

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MARCH 15th 2019

**Dear Parents,**

### **Year 5 Collective Worship**

Thank you Year 5 for leading our Collective Worship today: 'Is being rich an important goal in life?' The children provided lots of reflective responses and shared their ideas through discussion work and readings. The Bible story of Jesus and the rich young man was clearly linked through drama. Lots of thought provoking responses and a good reminder of 'how we treat others' is much more important than wealth. Well done!

### **Comic Relief**

Thank you to all of our children and teachers for helping to raise funds for Comic Relief, with your 'brilliant splash of red' we have raised £207.40 so far - well done! If you forgot your contribution today, Monday will be fine - thank you.

### **Sportshall Athletics**

Arabella writes: Having won our heats, twelve pupils from year 5 and 6 were lucky enough to go to Southend on Wednesday to compete in the Essex finals for Sportshall Athletics. We all showed excellent behaviour and tremendous teamwork. Our team came an incredible 2nd out of 7 teams and we are very proud of our silver medals. We all thank Mrs Daw, Mrs Van Weede and Mrs Balchin for accompanying us and cheering us on throughout the afternoon.

Well done everyone - this is our best performance to date in this sport!

### **STEM**

Great Chesterford is currently working on a collaborative STEM (Science, technology, maths and engineering) project with three other local schools. The project is designed to raise the profile of STEM subjects within the primary setting as well as making links with experts from industry. As part of this project, we were invited to attend a Big Bang Event at Herts and Essex High School, Bishop's Stortford on Thursday with some Year 5 pupils. It was an exciting and engaging opportunity for pupils to experience hands on activities and speak to scientists and engineers from a range of fields. The children were excellent ambassadors for the school and we look forward to feeding back their thoughts and findings to their peers and staff. Thank you to Mrs Sargeant and Mrs Chambers for accompanying the children.



### **Netball Match**

Last Thursday, the Years 4 and 5 netball team played a friendly match against Radwinter. This is the first time that we have organised a match for Year 4 pupils but the enthusiasm and determination from our pupils was evident from the start. Due to some careful defending, neither team had scored in the first three quarters. However, the match ended in a 3-0 win to Great Chesterford. Thank you to the spectators for their support and encouragement in the wet conditions and to the kitchen staff for the welcome snack.

### **Netball Tournament**

On Wednesday afternoon, eight pupils from Years 5 and 6 participated in the High 5 Family Tournament at Joyce Frankland Academy. During the matches, the children worked well as a team and encouraged each other. With six teams competing from local schools, Great Chesterford finished second, with only one point separating them from the overall winners. Thank you to Mrs Rowan and Mrs Hopton for helping to transport the children and offering support from the sidelines. Thank you to Mrs Sargeant for running our popular Netball Club and arranging matches and tournament opportunities.

### **Year 4 Viking Life and Lore Trip**

On Thursday, Class 4 had a fun-packed day learning about the life of the Vikings in Britain. They became skilled silversmiths designing and making their own jewellery; built longships and completed a Viking quest. They were fantastic ambassadors for the school and a credit to themselves - they were complimented on both their positive behaviour and subject knowledge. Thank you to Ms Benson, Mrs Fox, Mrs Raper and Mrs Mannix for accompanying the class on this visit.

### **Open Afternoon**

Our next Open Afternoon will be on Thursday 21st March. Classroom tours will take place at 1.30 or 2.15pm. Please could you notify the office if you plan to attend either of these sessions.

### **Class One Dance**

As part of our Open Afternoon on Thursday 21st March, Class One will be performing a dance to 'The Teddy Bear's Picnic' at 1.30pm in the school hall. This is a fun and lively piece that they have been working on in preparation for the Key Stage One dance festival at Rickling Primary School later this month. We hope you can watch their performance.

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

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
19th March	Class 5 Egyptian Day
20th March	Class 3 Trip to Saffron Hall
21st March	Open Afternoon - focus on sports
22nd March	Friends' PJ and Film Night
28th March	Class 6 Trip to The Botanic Gardens, Cambridge
29th March	Class 3 African Drumming Workshop
29th March	Non-uniform day - chocolate donation
30th March	Friends' Easter Bunny Hunt
<b>5th April</b>	<b>Easter Service at All Saints' Church</b> <b>Last day of term</b>
<b>23rd April</b>	<b>Non pupil day</b>
<b>24th April</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>