

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING March 6th, 2020

Dear Parents,

Book Week 2020

An enormous thank you to everyone in our school community who has helped to make this year's Book Week such a great success. There has been a book-fueled buzz of excitement around school all week with each class embracing the challenge to prioritise books and reading across the curriculum; books and stories everywhere!

It has been wonderful to see children from different Key Stages sharing a love of books and working collaboratively on book related activities. Our fantastic new library has been particularly busy this week and our visiting author, James Campbell, was a definite hit.

The highlight of the week must be the amazing creativity on display in our dressing up assembly. Well done to the children (and parents) for astounding us with your awesome adjectives. Look out for the word wall which is now under construction.



As always, thank you to the kitchen staff for supporting our theme week and particularly to Mrs. Camp for giving up her own time (on her birthday!) to decorate the book themed cupcakes.

Sporting Activities

We are very proud of all the children who represent the school at sporting events and fixtures. They are great ambassadors who always display fair play and good sportsmanship.

Sports Hall Athletics

Class 2 attended a Sports Hall Athletics Festival at Joyce Franklin Academy Newport on Wednesday 26th February. They joined other schools in developing various skills through different games and activities. They had a great time and really enjoyed themselves. Thank you to Mrs. Fraser for supporting this event.

TAG Rugby Finals

On Wednesday 4th March, eight pupils from Great Chesterford School attended a rugby finals tournament at Carver Barracks. They came fourth out of sixteen teams overall. They played ten games: won six, drew one and lost three. Unfortunately, they were only one win away from third position. (Etienne and Alma)

Thank you to Mr. Duers and Mr. Altaparmakov for transport.

Football Match

Yesterday, we played a match against Clavering. They won 11 – 0 but it did not matter because we kept on trying. It was very wet and rainy but we managed to get a good half hour match. We persevered, even though the weather was against us, and even though we lost – we still had fun! (Safa and Harry)

Thank you to Mrs. White and Mrs. Mannix for organising; Mr. Duers for refereeing; Mrs. Van Weede and Mrs. Pearce for providing snacks for after the match and to all the parents who supported from the sideline.

Safety Notice to Parents

The school has been contacted by Whirlpool who have asked us to share important information with you concerning recall and replacement of some their products.

Owners of Hotpoint and Indesit washing machines, purchased since 2014, should check whether their appliance is affected by visiting washingmachinerecall.whirlpool.co.uk or calling the freephone hotline on 0800 3161442.

St Clare's Bears

We have been given some colourful Easter bears to sell for the charity St Clare's Hospice. The suggested donation is £1.50, and Year 6 will be bringing them around the classrooms if any children would like to buy one.

Visitors to the School

Please could we remind all visitors to the school that we do not allow hot drinks in the school hall. As I am sure you are aware, the health and safety of the children is our primary concern and we very much appreciate your support in this matter.

Parent Meeting Tuesday 10th 6pm

There is a meeting planned to discuss the new Sex, Relationships and Health Education curriculum with parents. Tickets can be booked online. Please visit: <https://gretchesterford.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>

Friends Tea Towel Fundraising

Please remember to return your consent form by Monday 9th March so that your child's art work can be included.

Claire Witney
KS2 Lead

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
10 th March	Parent Meeting 6pm
12 th March	Friends Uniform Sale
17 th March	Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 am
3 rd April	Easter Service at All Saints' Church 9:30am Last day of term
20 th April	Pupils return to school
11 th -15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
18 th May	Open Afternoon

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19 th May	KS2 Eucharist Service
25 th May - 1 st June	Half term
2 nd June	NPD
16 th June	Music Evening 6:30pm
15 th -19 th June	MADD Theme Week
30 th June	Sports Day
2 nd July	Reserve Sports Day
3 rd July	Transition Afternoon tbc
6 th July	Transition Afternoon tbc
8 th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
9 th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
12 th – 15 th July	Year 6 Residential
17 th July	Year 6 memories assembly 1:30pm
17 th July	Open Afternoon – current parents only (looking at pupil's work and collecting reports) 2:15-3:15pm for Rec to Year 6
22 nd July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church 9:30am
22 nd July	Year 6 Entertainment 1:45pm Last day of term
23 rd July	Non- Pupil Day