

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING JUNE 19th 2020

Dear Parents,

Wider opening and the new academic year

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. Although this is good news for many, we do understand that for families of children in Years 2 to 5, who are still unable to return to school with the current requirements for social distancing and lack of capacity in school, this is far from ideal and remains a concern for all. We are trying to find creative solutions to offer support at this time for Years 2 to 5 and hope that many are able to attend the outdoor sessions as detailed in yesterday's letter from Mrs Sargeant.

Leadership teams in all schools are still awaiting guidance from the Government on what measures we must follow in September; headteachers were informed yesterday, that this guidance may not be available until August. Rest assured, that as a school, we are working on multiple scenarios for the new academic year. The curriculum will be reviewed and adjusted to support pupils in all year groups as they return to school in September. As part of this, we are currently looking to see what transition opportunities we can provide for pupils in all year groups and hope to share this next week. COVID-19 is providing a challenge to all parts of our daily lives. As a school, we are greatly saddened by the negative impact this has had on so many of our pupils not being able to attend school. All pupils have been affected and our priority over the coming months, and beyond, will be in providing emotional, social and academic support to all children within our school. I am sorry that I cannot share more at this time but have no doubt that school leaders continue to lobby for guidance so that we can plan and share details of the provision for the new academic year with our own school communities.

Warmest regards,

Mrs Mitchell

MADD Theme Week 2020

We hope that you have all enjoyed this week's MADD Theme Week. Everyone has been impressed with the imaginative and creative response to our MADD Week - your work has been amazing! Thank you to Mrs Barden, Mrs Middleton and Mrs Witney for coordinating this wide range of 'Rainbow' themed 'Music, Art, Dance and Drama' activities. Mrs Witney is putting together a gallery of your work to share with everyone on our website and it is not too late to send in pictures and videos. Here are just a few examples of some rainbow inspired art:

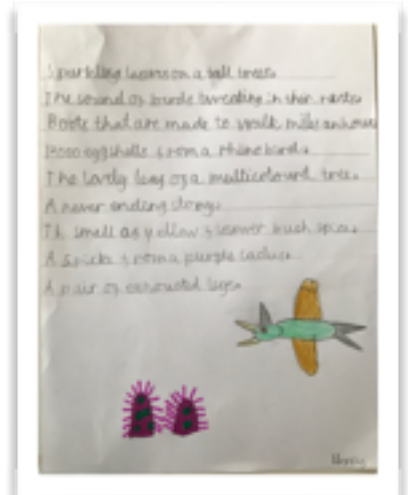
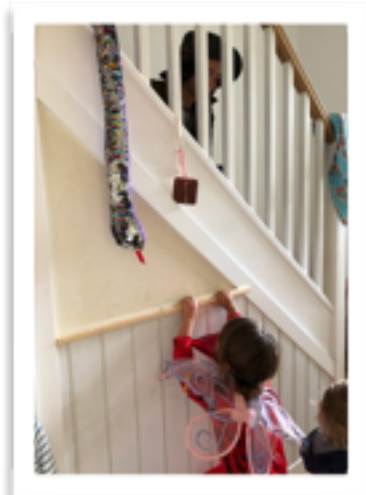


We also thought you would like to see this cute 'mouse house' built by Adam, Reception Class, and his sister Hannah, Class 5. It even has 'mouse sized' steps to get in and out! Delphine from Class 2 wrote a beautiful Rainbow poem to lift your spirits.



Journey to the Jungle

Year 3's recent 'Journey to the Jungle' home learning has really captured their imaginations. Children have been going on their own jungle adventures at home, designing traps for the rare Soupee bird, writing jungle logs and even jungle adventure poems and jungle jingles! Well done Class 3!



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:

- Jessica in Class 2
- Ben in Class 2
- Jacob in Class 5
- Tabitha in Class 3



Zoom Sessions

Please can I remind parents that your Zoom name needs to be either your child's first name or your surname and invitations should not be shared for safeguarding reasons.

Virtual iChurch

Virtual iChurch will be taking place this Sunday at 9.30am. If you would like to join the service, please email website.camvillages@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting details. The theme will be Hope and the Noah's Ark Bible Story. Please bring a rainbow picture (if you have one) and come dressed as an animal / wearing an animal mask or with an animal teddy.

CV Walden

Saffron Walden Museum with support from Saffron Walden Tourist Office are appealing for people to share records of their personal experiences during the COVID-19 outbreak. Records could be in the written form (for example diary entries or poetry), photographs, art, music or film. If you would like to contribute to this community archive, please refer to the Community Archive Attachment.

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.

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
22nd June	Year 6 Koalas return to school
29th June	Year 6 Kangaroos return to school
22nd July	Last day of term
23rd July	Non-pupil day