

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MARCH 29th 2019

### Dear Parents,

Further to my previous letter, we are absolutely delighted with the outcome of our recent SIAMS (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools). The school has received the highest grading of 'Excellent' and the two additional judgements, collective worship and the effectiveness of RE, were also graded 'Excellent'. This is a fantastic achievement for our whole school community and fully recognises the continuing commitment and hard work of everyone involved. The inspector was extremely positive about the pupils, staff, governors, school ethos and whole school community. Special thanks must go to Mrs Starbuck and Mrs Lincoln our RE and Worship Coordinators, and also to the parents and governors who gave up their time to meet with the inspector.

### Class 3 African Drumming Workshop

Year 3 had great fun with their African Drumming Workshop today. Dan Sceats, from Essex Music Services, began with an introductory session for the whole school and everyone enjoyed seeing our willing parents participate. Class 3 then had various workshops on how to play various rhythms on the Djemba drums. At the end of the day, KS1 was treated to an impromptu performance. Fantastic music everyone!

### Class 6 Trip to the Botanic Gardens

In glorious spring sunshine, Year 6 visited the Cambridge Botanic Gardens by train this week. They spent time in the glass-houses looking at plant adaptations particularly Tropical Rainforests to support their topic. They also went on a tree trail and completed some transient art. Thank you to Mrs McCullough and Mrs Balchin for supporting the trip.



### Readathon

A huge thank you to all the children who took part in our Book Week Readathon and for the support of their families and friends. **You have raised an incredible £2020.00** to kick start our new school library project. Over the next term, we plan to transform the old office space into an exciting facility to inspire a lifelong love of books and reading across the school.

### **Class One Dance Festival**

Class One travelled to Rickling School this morning to participate in a Key Stage One Dance Festival. They performed their dance 'Teddy Bear's Picnic' confidently and their behaviour was excellent throughout the event. Lovely feedback - Class One!

### **National Cross Country Race**

Congratulations and a huge well done to our cross country runners: Edward, Erin, Sofia, Laurence, Raphael and Theo, who participated in a national cross country race on Saturday in Loughborough. The children were excellent ambassadors for both our school and running club so ably led by Mrs Georgina Dunlop. All the pupils should be proud of their times and placings at this level. Special mention must go to Erin for her determination and bravery as she ran the whole race with a nasty injury to her foot. Well done to all for 'Aiming High!'



### **School Football**

Rickling 6      Great Chesterford 4

Great Chesterford finished the football season with an exciting away match at Rickling yesterday. Highlights included: excellent communication and team work. The team maintained their resilience even when they were quite far behind and were rewarded with a couple of really good goals which were skilfully planned and set up. Thank you to Mrs Trigg and Mrs Rowan for providing transport and everyone appreciated the positive support from parents and siblings on the touchline. This was the last match of the season but there will be a celebratory session next week. Thank you to Mrs White for organising this season's football fixtures.

### **Fundraising Update**

Our Friday fundraising cake sales are continuing with wonderful support from everyone. At the halfway point, we have raised £420 from our cake sales. Next week will be Class Two's cake sale. The PJ film night last week raised £165. Thank you to everyone who supports our Friends' events.

### **Easter Bunny Hunt - Saturday 30th March**

A friendly reminder that our annual Easter Bunny Hunt will take place on tomorrow afternoon. We are really excited to share that in addition to the egg hunt there will also be a stall from SWCHS Farm with animals to handle and other competitions as well as an excellent raffle! Thank you for your chocolate contributions that you sent in today - they will be put to very good use for the games and stalls on Saturday.



### **Clubs**

The summer term clubs will be posted on the website before the end of term. If any parent, would like to run a lunchtime or after school club, please contact the school office. Thank you to everyone who has volunteered their time this term to help us to offer a broad range of extra-curricular activities.

### **Easter Church Service**

Everyone is warmly invited to join us for our end of term service on Friday 5th April at 9.30am. Each class will be making a contribution to the service as well as items from the choir and orchestra.

### **All Saints' Church**

Everyone is warmly invited to the Mothering Sunday service on Sunday at All Saints' Church, Great Chesterford. It will be a joint service with other churches including Cafe Church joining the congregation at Great Chesterford. The service begins with breakfast at 9.30am at All Saints' Church.

**Mrs Sarah Mitchell**  
**Headteacher**

### **Dates for your diary**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>
30th March	Friends Easter Bunny Hunt
3rd April	Year 2 Trip to Saffron Hall to see the Britten Sinfonia playing Alice Through the Looking Glass
<b>5th April</b>	<b>Easter Service at All Saints' Church</b> <b>Last day of term</b>
<b>5th April</b>	Year 5 Trip to Saffron Hall for Together in Sound project
<b>23rd April</b>	<b>Non pupil day</b>
<b>24th April</b>	<b>Pupils return to school</b>
13th-17th May	Year 6 SATs Week
20th May	Open Afternoon
21st May	KS2 Eucharist Service 10:15am
<b>27th-31st May</b>	<b>Half term</b>
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
<b>24th July</b>	<b>Last day of term</b>
<b>25th July</b>	<b>Non-pupil day</b>