

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY
NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING NOVEMBER 30th 2018

Dear Parents,

Class 2 Fire Engines



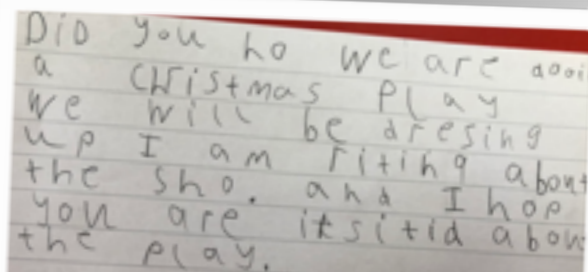
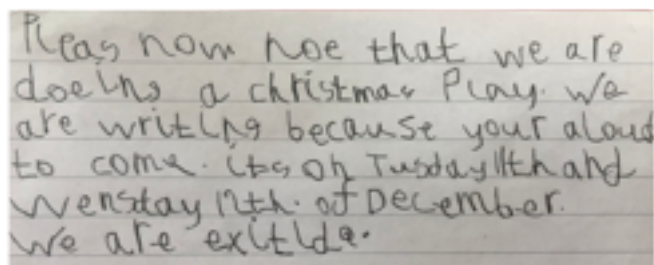
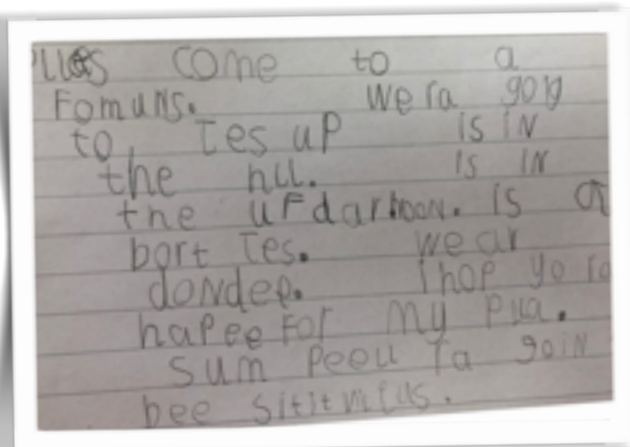
Class 2 have demonstrated excellent design and technology skills this week to carefully create their own fire engines as part of their current topic.

Year 3 Sportshall Athletics

On Wednesday this week, Class Three, together with other local primary schools, took part in an energetic afternoon of athletics events at Joyce Frankland Academy. The children enjoyed a range of field events including speed bounces and javelin throwing as well as track events, culminating in an exciting series of relays. The class showed excellent team work and support for one another as well as an impressive range of skills – well done! Our thanks go to the invaluable support of Mrs Neylon, Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Heath, who accompanied the trip.

Year 1

Class One would like to persuade the school community to come and watch the Reception and Key Stage One play 'Our Very Own Nativity':



Cake stalls

Now that we have concluded the cake sales for this term, we thought you might appreciate an update - we have raised £960 from the seven class sales and TBNT on 10 November - thank you for everyone's support! The Friends Committee.

Bling, Bubbles and Beauty

A huge thank you and congratulations should go to our Friends' Committee for organising this lovely festive event. The team had worked really hard to create a wonderful ambience at the Crown House Hotel yesterday evening. It was lovely to socialise with parents and members of the wider community. The choice of merchandise on the wide range of stalls once again was super. Many ladies enjoyed the option of a mini - beauty treatment and our thanks go to all therapists, stall holders and the Crown House Hotel for supporting this school fundraising event.

Reception admissions 2019

The Primary School (Reception) admission round is now open, for parents of children to apply for a Reception school place for the academic year that starts in September 2019.

The statutory national closing date for applications is 15th January 2019.

From 12th November 2018, applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions. The website www.essex.gov.uk/admissions also has a copy of the Primary Education in Essex 2019-20 booklet and the Schools Admissions Policies Directories contain details of all admission policies.

Clubs:

Please note the end dates for both lunchtime and after school clubs for this term. The timetable for Spring Term Clubs will be sent out next week.

Lunchtime Clubs

Club	Last session of the term
Board Games Club	Wednesday 5th December
Football Club	Monday 10th December
French Club	Tuesday 18th December
Knitting Club	Wednesday 5th December
Lego Club	Tuesday 4th December
Music Club	Tuesday 4th December
Space Club	Monday 17th December
Top Trumps Club	Thursday 13th December - final session

After School Clubs

Club	Last session of the term
Drama Club	Wednesday 5th December - final session
Football Club	Wednesday 12th December
Inspiration Station	Monday 10th December
Orchestra	Tuesday 18th December
Running Club	Monday 10th December
STEM Club	Wednesday 5th December
Tag Rugby Club	Thursday 13th December

St Clare Hospice

We will be selling cute Christmas Flumpet toys to benefit St Clare Hospice for a suggested donation of £1.50.

Christmas Corner

Christmas Postbox

From December 3rd, the Christmas post box will be in operation. If pupils wish to send their Christmas cards to friends in school, they can use the post box up to Monday 17th December. Each envelope needs the child's full name and class number to ensure our Year 6 postal team are able to deliver it to the correct pupil.



Spirit of Christmas:

Years 5 and 6 are performing at the Spirit of Christmas on Saturday 8th December at Saint Mary's Church, Saffron Walden.

All Saints' Carol Service:

Years 5 and 6 Choir have been invited to perform at All Saints' Church on Sunday 16th December.

Christmas Plays:

Tickets are now being sent out - please check book bags!

Christmas Jumpers:

All children are invited to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Tuesday 18th December. Please do not feel any special purchase should be made - any festive colour such as red and green would be welcome.

Christmas Parties:

Christmas parties will be taking place on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th December.

Christmas Service:

Our end of term service will take place on Wednesday 19th December at All Saints Church, Great Chesterford at 9.30am and everyone is most welcome to join us. This service will be led by Years 5 and 6.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8th December	Spirit of Christmas for Years 5 and 6
11th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon performance
12th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon and evening performances
16th December	Years 5 and 6 Choir performance at All Saints' Church Carol Service
18th December	Christmas Lunch Christmas parties
19th December	Christmas Church Service 9.30am Last day of term
4th January	Non-pupil day
7th January	Pupils return to school