

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

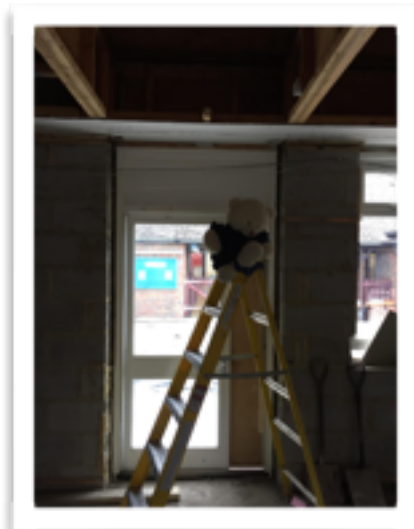
NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING SEPTEMBER 22nd 2017

Dear Parents, Harvest festival

Thank you for joining us at All Saints' Church for our Harvest Service. I am sure that you will agree that the children's singing, choral speaking and dance was a pleasure to share. The children did so well given that it is only week three of this academic year! Special thanks must be given for your generous donations for Jimmy's Night Shelter where your gifts will be put to very good use. Thank you to our Friends Committee for helping serve the teas and coffees in church this morning. Please could I remind parents that any photographs or films taken at performances are for private use only and should not be shared on any social media site without consent.

Teddy has been busy inspecting the building works!

Class One have been writing recounts following Teddy's adventure around the building works. Here are a few photographs to share with you.



Open Morning

Our first Open Morning of the academic year will take place on Tuesday 26th September. 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. Five sessions will take place during the year and we have timetabled them on different days of the week. Please refer to the calendar of events for future sessions. On Tuesday, parents may attend between 9.30 to 10.30 or 11:00 to 12.00. You will be able to visit your child's classroom and those of other year groups; I will also be available for informal discussions about general school life. The focus of this Open Morning will be Growth Mindset. Please let the school office know if you plan to attend so that we can plan for these tours.

Key Stage One Plea

We would like to turn the role play area on the Infant Playground into a vets / animal hospital. Any donations of the following, or similar, items would be gratefully received: soft toy animals, pet carriers, white shirts, overalls, etc.

Please speak to Mrs White or Mrs Davies if you need further information. Thank you!

Macmillan Coffee Morning

We will be holding this Macmillan fundraising event on Friday 29th September in the school hall. Please join us at 10:00am for coffee and cake - everyone is most welcome. Please spread the word!

Parking

Please can I remind parents about the need to park considerately when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Cars should not park on the yellow zig zag lines at the front of the school as the signage states; parking here presents a hazard for all pedestrians trying to access school through the main gates. Please do not park in the car park of the School Street Doctor's Surgery - thank you.

Open Afternoon for the BIG DIG 2018

Please join the Local History and Archaeology Society on Saturday 21st October at The Chapel, Carmel Street, Great Chesterford any time between 2.00 and 5.00pm to show your interest and support for a village dig which we hope will take place in Great Chesterford in 2018. Please refer to the attached flyer for further details.

Flu Immunisations - Message from Essex NHS

All children in Essex in Reception to Year 6 are eligible to receive a flu vaccine through the national childhood flu programme. The scheduled dates for Great Chesterford will be sent out shortly.

Tag Rugby Club

Please note that Tag Rugby Club will not take place on Thursday 28th September due to staff training. It will resume as normal on October 5th - we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

Football Season - referee appeal

Our school football season is about to start and we would like to appeal for any help to referee matches. The dates we require a referee are as follows: 28th September, 12th October, 22nd February and 15th March - 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

Celebration for Reverend John Risby

Please join the church community to thank John Risby and celebrate his 50 years of being ordained! This will take place at All Saints' Church, Great Chesterford on Saturday 30th September at 4:30pm.

Attached Flyers:

Bikeability Job advert
Event to support Tom's Trust
Big Dig 2018 Flyer

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
26th September	Open morning - focus on Growth Mindset - 9.30am or 11.00am
25th-29th September	Growth Mindset Theme Week
29th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning - 10:00 - 11:00am
9th October	E-safety workshops for Years 5 and 6
9th October	E-safety evening workshops for Years 5 and 6 parents
10th October	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
13th October	Year 4 Trip to Audley End

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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.