

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JUNE 29th 2018

Dear Parents, Class 5 Assembly

Thank you Class 5 for leading today's assembly on this week's theme - Inspirational Individuals. You shared details of how a broad range of people have inspired you; it was lovely to hear how 'ordinary people' inspire us in our daily lives and how we can all contribute with our own small acts of kindness - well done Class 5!

Celebrating Gold for SMSC

We are delighted to share that the school has been awarded the National SMSC Quality Mark from the Citizenship Foundation at Gold level. The inspector's report recognised that SMSC (Spiritual, Moral, Social and Cultural) education is "at the heart of the school." She praised the "fabulously enriching environment" and the "hugely varied opportunities both within and outside the curriculum." We are extremely proud of our pupils and this outstanding achievement. We were particularly pleased that the inspector recognised that we empower our children to be 'the real voice of change'.

The assessor was extremely positive about the pupils, staff, school ethos and whole school community. Special thanks must go to Mrs Lincoln, our SMSC Coordinator, and also to the parents and governors who gave up their time to meet with the inspector.



Year 3 and 4 Choir Performance

Thank you to all the members of the Year 3 and 4 choir who performed at the Great Get Together on Saturday afternoon. We received lots of positive feedback and it was kind of you all to give up your free time to support our local community. Thank you Mrs Middleton for preparing and leading the choir at this event.

Primary Maths Challenge

Four Year 5 and four Year 6 pupils attended the Primary Maths Team Challenge at SWCHS on Monday. In mixed teams, they completed three rounds which involved some straightforward questions, a relay and 'cross-number' (like a crossword but with numbers). There was also an opportunity to show off some Rubik's cube skills. Ruben said, 'It was great fun with lots of challenging maths - I'm really excited about maths at secondary school,' Freya said, 'I met lots of other keen mathematicians and it was really fun,' while George added, 'There was lots of teamwork and I enjoyed working with Year 6.' The teams achieved a very creditable 3rd and 5th place. Many thanks to Mrs Langford who accompanied the children, and to Mrs Rowan and Mr Altaparmakov for providing transport.

Food technology in Class One

Class One started their week with a visit from Susie, Community Champion from Tesco, Saffron Walden. Susie brought a variety of bread products with her for the children to evaluate. This forms part of their DT work on creating a healthy picnic.



KS1 Athletics

All of Key Stage 1 took the coach to Joyce Frankland Academy on Wednesday for a morning of athletics in the sunshine. Thank you to Mrs Berthoud, Mrs Fraser, Mr Garland and Mr Thomas for their fantastic support and encouragement. This is what some of our Year 2 pupils had to say about the event:

"On Wednesday, the twenty seventh of June, KS1 went to an athletics event. We did throwing a beanbag, egg and spoon race, long jump, relay, speed bounce, javelin and hoop race. My favourite one was speed bounce because I like jumping. To my amazement ,I did ten jumps without hitting the bit in the middle," Jacob.

"My favourite one was the speed bump because I went so fast I crashed into the bump. I enjoyed the javelin because I enjoyed throwing it really far," Paul.

"I liked the speed bump the most because I like jumping. I liked the event because it was fun and I felt all sporty. I was very good at the hoop race. I could improve the egg and spoon race because I kept on dropping the egg. On the long jump I jumped nearly to the end of the mat, then to my astonishment I jumped to the end," Sienna.

The Amazing Adventures of Super Stan!

Tickets for the Year 5 and 6 play will be issued on Monday 2nd July.

Transition

As part of our transition programme, all children will have the opportunity to experience two 'moving up' sessions in their new classroom with their teacher for September. These afternoons will take place on Friday 6th July and Monday 9th July. This is an exciting opportunity for the children to gain an insight of what there is to look forward to and aid a smooth transition. In September, we will be holding 'meet the teacher' sessions, which will give parents an opportunity to hear general information about routines and expectations for the year.

Open Evening for Years 1 to 6

On Wednesday 11th July, you are invited to attend our summer Open Evening in order to collect your child's annual report and view their work and classroom. This evening will take place from 6-8pm. The class teacher will be available to answer any questions you have. However, if you have anything that requires a more lengthy discussion, please speak to the teacher to make a separate appointment. Please note that this event is open to Year 6 pupils only; we do ask that children of other year groups do not attend.

Reception Class Open Evening has a different format - please refer to the separate email sent out on Thursday 28th June.

Sports Day 2018

Sports Day, weather permitting, is due to take place on Thursday 12th July. The children compete in their Friendship Groups and to help facilitate the team spirit, children can wear a t-shirt of their friendship group colour if they have one. For children without a coloured t-shirt, coloured bands will be provided. The format of the day will be as follows:

Key Stage Two Field events: 11am -12pm

Key Stage One and Key Stage Two Track events 1.30-3.00pm

All events will take place at the school field and parents are most welcome to spectate at the morning and / or afternoon events.

Parking

Please can I remind parents about the need to park considerately when dropping off or collecting their children from school. Please ensure that you are not obstructing our neighbours' driveways or junctions. Obstructive parking did delay a school trip this week as the coach had to wait for a vehicle to be moved - thank you.

Student update forms

Please could all student update forms be returned to school by Friday 6th July this includes those forms with no changes to details.

Social media, You Tube and Open Blogs

Please can I remind parents that films and photographs taken in school that include children other than your own should not be shared on any social media sites, YouTube channels and open blogs. Not all of our families have provided consent for photographs to be taken of their children and as such there may be occasions when parents are requested not to take photographs. Please remember that parent volunteers on class trips / sporting events are unable to take photographs on your behalf. Thank you.

Second Hand Uniform Sale and Ice Cream Stand

Please support this event on Friday 6th July - more details are provided on the attached flyer.

Attachments

Please note that flyers sent from external agencies that do not have a direct link to school will be sent out separately from the school newsletter from next week.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell Headteacher

CSI Walden (Forensic Science days) will take place again, for 2 weeks (due to popular demand), during the weeks commencing Monday 24rd July and Monday 20th August 2018.

It will take place, at Saffron Walden County High School, in a Science lab (with a fully qualified, experienced Science teacher). Each day starts at 10am and finishes at 3pm.

Choose your day(s) by visiting website csiwalden.co.uk . Applications should be completed as soon as possible, as there is a limited number of places.

Please refer to the attached flyer.

Attachments:

Friends' Second Hand Uniform Sale

CSI Walden

Fab Science Summer Workshops

Saturday Art Club, Hinxton

Fowlmere Bullfinches Youth Group Event for Ages 7 to 12, Bio-blitz at Trumpington Meadows

Mad Science Summer Camps

Kitchen Assistant vacancy at Debden Primary Academy

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
2nd July	Reception Class visit to Boydells Farm
3rd July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play - 7pm
3rd July	Year 3 visit to Colchester Castle
4th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play - 7pm
6th July	Transition afternoon
9th July	Transition afternoon
10th July	Reception Class Open Evening 4-6.30pm
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
19th July	Year 2 visit to Sealife Centre, Southend
20th July	Leavers' Church Service
20th July	Year 6 Entertainment
20th July	Last day of term
23rd July	Non-pupil day