

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 2nd, 2018

Dear Parents,

Year 3 Assembly

Well done to Year 3 for your class assembly this morning. We thoroughly enjoyed your debate about whether history should be taught in primary schools. There were some convincing arguments for and against, but the final vote went in favour of it remaining on the curriculum. There are clearly some future MPs in the making!

Staffing

This week, we welcome Mrs Angela Oakman to the school admin team. Mrs Oakman will be working in the office three days a week and will support Mrs Cole as an admin assistant. She has a wealth of school experience to bring to Great Chesterford and I am sure she will quickly get to know the parents and children.

Orchestra Concert

On Monday 29th October, the school orchestra performed a concert with Katherine Semar Junior School called 'Panto Pronto'. It took place at Saffron Walden County High School in the drama studio. We performed with a group of children who signed up to sing in the choir for the show. We did this so that the choir had an orchestra to sing with. Also, we had a big audience of parents and children. In our opinion, we did a very good job and the music sounded amazing.

Julia Kovac and Momo Healy Class 5

Thanks to the members of the orchestra, who performed so enthusiastically. Also, our thanks go to Mrs Middleton, Mrs Wheeler, Mrs Hopewell, Mrs Clinton, Mrs Roberts, Miss Cattley and Mrs Taylor for supporting our fantastic orchestra.

Cross Country

On Wednesday, 43 of our KS2 pupils took part in a cross-country event at Joyce Frankland Academy. The pupils' behaviour was excellent and as positive sportspersons, they provided lots of enthusiastic support from the side-lines - cheering on both their schoolmates as well as competitors from other local schools. The results were excellent with the majority of teams qualifying for the finals later this month. Our thanks go to Mrs Dunlop, Mrs Van Weede, Mr Astbury, Mrs Daw, Mrs Neylon and Mrs Smither for volunteering to support this event. Without the generous help of parents and friends, participation would not have been possible. Thanks also go to Mrs White for her organisation and encouragement.



Cake Sales

Our fundraising cake sales have resumed again tonight. These weekly fundraisers help support the Friends campaign with the playground development, which will benefit all the children. Please keep supporting these events, which will run each Friday after school for the next three weeks.

Chesterfords' Festival of Remembrance

On Saturday 10th November, the school will be participating in the village's Festival of Remembrance to commemorate 100 years since the end of World War 1. The children are currently working hard producing some 'poppy' artwork, which will be showed in an exhibition in the school hall. Please may I remind parents of pupils in Years 5 or 6 to return the slip on the letter regarding the choir performance in the concert at All Saints' Church by Monday 5th November – thank you to those who have already replied. I have also re-attached the flier regarding the Parcel for Tommy competition.

Call for cake!!

The Friends will be running a stall of poppy-themed cakes and biscuits at the " Chesterfords Remember Them" event on 10th November. Please donate some poppy-themed baking!!

Drop off at the school from midday on the 10th or if you prefer to drop off on the Friday evening or earlier on the 10th, then leave at 6 Pilgrim Close or at July Farmhouse, Carmel Street. Looking forward to seeing and tasting your creations!! 📦

Many thanks from The Friends

Children in Need – Friday 16th November

We will once again be supporting Children in Need on Friday 16th November. To raise funds for this very worthwhile charity, children may come to school dressed in their pyjamas in return for a minimum donation of £1. This money will help fund projects to support disadvantaged children and young people across the UK. Dressing up is, of course, completely optional and your child does not have to take part.

Volunteer Request

Mrs White is seeking some volunteers to listen to readers in Class 1. If anyone could offer some time on a weekly basis, please contact her. Thank you for your help.

Library Update

Having completed the building work during the summer holidays, we are now in the process of getting the new library fitted out so that the pupils can enjoy a range of reading genres for pleasure and to support their work in school. Through donations from our Year 6 leavers, we have been able to purchase some new furniture for this area. Thank you to the pupils and parents of Year 6 leavers from 2016, 2017 and 2018 for the extremely generous gift of £976 – you may be gone but we haven't forgotten you!

Mrs Amy Sargeant

Deputy Headteacher

Additional letters:

Parcel for Tommy competition

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
5 th – 9 th November	Computing and Maths Theme Week
6 th November	Year 2 Trip to the Gunpowder Mills
14 th November	Luna Performance at Saffron Hall for EYFS
15 th November	School Photographs
16 th November	Flu immunisations
19 th November	Open Morning – focus on our values
22 nd November	Friends' film night
8 th December	Spirit of Christmas for Years 5 and 6
11 th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 – afternoon performance
12 th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 – afternoon and evening performances
14 th December	Christmas discos
18 th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas parties
19 th December	Christmas Church Service 9:30am Last day of term
4 th January	Non-pupil day
7 th January	Pupils return to school