

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING FEBRUARY 28th, 2020

Dear Parents,

Year 2 – Collective Worship

Thank you to Class 2 for confidently leading our collective worship on the big question: *What is your favourite story and why?* It was wonderful to hear about all the stories that you have enjoyed and different reasons why you like them. As you said in your prayer, stories really can brighten up our lives.

Green Hearts for the Environment

Well done to Alex in Year 6, who has been making green hearts to raise awareness around the school of the important issue related to climate change. Alex has reminded us that we can all make a difference and his message has reached our MP in Westminster.



Pancake Races in KS1

On Shrove Tuesday, KS1 classes held traditional pancake races in the playground. Everyone had a lot of fun and worked up an appetite for eating the real thing when they got home!



Uniform Sale – Thursday 12th March

The Friends Committee are organising a uniform sale which will be held after school in the school hall. Any donations of unwanted school uniform will be gratefully received.

Class reading books

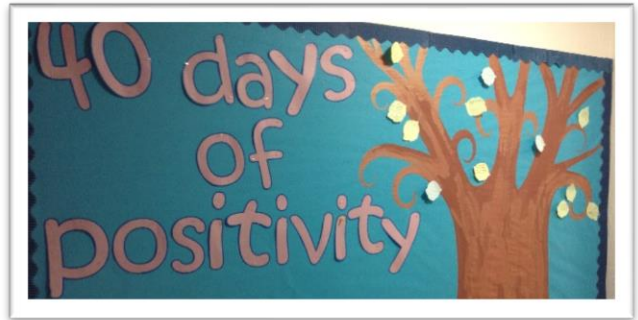
With Book Week coming up, please could we ask you to check at home for school reading books that may have been overlooked or not returned. Some classes are finding that their shelves are looking a little empty. Thank you for your help.

Start of the school day

Could we remind you that the playground is unsupervised until 8.45 am. As a result, children should not be left unattended in the morning before that time for their own safety.

'Positivitree'

During Lent, everyone in our school community is being asked to think about positivity. Leaves are appearing already on our Positivitree and we hope that it will be in full bloom by Easter; full of all the positive things we see around us every day. If you have something positive to add, please let the office know.



Volunteer driver appeals

As a school, we try to participate in a wide range of activities which often require transport. For whole class and large groups, we do use coaches. However, for small group / team activities we do rely on volunteer drivers. We would like to give our thanks to everyone who has supported school transport in this way.

In order to continue to provide these opportunities, we do need further volunteers for driving. If you have the capacity to support the school in this way, please can you contact the school so that we can complete DBS checks.



Book Week 2020 The Wonderful World of Words



As you know, next week is our annual Book Week and we are looking forward to an exciting week of book related activities. Some of the highlights are:

- ❖ Book Week Challenge which is the **Readathon**
- ❖ **Travelling Books** will be for sale in the hall Monday – Thursday
- ❖ **James Campbell** (children's author) working with children and signing his books after school on Tuesday
- ❖ **Once Upon a Wednesday** whole school writing session
- ❖ Dressing up as an **Awesome Adjective** on Friday
- ❖ **Great, Great Chesterford Book Swap** – Friday afternoon

On Friday, please could the children come to school in their costumes with a sign or a label letting everyone know what their awesome adjective is and what it means. We can't wait to see what wonderful words you have been exploring.

Happy reading!

Claire Witney
KS2 Lead

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
17 th -21 st February	Half term
2 nd - 6 th March	Book Week
12 th March	Friends Uniform Sale
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
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