

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JANUARY 10th, 2020

Dear Parents,

## Happy New Year

We hope that you have all enjoyed a restful Christmas holiday spending time with friends and family. The children have returned to school full of enthusiasm at the start of the new term with plenty of stories to share. We would like to wish the whole school community a very happy, healthy and peaceful 2020.

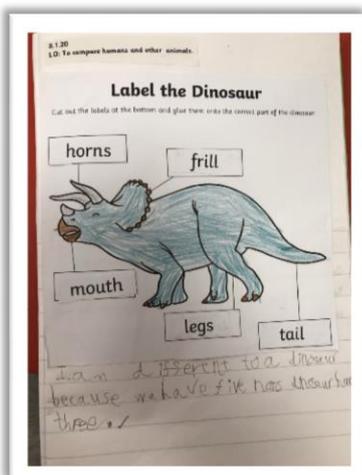


## Christmas Ramble

The whole of Key Stage 2 enjoyed an alternative end of term with a Christmas ramble through the village and across the fields to Little Chesterford which was followed by hot chocolate, marshmallows and Christmas cracker jokes in the hall. Thank you to the KS2 staff for getting out their wellies and providing the refreshments and to the Middleton family for their unexpected - greatly appreciated - musical accompaniment.

## DIALLS Project in Year 4

This is a project run by The University of Cambridge, focusing on wordless texts and short films from around Europe, which is designed to develop the children's cultural awareness and discussion skills. Year 1 and Year 4 are taking part in this exciting project and this week, Class 4 have met and introduced themselves to their partner school in a Skype call. Over the term, the classes will be sharing their thoughts and ideas on specific aspects of the project. We look forward to hearing more about it as the term progresses.



## Donate a Dinosaur

Class One have started an exciting new topic this week on dinosaurs with great enthusiasm. They have begun to think about the differences and similarities between humans and dinosaurs and are learning about a British paleontologist and her significant fossil finds. As this is new topic, we are still building up resources to support children's learning. We are hoping to make a collection of toy dinosaurs and if you can donate a dinosaur to Class One, we would be most grateful. Toys without batteries or buttons would be preferred so they can be used in the nature space. Please leave your dinosaur donations in the school office. Many thanks.

### Junior Playground after school

Please can you remind your children that the Junior playground is extremely busy after school with children of all ages and for that reason we do not allow scooters, bicycles or ball games in the playground at that time of day. Please help us to avoid accidents and keep everybody safe.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to an exciting and stimulating term ahead.

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

### Dates for your diary

Date	Event
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Pupils return to school
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Year 1 trip – Thorndon Park
24 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 School Nurse - height and weight
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

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