

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MARCH 8th 2019

**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 fantastic costumes 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, occupations and stories with peers and staff.

### **Book Week**

We would like to say a huge thank you to all the parents and friends of Great Chesterford who have given so generously of their time and enthusiasm to support our annual Book Week. Highlights of the week have included a visit from the author Katie Dale on Monday; fascinating career talks from a wide range of professions throughout the week; KS1 reading afternoon and Friday's dressing up and book swap. The Travelling Book Fair was also a great success and we will update you all next week with how much commission we have raised for the school to purchase additional books. Even our brilliant kitchen staff have fully embraced our theme week and today the children have enjoyed a wonderful book themed menu! A special thank you must go to Mrs Witney who has led and coordinated our 'When I grow up' theme week.



### **Book Week – Career Talks**

Inspired by the publishing theme of some of Tuesday's visits, Class 5 have tried their hand at journalism. 2 in 1

Two in one day! On Tuesday (in Book Week) two visitors visited Class 5 to talk about their jobs.

#### Brilliant Book Week

Today a publisher (called Lee Brackstone) came in and told us that he worked with authors and illustrators to publish the best books he reads. Fun Fact: the UK publishes the second most books in the world.

#### Katie the Cracking Journalist

Katie Fraser, top-notch Take a Break journalist, was a surprise, but welcome, visitor to our school. She proved to us that there was a magazine for everything: comics, science football, rugby, geography, nature. She also explained about fake news and how you can spot it.

Our class really enjoyed the visits and we hope they come again soon!

Alma Ashman Smith, Eddy Burton and Jasper Bokay, Class 5

### **Boy Blue Hip Hop Dance Workshop**

Class 5 were lucky enough to have the opportunity to attend a dance workshop on the stage of the incredible Saffron Hall with one of the UK's most celebrated dance companies on Wednesday morning. It was a high energy, fun-filled session which focussed on dance and music skills with the added challenge of a dance routine to perform. The general consensus from the class was that it was "absolutely brilliant!"

### English Competition

Georgia and Alice, two of the team of four comment: On Tuesday, we went to an English Competition at Great Sampford Primary School. We were against 7 schools and had 6 rounds of different English categories including: synonyms, commas, tense and a round of 'Articulate'. We worked really well as a team and all our hard work paid off when we won by 0.5 points!

The team will now go through to the Essex finals in July. Our thanks to Mrs Balchin for accompanying the children to this event. Good luck Sofia, Georgia, Fiona and Alice in the finals!



### Sports' News:

#### Netball

The netball team had their first match of the year against Radwinter last Thursday. The mixed team from Years 5 and 6 played the friendly match with enthusiasm and great resilience. As the match progressed, the marking, intercepting and teamwork improved but sadly Radwinter were the overall winners. Thanks must go to the kitchen staff for providing a welcome post-match snack and to the parents who came to support in the damp conditions. Thank you to Mrs Sargeant for leading our netball club and organising the match.

#### Tag Rugby

Sofia writes: On Wednesday, a group of 11 Year 6 children competed in the second round of the Tag Rugby due to their recent success in the first round. Despite the opposition being more experienced, they worked well as a team and tried their best. The team were great ambassadors for the school and finished in the amazing position of 4th out of 14 teams - well done!

Many thanks for Mr Duers and Mrs Balchin for accompanying the children to this event and to Mrs Cullen and Mrs Rowan for supporting with transport.



### Football resumes

Great Chesterford resumed the football season yesterday with a match against Clavering. It was a competitive, close match which ended in a 4-3 defeat. A positive start with excellent play and great team work - 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, cheering on in the rain. Everyone enjoyed the tasty cake baked by our super kitchen team - thank you.

### Red Nose Day – Friday 15th March

On Friday 15th March, we will be celebrating Comic Relief's Red Nose Day in school.

Your child is invited to wear non-school uniform with a red twist! They may want to have their face painted, wear a red nose, dress in red or wear a red wig! To support the charity, we are asking children to donate £1 to help vulnerable people and communities in the UK and internationally. This is, of course, optional and your child does not have to take part. Thank you for your support for this worthwhile charity.

### **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**

### **Attachments:**

Bunny Hunt Details

Friends Film Night - March 22nd

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
12th March	KS2 Eucharist Service at 10:15am
14th March	Class 4 Trip - Viking life and lore
15th March	Comic Relief - Non-uniform Day
19th March	Class 5 Egyptian Day
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>