

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MAY 1st 2020

Dear Parents,

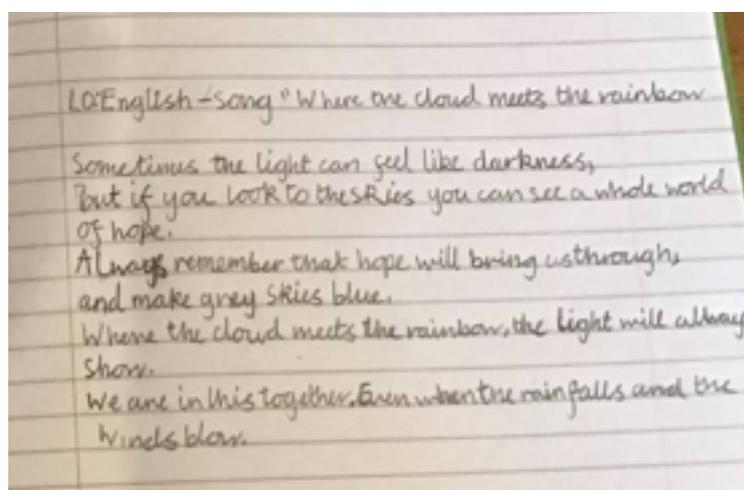
Annual School Reports

Due to the nature of these unprecedented times, we have made the decision to share your child's report with you slightly earlier than previous years. The report will provide an overview of your child's achievements this year, as well as some indications for their next steps. Reports will be sent out next week but please bear with us as everyone may not receive their report on the same day.

Congratulations to Colonel Tom Moore!

Captain Tom Moore, the war veteran who raised millions for the NHS by walking laps of his garden, has been made an honorary colonel on his 100th birthday.

Amie, in Year 4, wrote this song for her home learning this week inspired by Captain (now Colonel) Tom Moore and his amazing efforts. The words are very appropriate for this current situation. Well done Amie!



75th Anniversary of VE Day

The Royal British Legion is calling on the nation to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day from home. They are inviting us all to join them on Friday 8th May to support them in paying tribute to the service of the entire Second World War generation, from British, Commonwealth and Allied Forces to evacuees and those who served on the home front. The Royal British Legion is playing a central role in the delivery of a range of remote activity, including:

- A live VE Day 75 livestream at 11.15am
 - National moments of Remembrance and thanksgiving, including a Two Minute Silence
 - A UK-wide singalong to Vera Lynn's 'We'll Meet Again' at 9pm
 - A VE Day learning pack for children aged 7-14 years
 - An evening of memories and music in partnership with the BBC from 8pm on BBC One
- Specific details can be found at: britishlegion.org.uk



Let's Create a VE Day Art Gallery!

We would also like to play our part and are inviting all of our children to produce a VE Art Gallery for others to share in their local communities during this time of isolation. Can you produce a piece of art to be displayed in your front window? You may want to focus on red, white and blue; perhaps make red, white and blue decorations to display outside your home too. Your beautiful art work and decorations could be shared by many during their daily walk and may play a part in any virtual street parties; not forgetting our whole school community as we would love to receive photographs of your 'works of art' to share on future newsletters and the school website. **Please note - no home learning will be set for the Bank Holiday on May 8th.**

Birthdays

As we are currently unable to celebrate birthdays in school, we would like to wish many happy returns to those in our school community who are celebrating this week:

Evelyn in Class 1

Lottie in Class 2

Lucas in Class 1

Esme in Class 4

Tom in Class 4

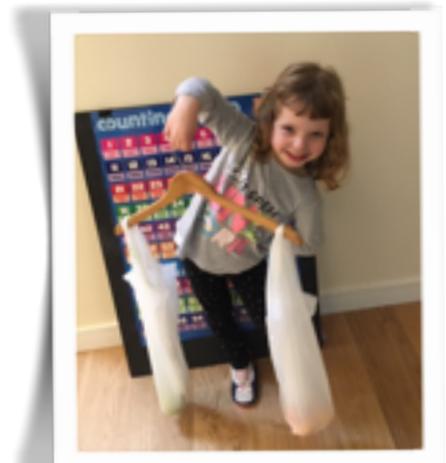
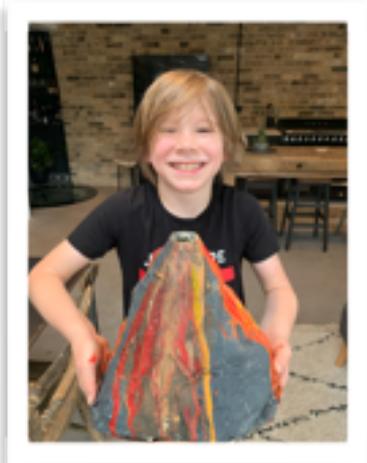
Emily in Class 5

Arabella in Reception Class



Home learning this week

Lots of interesting home learning has taken place this week. Tasks have included practical maths, volcano construction, roman numeral work and lots more. It is also lovely to hear about your other activities, such as enjoying the great outdoors!

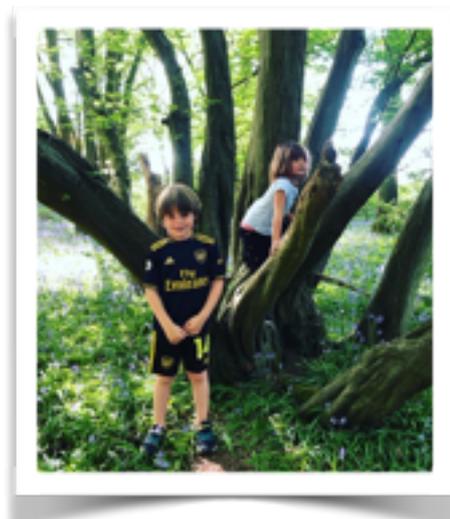


Home learning provision

As the period of home learning extends, we are currently reviewing how we can include the opportunity for the children to have some interaction with their class teachers. Full details of how this will be implemented will be shared next week.

Uttlesford School Sport Partnership, USSP

We will be adding Jackie Colman's suggested sporting activities to our school website - they will be posted in the USSP section under the 'Sports' tab.



Keeping in Touch

During term time, please keep in touch with your child's class teacher via the class email address at least once a week. If we have not had any contact, we will try to contact you.

For all other queries, please follow the normal practice of emailing the office via admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk.

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