

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JUNE 12th 2020

Dear Parents, Wider Opening

Following the re-opening of school for Reception and Class One, we have now been able to make an offer for our Year 6 pupils to return to school later this month. Pupils attending school in Reception and Class One will be moving to full time from Monday 15th June. Following the guidance from the Department for Education (DFE) alongside our extensive risk assessments, we have managed to accommodate all priority year groups, in addition to key workers' children, before the end of the summer term. As you will have heard on the news, the Government has recognised that their ambition of getting all children back into school before the end of the summer term is not feasible. We are limited by the capacity of our building and number of staff. Class teachers are now teaching and supporting more than one year group at the moment so please bear with us if responses are slower. Please rest assured that the education of all children, whether they are learning at home or school, remains our priority and we are continually reviewing how we can support all year groups over the next few weeks.

MADD Theme Week 2020

We are all looking forward to sharing the children's artistic talents in our next theme week: 'Music, Art, Dance and Drama!' Mrs Barden, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Witney have all been working very hard to prepare for this week. We hope that the whole school community will enjoy having a go at some of the activities we have put together to brighten up their home learning experience.

Look out for the menu of activities to make sure everyone is MADD next week! Information will be emailed to parents on Monday.

Fantastic Work by Year One

We have all been really proud of how well our Year One children in the Ants and Beetles groups have returned to school this week. Ants and Beetles talked about '30 days wild' and enjoyed spending time outside looking at the flowers and herbs and the insects that were attracted to them. Dragonflies had great fun telling jokes and playing a guessing game on Zoom and we loved seeing their dragonfly art. The whole Class One team have been delighted with the positive attitude displayed by all three groups.



Class 2 story starter leads to a book

Following a Year 2 story starter about a tree, Alby went on to write a whole story. With the help of an illustrator, his creative storytelling has been captured in a beautiful book. Well done Alby - I am sure we will all enjoy reading your lovely story!



Class 4 work in the Village Web

Class 4 enjoyed playing games on their Zoom call this week linked to their Talk 4 Writing unit. Luella and Sophia have both had their VE work published in the 'Village Web' - a publication for the parish of the Icknield Way villages - well done girls! I am sure members of the wider community are enjoying your work.

Class 5 Talk 4 Writing

Class 5 enjoyed their Zoom call this week which was focused on their Talk 4 Writing unit on the Rhinswanozebta - everyone had a go at drawing their own version of the creature using the description from the model text.

Birthdays

As we are currently unable to celebrate birthdays in school, we would like to wish many happy returns to those in our school community who are celebrating this week:

Hermione in Class 1
Jack in Class 2
Flynn in Class 3
Freya in Reception
Sienna in Class 4
Harriet in Reception



Year 6 School Place Offer

Please can we request that all replies for a Year 6 place are returned to school via the admin email by 9am on Monday 15th June. We will assume that no response means that you do not want a place - thank you.

Collecting children from school

If your child is currently attending school, please can we request that, wherever possible, siblings are not brought onto the school site - thank you for your support.

Money, Money, Money Quiz

For any quiz lovers, feel free to try the Money Money Money quiz, it's on the Year 6 page of the website and Mrs Starbuck can even send a certificate if you get 10/10!

Keeping in Touch

If your child is currently home learning, please keep in touch with their teacher via the class email address at least once a week. If we have not had any contact, we will try to contact you. As Mrs Davies and Mrs White will be teaching every day in school, please can we ask parents of these year groups to send any queries directly to admin from the week beginning June 15th - thank you.

For all other queries, please follow the normal practice of emailing the office via:
admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

| Date | Event |
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| 15th to 19th June | MADD Theme Week Music, Art, Dance and Drama |
| 22nd June | Year 6 group one return to school |
| 29th June | Year 6 group two return to school |
| 22nd July | Last day of term |
| 23rd July | Non-pupil day |