

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING DECEMBER 8th 2017

### **Dear Parents, Year 5 Assembly**

Thank you Year 5 for a super assembly on our theme of the giving and receiving presents. This engaging assembly prompted us all to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas and the value of giving to others; how presents of little monetary value are often the most important. We enjoyed listening to your opinions and samples of your RE curricular work to support your drama, poetry and singing! Well done Class 5 - what a lovely gift for the whole school.

### **Congratulations to Miss Hornett**

We are delighted to announce the arrival of Albie, Miss Hornett's new baby son. Our congratulations and best wishes are sent to the whole family. We are looking forward to a visit from Albie after Christmas.

### **Christmas Corner: Christmas Postbox**

The Christmas post box is now in the main entrance. If pupils wish to send their Christmas cards to friends in school, they can use the post box up to Monday 18th December. Each envelope needs the child's full name and class number to ensure our Year 6 postal team are able to deliver it to the correct pupil.

### **Spirit of Christmas:**

Years 5 and 6 are performing at the Spirit of Christmas on Saturday 9th December at Saint Mary's Church, Saffron Walden.

### **All Saints' Carol Service:**

Years 5 and 6 Choir have been invited to perform at All Saints' Church on Sunday 10th December.

### **Christmas plays:**

Tickets have been sent out - please check book bags!

Please note that there are no spare tickets / places left for the evening performance. Ticket holders only will be admitted - there will be list on the door if you forget yours.



### **Heart Radio**

Our school recording for Heart Radio of 'Sleeps Til Santa' will feature on **Wednesday 13th December just after 8.30am**. Here's how you can listen to Heart:

102.7FM in Peterborough and the surrounding area

103FM in Cambridge and the surrounding area

97.4FM in Newmarket and Haverhill

Digital radio (DAB) across all of Cambridgeshire

Online at [www.heart.co.uk/cambridgeshire/](http://www.heart.co.uk/cambridgeshire/) and via the Heart app on smartphones and tablets

### **Christmas Jumpers:**

All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Tuesday 19th December. Please do not feel any special purchase should be made - any festive colour such as red and green would be welcome.

### **Festive skipping**

Our Sports Leaders will be running a fun festive skipping activity on the morning of Tuesday 19th December in the playground.

### **Christmas parties:**

Christmas parties will be taking place on the afternoon of Tuesday 19th December.

### **Christmas Service:**

Our end of term service will take place on Wednesday 20th December at All Saints Church, Great Chesterford at 9.30am and everyone is most welcome to join us. This service will be led by Years 5 and 6.

### **End of term arrangements**

Please can we request that reply slips detailing your child's collection arrangements are returned to school by Friday December 15th.

### **School Photographs**

Following Pret-a-Portrait's recent visit to take school photographs, we just wanted to remind you that the earlybird deadline for you to receive a 10% discount on the school pictures finishes on Thursday, 14th December 2017.

### **Friday 15th December**

This will be the last Friday assembly of the year when we celebrate birthdays and certificates. Children with birthdays from 16th December will be celebrated on Friday 5th January 2018 and any awards or certificates will be most welcome in the new year.

### **Mr Brown**

Mr Brown is still unwell but cards and visits are keeping his spirits up. He is hoping to attend the Christmas Play next week so we will be able to pass on any cards then. Alternatively, Mrs Dunlop, our running club leader, will also be collecting Christmas cards to deliver to him. If you would like to send Mr Brown your best wishes, please deliver your cards to the school office and they will all be delivered to him as a Christmas boost!

### **Class One Baking**

Year One baked some fantastic mince pies on Thursday which all the adults in school thoroughly enjoyed! They were tasty, fruity and very sweet - a super pre - Christmas treat! This was part of their English work on persuasive writing.

### **Year 3 Reading books appeal**

If anyone has any unwanted fiction books that would be suitable for Class 3 please contact Mrs Raper or Mrs Butler - any donations would be gratefully received - thank you.

### **Spare clothing returns**

Please can we request that any spare clothes are returned to school at your earliest convenience - our stocks are running low - thank you.

**Mrs Sarah Mitchell**  
**Headteacher**

### **Attachments:**

**Menu for the last day of term - 20.12.17**

**NHS Uttlesford Speech and Language drop in sessions**

**Saturday 16 December, 2pm**

**Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre auditorium**

Come and watch this family favourite on the big screen and comfy, tiered seats of the Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre. There will be mince pies and mulled wine for sale before the film and during the interval!

Synopsis: An eight-year-old troublemaker must protect his house from a pair of burglars when he is accidentally left home alone by his family during Christmas vacation. Family comedy. (PG, 1990, 103mins)

Tickets only £4 adults, £2 children

Book online – [bit.ly/HomeAloneWGC](http://bit.ly/HomeAloneWGC).

**Dates for your diary**

Date	Event
8th December	Friends' Christmas Disco
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
<b>20th December</b>	<b>Christmas Church Service Last day of term</b>
<b>3rd January</b>	<b>Non-pupil day</b>
<b>4th January</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
<b>5th January</b>	<b>Class 1 Pantomime Trip</b>
29th January - 2nd February	Computing Theme Week
<b>30th January</b>	<b>Parents' Consultation 3:45-6:15pm</b>
<b>31st January</b>	<b>Parents' Consultation 5:30-8:00pm</b>
1st February	Class 2 Trip to Pizza Express
<b>12th-16th February</b>	<b>Half term</b>
26th February-2nd March	Book Week
15th March	Class 6 Trip to the Botanic Gardens
21st March	Open Afternoon - focus on building developments
<b>29th March</b>	<b>Easter Service at All Saints' Church</b>
<b>16th April</b>	<b>Non pupil day</b>
<b>17th April</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
14th-18th April	Year 6 SATs Week
21st May	Open Morning - sharing success
22nd May	Music Evening 6.30pm
<b>28th May-1st June</b>	<b>Half term</b>

Date	Event
4th -8th June	Science Week
3rd July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
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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
<b>20th July</b>	<b>Leavers' Church Service Last day of term</b>
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
<b>23rd July</b>	<b>Non-pupil day</b>

The full list of dates for the whole academic year can be found on the calendar on our school website.