

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 24th 2017

Dear Parents,

Year 2 Assembly

Well done to Class 2 for leading this morning's assembly about light and celebration. They retold the story of Rama and Sita and explained the importance of light for different faiths. We enjoyed listening to their well-researched facts and watching their drama. Remember to shine your own light with a big smile - thank you Class 2!

Primary Maths Challenge

Well done to the 40 pupils from Upper Key Stage 2 who took part in the recent Primary Maths challenge - we are so proud of you all! The children did really well overall but we would like to give a special mention to our 4 Gold Award winners who were: Freya Heinrich, Toby Bushell, Findlay Bushell and Ruben Cox. Remember - maths is fun!

Basketball

A team of Year 6 pupils participated in a basket ball tournament at Forest Hall School on Tuesday this week. Mrs Balchin accompanied the pupils and we received super feedback from the accompanying adults and secondary school sports' coaches. They impressed others with their good nature, resilience, team spirit, enthusiasm and commitment. They kept on going, trying even harder in each match even though they kept missing the hoop and they all absolutely threw themselves into it. They came third out of five teams but that does not do them credit - even the organiser, Mrs Jackie Coleman, commented on how good they were - they just couldn't get it in the hoop! Thank you very much to Mrs Sloan, Mrs Sullivan and Mrs Balchin for providing transport and support. Well done for fabulous team work!



Playleaders

Our new Playleaders have made a fantastic start in their new role. We have received lots of positive feedback from both the children and Midday Assistants about their super playground games - well done!

Spirit of Christmas - Years 5 and 6

Please can we ask that all reply slips are returned by Monday 27th November for all children in Years 5 and 6. Saffron Walden Choral Society require exact numbers for their arrangements and safeguarding.

Christmas Post Box

From December 4th, the Christmas post box will be in the main entrance. If pupils wish to send their Christmas cards to friends in school, they can use the post box up to Monday 18th December. Each

envelope needs the child's full name and class number to ensure our Year 6 postal team are able to deliver it to the correct pupil.

PE Kit

The weather is much colder now and we ask that children have suitable kit in school for outdoor PE. For health and safety reasons, hooded tops cannot be worn. Children are encouraged to wear navy skins, which can be ordered on-line from our school uniform supplier, but black or white will also be permitted. If your child is using a school sweatshirt for PE, this needs to be in addition to their regular school clothes to ensure that they can change into clean clothes after their sports activity. If girls wear tights to school, please ensure that they have warm socks in their PE bags - thank you.

Ketchup King / Queen

Thank you to those parents who have already volunteered to support our Midday Assistants and children on a Friday. If you are able to help on a Friday during the school year, there is a sign-up sheet in the school office - thank you for your support.

Lost Property

We have lots of lost property, particularly Tupperware, please check if you have any missing belongings. At the end of term any uncollected lost property will be taken to charity stores or disposed of - thank you.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Father Christmas is coming to Great Chesterford!
All Saints', Great Chesterford
Christmas Fair
in the
Community Centre
Saturday 25th November
12 noon to 4pm
Light lunches – Afternoon teas – an array of interesting stalls
The Grand Christmas Draw
Children's entertainment from 1 15pm
Father Christmas in his Grotto from 2pm
Goods, cakes and produce needed please!
Gifts – Rosemary Day 531760 Produce – Chris King 530493
Cakes – Carol Hatfield 530120 Tombola – Jenny Risby 530232
Books in good condition, CD's DVD's – Sheila Chambers 530053
Helpers always needed and very welcome! - contact Elizabeth 530265
We look forward to seeing you!

Festive Family Film Screening: HOME ALONE (PG)

Saturday 16 December, 2pm

Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre auditorium

Come and watch this family favourite on the big screen and comfy, tiered seats of the Wellcome Genome Campus Conference Centre. There will be mince pies and mulled wine for sale before the film and during the interval!

Synopsis: An eight-year-old troublemaker must protect his house from a pair of burglars when he is accidentally left home alone by his family during Christmas vacation. Family comedy. (PG, 1990, 103mins)

Tickets only £4 adults, £2 children

Book online – bit.ly/HomeAloneWGC.

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
9th December	Spirit of Christmas for Years 5 and 6
12th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon performance
13th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon and evening performances
19th December	Christmas parties
20th December	Christmas Church Service Last day of term
3rd January	Non-pupil day
4th January	Pupils return to school

The full list of dates for the whole academic year can be found on the calendar on our school website.