than this, they need to be accompanied to the main office and signed in by an adult - thank you.

Dental and medical appointments

Please can we request, that wherever possible, non-emergency medical and dental appointments are made after school or in the school holidays - thank you.

Term dates 2019-2020

Term dates for 2019-2020 have been posted on the school website under the School Information tab.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
28th January - 1st February	World Religions Theme Week
29th January	Prayer Space for Years 3 and 6
29th January	Parents' Consultation 3:45-6:15pm
30th January	Parents' Consultation 5:30-8:00pm
4th February	Class 1 Trip to Danbury Country Park
5th February	Open Afternoon - The Arts
14th February	Class 2 Trip to Pizza Express and Fitzwilliam Museum, Cambridge
18th-22nd February	Half Term
4th - 8th March	Book Week - When I Grow Up
12th March	KS2 Eucharist Service at 10:15am
19th March	Class 5 Egyptian Day
21st March	Open Afternoon - focus on sports
28th March	Class 6 Trip to The Botanic Gardens, Cambridge
29th March	Class 3 African Drumming Workshop
5th April	Easter Service at All Saints' Church Last day of term
23rd April	Non pupil day

Date	Event
24th April	Pupils return to school
13th-17th May	Year 6 SATs Week
20th May	Open Afternoon
27th-31st May	Half term
4th June	Music Evening 6.30pm
10th -14th June	Community Past and Present Theme Week
20th June	E-Safety Day
20th June	E-Safety Parent Workshop 7.00pm
2nd July	Sports Day
4th July	Reserve Sports Day
5th July	Transition afternoon tbc
8th July	Transition afternoon tbc
10th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
11th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
14th-17th July	Year 6 Residential
16th July	Prayer Space for Years 1 and 2
19th July	Year 6 Memories Assembly 1.30pm
19th July	Open Afternoon and report collection for all year groups 2.15-3.15pm
23rd July	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
24th July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church 9.30am Last day of term
24th July	Year 6 Entertainment 1:45pm
24th July	Last day of term
25th July	Non-pupil day