

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MAY 11th 2018

Dear Parents,

As Year 6 approach the end of their primary education, it is an appropriate time to reflect upon the importance of their forthcoming Key Stage Two SATs. SATs and their outcomes make up one small part of all that our pupils achieve by the end of their primary school education. These tests have a part to play in passing on information to the secondary schools but just as important is the children's attitude to work; progress in all curriculum areas and achievements in extra-curricular activities. We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils: leading Infant and Junior assemblies; representing the school in many competitions; giving up their time as Sports Leaders; providing excellent support to their buddies and enthusiastically embracing new opportunities. These assessments will demonstrate the progress that each and every one of them has made during their time at Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy. We all wish them the very best of luck for next week and I know that Mrs Starbuck and the whole team will support and reassure the children in what they will soon realise is just another week at school.



On behalf of the school - Good luck Class 6! Have a lovely weekend, get plenty of sleep and have fun!

Three Tees Cricket Club

During the summer term we will be offering an after school Three Tees Cricket Club, starting on Thursday 7th June. Three Tees is a simple and energetic game designed to introduce KS1 to the game of cricket. The letter will be sent out to Years 1 and 2 and posted on our website. If you would like more information, please speak to Mrs White.

Dressing up props Appeal

We are appealing for any props such as wigs, hats, glasses or other simple accessories for our Key Stage One children to use for imaginary play on their new stage area in the playground. Please could any donations be left at the school office - thank you.

Newspaper Appeal

We would be most grateful of any newspaper donations for an activity that will be holding with the whole school on Thursday 24th May - thank you.

Year 6 Raffle

Please remember that the tickets for the 'Year 6 Raffle' are now on sale and will be until May 23rd.

Measles Outbreak in West Essex

You should be aware that there has been an outbreak of Measles in the local area. This disease can affect both adults and children and the symptoms are rash, red eyes, runny nose, temperature and cough.

If you think you or your child may have the symptoms above, please contact NHS 111 service as soon as possible. Do not attend the GP directly.

For further information, please refer to the attached flyer and information sheet.

To have full immunity to measles, your child should have had two doses of the MMR vaccine. If your child has either not received their MMR vaccination or has only received one MMR vaccine we would strongly advise that you should contact your child's GP surgery to book an appointment for them to receive this as soon as possible.

Essex Child and Family Wellbeing Service
Virgin Care

Cake Sales

Our Friday fundraising cake sales have proved to be an excellent fundraiser with a total raised to date of £1054.21!! Thank you to everyone who has baked and bought cakes over the last few weeks. The class to raise the most from their sale was Reception Class who raised £197 - well done to everyone involved. This afternoon Class One are holding an ice pop / Mini Milk sale so please support them.

Forthcoming Friends Events

Our next film night will take place on 15th June with 'Trolls' .

A second hand uniform sale will be held on 6th July .

All proceeds from both of these activities will go to the Friends as they continue to support the school with trips, playground equipment and other resources. More details for each of these events will follow in due course.

Parking

Please can I remind parents about the need to park considerately when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Please ensure that you are not obstructing or parking across our neighbours' driveways - thank you.

Royal Celebration Tea Party

Friday 25th May 2pm – 3pm

We are hosting a Royal Celebration Tea Party in our school playground. This event is for the residents of the Chesterfords and our school families. We will be serving tea and cake and providing entertainment during the afternoon. **Please can we ask parents and friends to bring their own seating or picnic blanket.**

We hope you will be able to join us.

Please RSVP to the School Office in person, by telephone 01799 530292 or via e-mail

admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

by Friday 18th May

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Attachments:

Village History Trail
Plant a Wellie Competition
Kevin Duers - Cricket Camp Flyer
Granta Chorale Pepys Show
Measles update
Measles Information sheet

The Great Get Together on June 23rd on Horse River Green, Great Chesterford

Have fun and support this village event - there are lots of activities for you to get involved with: a new History Trail, a duck race and a planted wellie competition.

Chesterford Local History and Archaeology Society is running a brand new Village History Trail as part of the June 23 Great Get Together. It is great fun for children and entry is free. Collect your map and questions from 2 pm at Horse River Green. There will be a prize draw of all entries at 5 pm. For further details see the attached posters.

PEPYS SHOW - Saturday 12th May 7.30 at Saffron Hall

This family-friendly concert, promoted by Granta Chorale includes SignuptoSing Youth Choir. This is a youth branch of Saffron Walden Choral Society and includes a number of children from Chesterford. The concert features:

- Writer Nick Warburton playing the part of Samuel Pepys as he introduces the programme and reads extracts from his diary.
- Background images showing some of the people, places and artefacts mentioned in the script - including a picture of the Mazer Bowl which used to be in Saffron Walden Almshouses and which Pepys himself drank from!
- Choral music from Pepys' own time and also from more recent times, including some exciting and tuneful modern pieces. This is sung by SignuptoSing (in costume) and by Granta Chorale. Music includes Purcell, Holst and Bob Chilcott's Songs and Cries of London Town.
- The programme covers the King's return to England in 1660, the Plague, the Great Fire of London, and many aspects of daily life in Restoration London.

We anticipate the concert will last approximately 75 mins plus an interval.

Afterwards the audience are very welcome to mingle with the performers and each other in the foyer, where the bar will remain open. We do hope you can make it.

Bounce

Mini-trampoline fitness classes - dance choreographed, high intensity workouts programmed to gain rapid results!

- 3x more effective than the same exercise performed on the ground
- burn up to 700 calories per class
- low impact on the joints
- all levels and abilities are welcome
- it's fun, friendly and fierce with only one requirement - you can't jump without a smile!

Book your space now at <https://bookwhen.com/bouncegreatchesterford>

Search for us on Facebook @BounceGreatChesterford for all the latest news, updates and competitions!

Please note: online booking is essential

I can't wait to meet you all, Sarah

X:Site

X:Site, the fun-filled, multi-media event for kids is back this weekend! The group, now in its 7th year, is run by local churches for junior school children in Years 3-6, and is happening on **Saturday, 19 May 2018** at Saffron Walden Community Church, (ex Methodist) Castle Street, Saffron Walden. It runs from 6-8pm and costs just £2.50 for a fun evening learning about Jesus and the bible including games, activities, competitions, singing with a live band and the much-loved gunging of the leaders, if you liked VBS you will love this. No need to book – just bring the kids and their friends along and there is a prize for everyone who finds the number hidden under the gold bar on the website. If you've not been before, and to save time on the night, please visit www.sw-xsite.org.uk and download the registration form. You can also see photos on the Events page of the website from previous X:Site events to get an idea of how much fun we have. For more information, please phone Tony on 01799 520870.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
14th-18th May	Year 6 SATs Week
21st May	Open Morning - sharing success
22nd May	Music Evening 6.30pm
25th May	Royal Celebration Tea Party - details to follow
28th May-1st June	Half term
4th -8th June	Science Week
15th June	Year 5 visit to Kentwell Hall
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
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