

Great Chesterford C E Primary Academy
Class 6 Newsletter
Summer Term 2025

Dear Children and Parents,

Welcome back! This term our class topic is entitled 'I'm a Year 6, Get Me Out of Here!' and we will incorporate this theme across the subject areas through a wide variety of activities. This will be an extremely busy term as the children will complete end of Key Stage assessments, transition to secondary school activities, the summer production, the residential trip as well as working through the Relationship and Sex Education unit. The class will also attend a 'Crucial Crew' workshop run by Uttlesford District Council and we hope to arrange a date for the children to meet with pupils from Debden Primary Academy in advance of the Residential in July.

The staff arrangements for the term are as follows: Mrs Munday will teach the class on a Tuesday afternoon, Mrs McCullough will teach the class on a Thursday and Mrs Hitchings will continue to provide support during the week. Mr Duers will lead P.E on a Tuesday morning.

I have included a diary of the main **Year 6** events and visits below and will update you of any additional dates or amendments if they arise. Other **whole school events** will be published on the bi-weekly newsletter.

Year 6 Important Dates

| <u>Event</u> | <u>Date</u> |
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| SATs Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling Paper | Monday 12 th May |
| SATs Reading Comprehension Paper | Tuesday 13 th May |
| SATs Maths Papers | Wednesday 14 th and Thursday 15 th May |
| Y6 Trip to 'The Playground' | Monday 19 th May |
| Y6 'No Technology Day' including River Walk | Wednesday 21 st May |
| Crucial Crew | Wednesday 4 th June (p.m.) |
| Enterprise Sale | Wednesday 2 nd July (after school) |
| Yr 5/6 Production | Wednesday 9 th July, Thursday 10 th July |
| End of Assessments picnic | Thursday 10 th July (p.m.) |
| Memories assembly | Friday 11 th July (p.m.) |
| Open Afternoon – SATs results released | Friday 11 th July (p.m.) |
| Residential Trip | Sunday 13 th July – Wednesday 16 th July |
| Leavers' Church Service | Friday 18 th July 9:30am |
| Year 6 Entertainment | Friday 18 th July 2 p.m. |

Throughout this term, we hope to have visits from Secondary School teachers, who will get to know the children and answer any concerns they may have.

P.E./Games

This term, P.E. will usually take place on Tuesday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. This term, we will be focusing on rounders, cricket and athletics. Children should come to school in their PE kit and trainers on the days they have PE with school shoes worn at all other times. In accordance with Essex Health and Safety guidelines, hooded tops are not permitted and earrings should be removed for PE lessons. As the weather improves, sun cream should be applied every day and a sun- hat provided.

Relationship and Sex Education

After half term, we will start the PSHEE work on Relationship and Sex Education. This will cover puberty, how a baby is made and the basics of pregnancy and birth, which will build on the work taught in Year 5. The whole unit will emphasise the importance of stable, loving relationships in accordance with the school policy. Resources used will include worksheets, images and video clips which are age appropriate. If you have any queries about the content or would like to see the resources used, please make an appointment to see me.

Homework

Children in Class 6 are expected to spend approximately 30 minutes on homework tasks. Reading is an important part of homework and children in this class should normally spend at least 15 minutes reading each day. Discussion of texts read or shared is crucial to develop the child's comprehension.

The homework timetable is outlined below:

| <u>Monday</u> | <u>Tuesday</u> | <u>Wednesday</u> | <u>Thursday</u> | <u>Friday</u> |
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| Reading English | Reading Spelling | Reading Maths | Reading Science | Reading |

Homework Diaries should continue to be signed weekly by parents and children should be recording the amount of time spent on homework and reading each day. Children are responsible for writing down their homework each day and ensuring that they understand what they need to do before they leave school. They also need to make sure they have the correct books and equipment in school each day. Parents are invited to comment in these books on their child's progress in any aspect of homework, including reading. Please note - Homework Diaries will be looked at on a regular basis but homework may not always be marked in the same way. It will sometimes be more appropriate to check children's understanding through discussion or use work started at home as a basis for continued work in the classroom.

End of Key Stage Assessments

In addition to the tests for Reading, Grammar and Maths, the children will continue to work towards their end of Key Stage assessments in Writing and Science. These subjects are teacher assessed and work up until the end of the academic year will count towards their final achievements. Therefore, it continues to be important that the children attend school regularly throughout the term.

How to support your child through the SATs

The KS2 SATs tests are fast approaching. This is an opportunity for each child to show what they have learnt during their time at primary school and as the children have worked hard, we wish for them to do their best. In the run up to the SATs, you can support your child by helping them with some regular daily revision. It has been evident in previous years that those children who have revised regularly have achieved well as it helps to put them in the correct frame of mind and see the importance of these tests. All end of key stage results and progress are shared with the respective high schools and inform academic transition along with a holistic view of their strengths and interests.

During the week of SATs, your child will benefit from:

- Early nights
- A good breakfast
- A named water bottle
- A healthy snack for break

Enterprise Sale

This year, the Enterprise Sale will take place on Wednesday 2nd July. As part of their project, children will work in groups, at school, to plan, market and create a profitable product to sell for charity. This is likely to mean children staying behind at school on the sale day until about 3:45p.m. Please let me know in advance if this might be a problem. If any parents have experience of running a small business or any expertise that might be relevant to this topic that they would like to share with the children, please get in touch.

End of Assessments Picnic

Another 'post- assessments' tradition for Year 6 is the picnic. Weather permitting, the children will spend **the afternoon of Thursday 10th July**, at the school field to enjoy a picnic together and to play games. If parents would like to join us for all or part of the afternoon, you would be very welcome.

A copy of this Newsletter and the term's Topic Web will also be posted on the Class 6 page of the school website.

I am sure all the children are looking forward to the challenging, but enjoyable activities ahead in their final term at primary school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Starbuck