

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MAY 15th 2020

Dear Parents,

School re-opening

Many thanks to those parents who have already returned their questionnaire on the topic of the phased re-opening of primary schools. These responses will greatly assist with the many logistics that will need to be implemented to ensure that we are meeting the health and safety requirements for our whole school community. Please could we request that any further questionnaires are returned by **Monday 18th May** (there was an error on the original document) - thank you for your support.

Your VE Day Art and Commemorations!



USSP Weekly Challenge

Congratulations to Paul who was the gold medal winner for last week's Year 6 boys' USSP challenge. Paul achieved an amazing total of **766** continuous 'keepy uppies' - well done Paul!

Village Flag Competition

Congratulations to the following winners of the village flag competition: James in Class 1, Florence in Class 3, Sophia in Class 4, Hannah H. & Joseph in Class 5 and Alex in Class 6. We look forward to seeing the village flag which will include these winning designs. Well done to everyone who entered and especially our winners!



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:

Amara in Class 3

Amelia in Class 3

Imogen in Class 1

Ayush in Class 5

Sully in Class 5



Home Learning Provision - Zoom Update

It was lovely catching up on Zoom this week and we were delighted to see so many smiley faces! Please can we make a few reminders:

- an adult needs to be present in the room;
- Zoom sessions should not be held in bedrooms;
- please don't exchange links to change groups - this is for safeguarding and
- if your ID is not easily recognisable, please alert the class teacher ahead of the session so they know who you are.

Next week's sessions will take place at the same time in the same groups; we will then review after half term to allow the children to catch up with other members of their class.

Home learning this week

Class One have been practising telling the time with their own clocks and a variety of other activities - Theodora's clock has a VE Day theme. VE Day also inspired some super home learning projects in Class 4: Luella wrote a lovely diary entry after interviewing her granny and Niah produced an informative Powerpoint presentation. Take a look at the Year 6 website page - there is a 'movie' of their Lowry work from the Autumn term.



8 May 1945, age 8 years 6 months

Dear Diary,

I am so happy as they've announced the end of World War II in Europe! Luckily, during all the air raids, we weren't hit because we live in the peaceful countryside. We were scared when we heard the planes going over and bombs going off far away in the distance. Every night we had to put up special blackout curtains but now we can take them down as the war is over! Maybe soon we can get nicer food - we've had to eat rabbits that the gardener shot as we couldn't get much meat to eat! Two days later Mum gave me a banana, which I'd never tasted before because you couldn't get them during the war. As soon as I bit the banana, I thought never to eat one of those again. It was horrible! But my Mum kept saying I should try it one more time as she thinks they are delicious!

As soon as we heard the news that the war was over, Mummy rushed outside and harnessed up our pony, Beauty, to the trap (which she had never done herself before!). I hopped in with my little sister, my auntie, cousins and my Mum (we all lived together during the war, my Dad is still away with the RAF), and straight away we got going through all the villages around to celebrate. In each village everyone was out waving flags, shouting, cheering, clapping, singing and dancing. It was the happiest day since 1939!

We rode on for hours and hours enjoying all the celebrations. Suddenly my Mummy said, 'I don't know where we are, I don't think I know the way home!' We eventually found our way but it was late and nearly dark!

We heard about the King and Queen and Mr. Churchill going onto the balcony at Buckingham Palace to wave at all the crowds of people celebrating. This very day will be known as known as VE Day from now on - Victory in Europe!



Farewell to Mrs Boyce

Mrs Katie Boyce, who has been working this year both as a teaching assistant in Class 5 and midday assistant, will be leaving at the end of this half term. Mrs Boyce has been a brilliant member of the team and will be missed by all. On behalf of the whole school community, we wish her lots of success in her new post!

iChurch Service with Reverend Alex

On Sunday, 17th May at 9.30am we will be holding our first iChurch service via Zoom. This will be our usual family-friendly, all age worship with songs and activities.

Please email: website.Camvillages@gmail.com for the Zoom meeting details.

Keeping in Touch

During term time, please keep in touch with your child's class 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.

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