

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 2nd 2018

Dear Parents,

Class 6 Assembly

We were all really impressed with today's assembly led by Class 6 on the theme of 'Does money make you happy?' We all learnt about the role of debate in our daily lives and how Class 6 had worked together to research, share, listen and reflect before making a final decision. A mature and reflective assembly Class 6 - well done!

Tag Ruby Tournament

All of Year 6 took part in the Family Tag tournament on Wednesday at Carver Barracks. Despite the rain and cold, the children played all of their matches with a great positive spirit and enjoyed success with all three teams reaching the semi-finals! This was a great achievement and it was wonderful to see how the children supported each other, as well as other schools, throughout the tournament. Special congratulations go to our 'A' Team who are now through to the next stage. Fantastic work Year 6! Thank you to Mr Duers, Mrs Starbuck and Mrs Balchin for their support.



Class 2 Trip to Pizza Express

Class 2 visited Pizza Express on Thursday as part of their topic on Healthy Eating. Upon arrival, the children enjoyed drinks and were able to taste a variety of healthy pizza toppings, including: artichokes, olives and anchovies. The children were then taught how to make their own pizzas and had great fun doing so! The whole class completed their chef duties with great enthusiasm and their positive behaviour was a credit to themselves and the school. I hope they all enjoyed their pizzas at tea time! Thank you to the Class 2 Team and Mrs Collins for supporting this class visit.

Mr Brown

Mr Robin Brown has decided to take early retirement as he continues to receive medical treatment for ill health. His retirement farewell assembly will take place on Thursday 8th February at 11am. Please ensure that you have let school know if you wish to attend. If numbers become an issue, priority will be given to current pupils and adult guests. A collection is taking place and if you would like to contribute to his retirement gift, please send your contribution in an envelope marked 'Mr Brown's Collection' by Monday 5th February.

Times tables Rock Stars

We have received lots of positive feedback from pupils and parents of Years 2 to 5 with regards to this new times tables activity. We hope that it supports the learning of times tables in a fun and exciting way!

Term dates 2018 - 2019

The term dates 2018-2019 have now been posted on the school website. For those parents wanting to book their summer holidays, children will return to school on Wednesday 5th September.

Film Night - Cars 3

Thank you to the committee for organising today's Film Night: Cars 3. All proceeds will be used for our current major project to develop and improve both of our playgrounds. Watch out for exciting new developments happening very soon!

Headlice

There have been quite a few cases of headlice within school this half term. Please can we ask parents to check their children's hair regularly. Can we also remind parents that girls should have their hair tied up for school where it is long enough to do so - thank you.

Parent Consultations

Thank you to all parents who attended this week's parent consultation evenings. We encourage and appreciate parents' involvement in our pupils' education and the high percentage of attendance across all year groups demonstrates this partnership in action.

Attendance

At Great Chesterford, we want all children to have the best possible attendance at school to enable each and every child to reach their full potential. There is a strong link between good school attendance and achieving good results for children.

Parental support is critical in ensuring that children achieve in education, and support and guidance is always available from our school. We know that we need to work together with parents/carers to support our children to attend school and to be successful. For children whose attendance gives cause for concern this will have been raised at our recent parents consultations. If any individual's attendance continues to give cause for concern, this will be followed up in line with school policy and DfE guidelines.

Tidiest classroom of the week

This week's winning class is Year 5 - well done!

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Attachments:

Multi-sports Activity Week - Years 4-7 at SWCHS

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8th February	Mr Robin Brown's Retirement Assembly 11.00am
12th-16th February	Half term
26th February-2nd March	Book Week
5th March	Year 5 Egyptian Day - History Off the Page
6th March	Year 4 Trip to Water Recycling Plant
15th March	Class 6 Trip to the Botanic Gardens
21st March	Open Afternoon - focus on building developments

Date	Event
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
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