

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 7th, 2020

Dear Parents,

Year 3 – Collective Worship

Thank you to Class 3 for leading our collective worship this morning so confidently. Your drama on the life of Thomas Barnardo was full of interesting detail and was very well performed. It was also very interesting to learn about the school in Uganda that you skyped during Global Communities Week. From the number of hands that were up during the quiz, I think the whole school learnt something this morning so well done!

Sporting Successes

Great Chesterford's sports teams have been putting our school values into practice with their tremendous teamwork this week.

Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics

On Wednesday 5th February, 18 children from Year 6 took part in a Sports Hall Athletics event at Joyce Frankland Academy. Everyone was hopeful and confident on the way there. Four schools took part Newport, Clavering, Debden and us. Collectively, everyone did well and showed passion for whatever sport they were involved in.

The track events were the most nervous part of the competition. As a group, we showed good sportsmanship towards the other schools. We cheered each other on the loudest and showed tremendous teamwork. Everything went to the final two races which were vital for the win and we held on. The final race won us the competition and once that was finished, the rest of the group went wild with cheers!

Thank you to Mrs. Buchallet, Mrs. Balchin and Miss Alexander for accompanying us on the event and to Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Starbuck for support with transport. We are also very grateful to Mrs. White for arranging the trip and the Office Team who deal with the administration.
(Theo P. and Paul)

Year 4 Tag Rugby

Year 4 were victorious in their tag rugby event this week. They battled hard to win all their matches, including a very tough match against Clavering. The squad of ten children played six games, working well as a team, and showed great enthusiasm and determination. Congratulations to the whole team for getting through to the next round of the competition. Thanks to Mr. Duers, Mrs. Peters and Mrs. Heinrich for transporting and accompanying the children.

KS1 Outdoor Learning

Dinosaur surprises in Year 1

Class One had a surprise during their golden mile on Tuesday when they discovered a triceratops hiding by the climbing frame. Luckily, they were able to remember what they had been learning about writing instructions and were quickly able to construct some excellent instructions on 'how to tame a triceratops'. They also have very creative ideas for how to escape a Tyrannosaurus Rex so are well prepared for a range of dinosaur visitors!



Reception Class in the Nature Space

This week, we have been painting Chinese numbers using mud and exploring in the nature space including finding worms and playing in the leaves!



Thank you to Mrs. Frost

Our Catering Manager, Mrs. Leah Frost, is leaving the school at half term. We would like to thank her very much for all her hard work in the kitchen and all the delicious school meals! We wish her every success in the future.

After School in the Junior Playground

It has come to our attention that some children have been playing on the mound and playground apparatus after school. We would like to remind you that, as those areas are unsupervised, this is not safe. Please help us to avoid accidents and keep everybody safe.

Claire Witney
KS2 Lead

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
17 th -21 st February	Half term
2 nd - 6 th March	Book Week
17 th March	Open Morning 9.30 – 10.30 am
3 rd April	Easter Service at All Saints' Church 9:30am Last day of term
20 th April	Pupils return to school
11 th -15 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
18 th May	Open Afternoon
19 th May	KS2 Eucharist Service

Date	Event
25 th May - 1 st June	Half term
2 nd June	NPD
16 th June	Music Evening 6:30pm
15 th -19 th June	MADD Theme Week
30 th June	Sports Day
2 nd July	Reserve Sports Day
3 rd July	Transition Afternoon tbc
6 th July	Transition Afternoon tbc
8 th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
9 th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
12 th – 15 th July	Year 6 Residential
17 th July	Year 6 memories assembly 1:30pm
17 th July	Open Afternoon – current parents only (looking at pupil's work and collecting reports) 2:15-3:15pm for Rec to Year 6
22 nd July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church 9:30am
22 nd July	Year 6 Entertainment 1:45pm Last day of term
23 rd July	Non- Pupil Day