

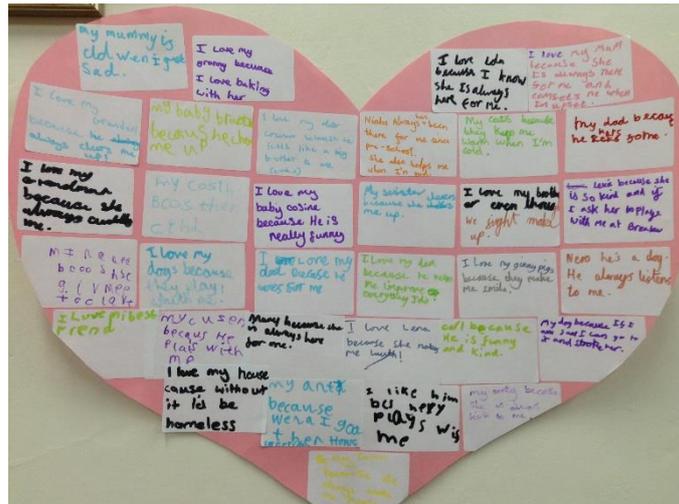
# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JANUARY 17th, 2020

Dear Parents,

### Year 1 Collective Worship

A very big thank you to Class 1 for leading our collective worship on the big question 'Who or what do you love and why?' They did a great job sharing their ideas about what love looks like in our school through their fantastic role plays; reminding us that love is patient and love is kind. The song that they wrote together summed up brilliantly the theme of their assembly and they performed it with energy and enthusiasm.



### Swimming Gala

On Wednesday, Mrs Sargeant had the pleasure of taking 35 children from Key Stage 2 to take part in a swimming gala at the Lord Butler Leisure Centre. The children were a credit to the school with their behaviour, sportsmanship, enthusiasm and encouragement of each other. After all the races had been completed and the scores totted up, the Year 3/4 team came second, and the Year 5/6 team came third - well done swimmers! Thanks must go to Mrs Balchin, Mrs Olafsson, Mrs Heinrich and Ms Lacey for their support and slick organisation of the pupils in such a warm and noisy environment!

### KS2 break and lunch time

Thank you for everyone's continued patience and understanding during our exciting building works. As mentioned in a previous newsletter, we are struggling with mud in the KS2 playground so would like to remind you of the option of children bringing in alternative shoes / trainers for break and lunchtimes. If your child would like to wear their PE trainers for this, please ensure that they have plimsolls in school for indoor PE. Also, it would be very helpful if the children could bring in a plastic bag to store and transport the muddy footwear- thank you.

### Donate a Dinosaur

Thank you for all the dinosaurs which have been donated, they are already being put to great use in Class 1 to enhance their topic work. Any more donations would be gratefully received and can be left in the school office for collection.

### Congratulations

Matt Snelling, the coach who runs the after-school football club, has had a new addition to his family and we would like to pass on our congratulations on the arrival of baby Reggie.

### Junior Playground after school

Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of all children in the playground after school. Unfortunately, we have had several incidents recently of dogs fouling the playground which is extremely unpleasant and unhygienic for both pupils and staff when they are using the playground in lesson and break times. The playground must be a dog free environment for that reason – thank you for your understanding.

### Early Morning Access to School

To ensure the safety of all pupils, please note that we can only allow those children attending Breakfast Club to be admitted to the hall and that there is no access to the main school via Breakfast Club. If your child needs to attend a music lesson or orchestra session before 8:45am, please wait with your child in the school office until a member of staff comes to collect them.

### Parents Evening- Online Appointment Booking

A reminder that the system will be available for booking appointments from 6pm on Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January. A letter has been sent out to parents with details of how to access the system and there is also information on the school website on how to make an appointment.

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

### Dates for your diary

Date	Event
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
27 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Holocaust Memorial Service
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

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