

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MAY 3rd 2019

Dear Parents,

Our Nature Space

The whole school community is delighted with our new nature space to enhance the outdoor learning opportunities across the curriculum. We look forward to showing you these new resources at our next Open Afternoon on Monday 20th May. Many thanks must go to our Friends Committee for their tireless and enthusiastic fundraising that has enabled the school to realise this exciting project. Thank you to the families and staff who worked incredibly hard over the weekend to bring this new project to life - it certainly was one of the most positive days of my headship. The 'Tremendous Teamwork' demonstrated last Saturday was both generous and inspirational!

In just one weekend: a shed was built, fencing and raised beds installed and a log circle created in addition to many hours of clearing and digging. In addition to school fundraising, help and donations were received from Mark Warner Services, The Saffron Walden Round Table, Scotsdales, Homebase Saffron Walden, Julie Redfern at UDC, The Bradbury Foundation, Ruth Jones, Annie Appleyard and the Hoskins family. Please see the attached flyer for a pictorial update from The Friends.



Kitkat and his friends visit EarlyYears

This week, Reception Class enjoyed a visit from Kitkat the meerkat and his friends. They loved finding out about the African hedgehog, the lizard, the snake and the chameleon. The highlight, however, was meeting Kitkat and listening to his chatter! The children showed great care when handling the creatures and asked excellent questions.



Three Tees Event for Year 2

Class 2 took part in a Three Tees cricket competition on Wednesday afternoon at Joyce Frankland Academy, Newport. The class behaved so well and competed against lots of other schools with great enthusiasm. Our four teams further developed their batting and fielding skills during the tournament; they applied their skills and knowledge of the game to great effect and enjoyed great success. All four teams played three matches with all teams winning at least one match and two teams winning all! Thank you to Mrs McCullough for accompanying and supporting our teams alongside Mrs Butler and Mrs Gascoyne.

Year 5 Golf

The whole of Year 5 took part in a golfing event on Thursday. The children had great fun and practised lots of different skills in a range of golf activities. They were super sporting ambassadors for the school and were great at encouraging one another - well done Class 5!

Cross Country - Essex Race Finals

Our Year 5 boys' team competed in the Essex Race finals on Friday 26th April at Hadleigh Park. The team had qualified for this county final event following their previous success at the Uttlesford Cross Country competition. We are delighted to be able to congratulate the boys on achieving fifth place - well done boys! It was a great team effort and all six boys should be proud of their contributions and finishing positions at this county event: Raphael 17th, Laurence 32nd, Paul 41st, Charlie 62nd, Theo P. 63rd and Karim 98th.

In addition to the Year 5 boys' team: Niah (Y3), Laurence (Y5), Raphael (Y5) and Edward (Y6) were also competing as individual competitors. They had all earned a place in this competition following their noteworthy performances in the Uttlesford Cross Country event last term. It was a challenging course but all of our competitors were a credit to both themselves and the school. There were about 150 competitors in each age group and they enjoyed great success in this

county competition finishing in the following positions: Niah 96th, Raphael 17th, Laurence 32nd and Edward 36th. Special thanks must go to the parents for transporting and supporting their children at this event.

As a school, we must also give a special thank you to our committed, enthusiastic and talented running coach. Mrs Dunlop continues to support Great Chesterford C. of E. Primary Academy runners and so many children have benefitted from her supportive and encouraging coaching skills over the years. Mrs Dunlop, gives her time regularly for our club and also in helping children prepare for competitive events - even in the school holidays - thank you!



Girls' Football

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Genny and Lois write: 'The girl's football match on Thursday against Chrishall was incredibly fun yet very wet! As we started off, the spectators were cheering us on. We played a fair match and even though we lost (and were soaked) we still had lots of fun.'

The scoreline does not reflect some super attacking play and determination from all the players. Behaviour and team spirit was excellent. Thanks to Mrs Daw and Mrs Van Weede for transporting the girls and to the parents who came to cheer the girls on. We are also grateful to Mrs White for organising the match and to Mrs Starbuck for accompanying the team.



Governor Appeal

We would like to recruit one or two new governors this term. A formal letter will be sent out next week. However, if you are interested in finding out more, please contact myself or Adele Peters (Chair) via the school office.

I hope that everyone enjoys the extended bank holiday weekend.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell

Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8th May	Year 5 Rounders Tournament
13th-17th May	Year 6 SATs Week
20th May	Open Afternoon
21st May	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
27th-31st May	Half term
4th June	Music Evening 6.30pm
10th -14th June	Community Past and Present Theme Week
20th June	E-Safety Day
20th June	E-Safety Parent Workshop 7.00pm
25th June	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
2nd July	Sports Day
4th July	Reserve Sports Day
5th July	Transition afternoon tbc
8th July	Transition afternoon tbc
10th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
11th July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
14th-17th July	Year 6 Residential
16th July	Prayer Space for Years 1 and 2
19th July	Year 6 Memories Assembly 1.30pm
19th July	Open Afternoon and report collection for all year groups 2.15-3.15pm
23rd July	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
24th July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church 9.30am
24th July	Year 6 Entertainment 1:45pm
24th July	Last day of term
25th July	Non-pupil day

