

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MARCH 2nd 2018

Dear Parents, Book Week assembly

Thank you to all of our children, teachers and parents for supporting us on our final day of Book Week. It was a pleasure to behold a hall of colour as we shared such a wonderful array of book characters this morning. There has been 'a positive buzz' about books today as children have shared details about their characters and stories with peers and staff.

Book Week

We have enjoyed a super Book Week in 2018 and I would like to thank the many volunteers who supported these events with a variety of activities, including reading to children and supporting the Book Fair. The Travelling Book Fair was a great success and we are delighted to share that through these sales we have raised £460 for the school to purchase additional books. A special thank you must go to Mrs Witney who has led and coordinated this story - filled week.

Here is a snapshot of what took place:

Linda Newbury, our school Reading Patron and author, led a whole school assembly followed by workshops with Key Stage Two on her own texts, including 'Blitz Boys'. Mrs Fernall, our Inspiration Station leader, led a story themed workshop and activities with Key Stage One based on Jack and the Flum Flum Tree. Our annual reading afternoon took place, whereby volunteers read a selection of stories to small groups of Key Stage One pupils - always a popular afternoon for our younger pupils. All the pupils enjoyed a story sharing day where they read their own work to children in other classes. This work was the outcome from our whole school "Once Upon a Wednesday" activity. On our fun dressing up day, we have held our very first Great Great Chesterford Book Swap - we hope that you enjoy sharing the new stories that your children bring home today. Even our brilliant kitchen staff have fully embraced our theme week and today the children have enjoyed wonderful Willy Wonka style cupcakes!



Catering Congratulations

Fantastic five star hygiene result for our catering team following this week's unannounced inspection - well done!

Football resumes

Great Chesterford resumed the football season last week with a match against Clavering. It was a super match which ended in a six - one defeat. However, the match was enjoyed and the final score alone does not reflect the skill, hard work and enthusiasm demonstrated by the whole team. A positive start with some key ideas on how the team could improve further - well done! Thank you to Mrs White for her continued support with our Football Team, Mr Snelling for taking on the role of referee and all the parents for their side-line support.

Open Cross Country Event, Stansted on Monday 5th March

We have been asked to advertise an Open Cross Country Run at Bentfield School in Stansted. All welcome with a 3:55pm start.

School Orchestra

Orchestra practice resumes on Tuesday 6th March. Orchestra will also be performing in assembly on Friday 9th March, please could all members be at school to rehearse at 8.30am - thank you.

Tidiest classroom of the week

This week's tidiest classroom has been Year 5 - well done!

Cake Sales

Our Friday fundraising cake sales began last week with Class One. Thank you to everyone who supported the cake sale. We are delighted to announce that it raised £126 towards new playground equipment - what a fantastic start!

Challenging Weather

I would just like to thank all staff for their support in keeping the school open this week. This included: clearing the playground; maintaining hot dinners; difficult journeys to work; adapting timetables and most importantly embracing new opportunities during our big freeze.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Attachments:

Fowlmere RSPB on Saturday 10th March
Inspiration Station Events

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
5th March	Year 5 Egyptian Day - History Off the Page
6th March	Year 3 African Drumming Workshop
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
29th March	Easter Service at All Saints' Church
16th April	Non pupil day

Date	Event
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