

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JANUARY 24th, 2020

**Dear Parents,**

### **Year 1 Dinosaur Day**

On Thursday, Class One visited Thorndon Country Park for a dinosaur day. The whole class had a brilliant day exploring and making fossils. Our thanks go to Mrs Seymour, Mrs Rutter, Ms Lacey and Mrs Howes who volunteered their time to support the trip. The day was expertly led by Ranger Matt whose knowledge of dinosaurs and enthusiasm for outdoor learning made the trip even more enjoyable.



### **Global Communities Week**

We are really looking to our next theme week in school. We are going to be making some exciting connections in countries all over the globe. If you have any unwanted foreign currency left over from a holiday or visit, we are encouraging the children to bring it in to share with their class. At the end of the week, we will make a collection and donate it to a local charity.



### **Library**

It is wonderful to see the new library in operation. Thanks to the hard work of our year 6 librarians, KS2 Library Club is proving to be very popular. The children can spend some of their lunchtime enjoying the new books and we now have a system in place for them to borrow them. The standard loan time is two weeks and they may take one book at a time. If your child does borrow a library book, please encourage them to take good care of it and return it when they have finished. We already have a few books which have not yet been returned and it would such a shame if the wonderful new stock of books was not looked

after. Currently, KS1 pupils have supervised access to the library during lesson time; they are enjoying the opportunity to explore the wonderful variety of new books in our school.

### **Parents' Evening**

Appointments are being held after school on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. We are pleased to inform you that some of our school governors will be in school during these sessions to discuss the current building work; the plans will be on display for parents to see the proposed impact on our learning environment.

### **Long Hair**

Please can you ensure that all children with hair which is long enough to be tied back do so. This is an important part of our school dress code as it ensures that all pupils can access the whole curriculum, including P.E., safely and without distraction. Thank you for your support with this.

**Claire Witney**  
**KS2 Lead**

## Dates for your diary

Date	Event
27 <sup>th</sup> January – 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Global Community Theme Week
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents' Consultation 3:45-6:15 pm
29 <sup>th</sup> January	Parents' Consultation 5:30-8:00 pm
30 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception School Nurse - height and weight
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Open Afternoon – The Arts
4 <sup>th</sup> February	KS2 Eucharist Service
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> February	Half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> - 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Week
17 <sup>th</sup> March	Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 am
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service at All Saints' Church 9:30am Last day of term
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Afternoon
19 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Eucharist Service
25 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	NPD
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Music Evening 6:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> June	MADD Theme Week
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day
2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Afternoon tbc
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Afternoon tbc
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 memories assembly 1:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon – current parents only (looking at pupil's work and collecting reports) 2:15-3:15pm for Rec to Year 6
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church 9:30am

Date	Event
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Entertainment 1:45pm Last day of term
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Non- Pupil Day