

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JUNE 7th 2019

Dear Parents,

Class Assembly

Thank you Class Four for leading a superb whole school collective worship on our theme of Pentecost. Everyone, was engaged by your clear delivery and super presentation skills. You provided a clear reminder of what happened at Pentecost and reminded us all that we don't need to be powerful to make a positive difference to the lives of others. Well done!

Pirate Day!

A band of pirates arrived in Reception Class on Monday! In the morning, we went on a pirate adventure to find the missing treasure, made treasure maps, flags and telescopes. The children then produced detailed story maps based on their adventures and are now busy writing exciting stories. During the afternoon, we sang pirate songs and played pirate games in the playground. We had an armazing day!



Music Evening

Thank you to the many parents, friends and relatives who joined us on Tuesday evening to celebrate the great musical talents we have in school. With over eighty pupils taking part, the event demonstrated how valued music is at Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy. Thank you to all the teaching staff, peripatetic teachers and many volunteers that provide access to such a wide range of musical opportunities for our pupils. A special thank you must go to Mrs Middleton our music specialist and Mrs Witney our Music Coordinator for organising this event and promoting music throughout the school. All of our participants were musical stars on Tuesday and should be congratulated for their hard work, commitment and enthusiasm - well done!

Music Lessons

For any children who have been inspired by our performers this week, we will have a number of spaces for individual music lessons from September when our Year 6 musicians move on to secondary school. The school currently offers individual lessons for: strings, piano, woodwind and brass. Please contact the school office for further information if your child is interested in starting music lessons.

Message from the School Council: 'Walking Bus'

We are asking for volunteers for the Walking Bus. The Walking Bus is a walk to school day. Drop off at the Community Centre at 8.20am prompt. This will take place on Friday the 14th of June. The purpose of the Walking Bus is to encourage your child to be fit and healthy. Another good reason for the Walking Bus, is that it is easier and safer than driving through Great Chesterford. Please join our community for Community Week and help our village to be happy and safe. **A school letter is attached.**

KS1 Three Tees Cricket Club

Please note that there will be no KS1 Three Tees Cricket Club after school next Thursday due to the Year One Hatfield Forest Trip. There is still space for new members, please see the website for further information.

Class One celebrate The Gruffalo's 20th Birthday

Class One are marking The Gruffalo's 20th birthday by entering a writing competition organised by the Literacy Trust. All children have now finished planning, writing, presenting and polishing their stories and they are ready to be entered. A selection of their stories will be added to the Class One area of the website in due course - we hope that you enjoy reading them!

Year 6 Rounders Tournament

We had lots of fun at JFAN playing rounders all day on Wednesday. We split into three teams to maximise our chances of winning. Every team tried their hardest and really enjoyed it. Although none of the teams came first, we still communicated and played very well. Everybody behaved well and were great ambassadors for the schools. George, Thomas and Lois.



Mrs Starbuck added: I would echo the comments from the children and would add that I was extremely proud of the whole class on Wednesday. Not only were the children impeccably behaved, they demonstrated fantastic sportsmanship and teamwork skills. With thirty teams taking part we did brilliantly to achieve 3rd and 4th place for two of our teams - who had to play each other for bronze medal position.

A big thank you to Mrs Burley and Mrs Rowan who found themselves supporting the umpiring as well as the children on the day.

Class 6 visit to Debden Primary Academy

It has been a busy week in Year 6. On Tuesday, the class went to Debden Primary Academy for a morning of cricketing skills. This was a great way to get to know the Year 6 from our partner school, who will be joining us on the Residential this year. After the event, the children had a picnic in Debden's beautifully appointed playground and many of the group enjoyed a friendly match of football. We are really grateful to Mrs Trigg, Mrs Daw, Mrs Kourentis, Mrs Kellam and Mrs Burley for helping with the transport and for Mr Duers for organising the activities.

Class 6 'Pop-Up' Fossil Museum

On Thursday, Year 6 had another opportunity to practise their curating skills when they hosted a 'pop-up' museum to show off their knowledge of fossils to the rest of the school. Some of the children had brought in examples from home whilst others had researched and drawn pictures to support their understanding. Edward had gone a step further by visiting the Grand Arcade and Sedgwick Museum in Cambridge during half term and said, "It was really interesting because it showed that you could find fossils in everyday life."



Year 2 Trip to Cudmore Grove

Class 2 went to Cudmore Grove as part of their 'At The Seaside' topic. They started off by making flags for their sandcastles. They used leaves for the ink to make a symmetrical picture. Then they went to the beach and looked at how the landscape is different to that at Great Chesterford. They used their five senses to describe the differences. Next, the class split into groups and made sandcastles. They only had one spade and cups so they had to be inventive. After lunch, the class went into the sea for a paddle. The Class behaviour was excellent and a good time was had by all. A huge thank you to Mrs Abbiss, Mrs Vandrau and Mrs Arbon for giving up their time to assist on this trip.



Fundraising for school the easy way

The Friends of Great Chesterford Primary Academy are fundraising with Easy2name, a leading supplier of name labels and stickers suitable for clothes, shoes, school bags, water bottles, and more... so if you need to order any name labels or stickers for school uniform or other clothes or belongings, please think about using Easy2name - and earn the Friends 20% of your total spend to put towards items for the school. More details can be found on the attached poster. Here is the link <https://www.easy2name.com/> for further information.

Thank you, The Friends of Great Chesterford Primary Academy

Admin communication

Please can all parents make sure that they are receiving school communications including the weekly newsletter. It is an incredibly busy half term with lots of additional extra-curricular opportunities. We are really fortunate to have such a super office team but they do not have the capacity to chase up consents and duplicate correspondence. Please make sure that you are reading the correspondence and completing parental consent on SCOpay before visits. We want to ensure that none of our parents or children miss out on any forthcoming events. Thank you for your support.

Please can I remind parents, that dogs are not allowed on the school grounds at any time - thank you.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Little Chesterford Fete

Saturday 8th June at 2:30pm (NOT 2:00pm as stated in the Broadsheet).

Do come along and enjoy a fun afternoon. There will be lots to do for all ages – crockery smashing, hit the rat, sumo wrestling, tug-o-war, tractor rides, to name just a few. There will be nice things to eat in the Tea Room, and ice creams or BBQ food. Mums and Dads can enjoy a Pimms if they want to. And there will be lots of opportunity to spend some pocket money. Whatever the weather, we will be there – hope you can come too!

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Dates for your diary

Date	Event
13th June	Year 1 Trip to Hatfield Forest
10th -14th June	Community Past and Present Theme Week
14th June	Walk to School Day
18th June	A Life in Ancient Greece Day for Year 4
20th June	E-Safety Day
20th June	E-Safety Parent Workshop 7.00pm
25th June	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
27th June	Reception Class Trip to Boydells Farm
28th June	Year 5 Trip to Kentwell Hall
1st July	School Photographs
2nd July	Sports Day
4th July	Reserve Sports Day
5th July	Transition afternoon
8th July	Transition afternoon
10th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
11th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
14th-17th July	Year 6 Residential
16th July	Prayer Space for Years 1 and 2
19th July	Year 6 Memories Assembly 1.30pm
19th July	Open Afternoon and report collection for all year groups 2.15-3.15pm
23rd July	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
24th July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church 9.30am
24th July	Year 6 Entertainment 1:45pm
24th July	Last day of term
25th July	Non-pupil day