

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 4th 2019

**Dear Parents,
Class 3 Trip to North Weald**



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"Yesterday, Class 3 were cave men for the day at Weald Park where we played lots of fun games to help us to learn about life in the Stone Age. We made dens with logs, twigs and sticks and put 'animal skins' (which were actually tarpaulins) on top to keep out the rain. We really enjoyed it because we had to get inside our shelters when Matt came to test them by spraying water! After lunch, we learned how to make fire by striking flint and steel to make a spark to set cotton wool alight. Later on, we drew pictures with charcoal and painted them with mud, using our fingers. We were pleased with them because they looked like real cave art," Heather M. Our thanks go to Mrs Brackstone, Mrs Mirauta and Mrs Vandevælde Hall who gave up their time to support us with our learning.

Football

Boys' Football Tournament

The boys took part in the USSP Football Tournament on Wednesday morning. There were 10 teams in the tournament and it was a difficult competition. The boys came 3rd in their pool of 5 so on this occasion they did not reach the semi-final stages of the tournament. However, the team demonstrated great spirit and super attacking skills with many goals being scored - an area to improve over the forthcoming season will be our defence skills. The boys finished the tournament with a friendly match against Newport Primary School which showcased their great communication skills and positive team work. Thank you to Mr Duers for accompanying the team and to Mr Duers, and Mr Altaparmakov for providing the transport. Super team work boys!

Girls' Football Tournament

The girls took part in the USSP Football Tournament on Wednesday afternoon. There were 8 teams in the tournament and the girls finished in 6th position overall. Team highlights were: positive team work, great communication, increased confidence and super defence! Thank you to Mrs Mannix and Mrs Berthoud for

accompanying the team, providing transport and lots of positive support. It was lovely to see girls new to football joining in and having a go at this competitive event. Well done girls!

Football Season 2019-20

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"Yesterday, we had great fun at our first match of the football season even though we lost 1-5 to Chrishall. Ezra scored our only goal, we think we deserved more goals because we played well and had lots of possession but the Chrishall goal keeper was particularly good! For our first match of the season, we played really well as a team and tried our best. We would like to thank Mr Duers for refereeing, and Mrs Starbuck and Mrs White for helping and organising the match. As always, our kitchen team provided tasty refreshments! Thank you to everyone who supported the team on this cold, Thursday afternoon - we had great parental support and it was lovely to have both current and former pupils cheering us on," Ben, Chance, Harry and Safa.

Midday Assistants

We still have vacancies for the role of Midday Assistant. This role provides an opportunity to earn whilst contributing to the life of the school enabling more activities to take place for the children during the lunch break. Even if you are only interested in working one lunchtime per week, please contact the school office for further information.

Biggest Coffee Morning 2019 for MacMillan Cancer Support

Thank you to everyone who supported our joint venture for this very worthwhile charity. It was a lovely opportunity for parents past and present to socialise, eat cake and fund-raise. Special thanks must go to Mrs Elfreda Tealby Watson and Mrs Debbie Marshall for organising this event. Thank you to all of the school staff for their support and the Year 6 helpers who did their turn running the table games. Particular thanks to Mrs Gascoyne, Mrs Brown, Miss Gregory, Mrs Balchin, Mrs Heath, Mrs Hitchings and Mrs Cole. Thank you to Mr Barker, Mrs Maggie Cole, Sally and Miss Fagan for their help on the day and to all the generous bakers. We are delighted to report that, yet again, we raised over £400 - this year a total of £435.14 Your continuing support as a community for this marvellous charity is truly appreciated by all of us who have been touched by their work. If you missed the morning and still wish to donate, do contact Elfreda (530175) for information or donations can be brought into school.

KS2 Eucharist Service

Each term, Reverend Alex comes into school to lead a Eucharist service for our KS2 pupils. This service is open to our local community and would be most pleased to welcome any parents, from any year groups, who may wish to join us. Our first Eucharist Service of the year will be on Tuesday 8th October at 10:15am.

Changes to school access arrangements

Unfortunately, we have had several incidents of dog dirt being found in our KS2 playground. Please can I remind all parents and extended families that dogs must not be brought onto the school grounds at any point. The fouling may not be related to anyone within our school community so we will be changing our gate opening times in the short term to try and prevent further cases. The gates to the KS2 playground will be opened at 8:30am and closed promptly at 3:45pm. Access via the main office will always be available. Thank you for your support.

Aldi's Kit for Schools Appeal

We are collecting Team GB stickers with Aldi's Kit for Schools. Please help us to collect 300 stickers to complete our poster and we will receive an exclusive sports kit plus a chance to win £20,000! Aldi are handing out Team GB stickers to customers who spend £30 in any Aldi store. Children can pass any stickers to their class teacher or there is a collection box in the school office. Thank you to those families that have already brought stickers in!

Littlebury Harvest Festival, Sunday 6th October.

Do come along and join us at any time - Breakfast from 9.45am, Café Church activities (including making mug cakes!) from 10am, Harvest Service at 10.30am and more coffee and cake at 11am. Sophie Durlacher from Uttlesford Foodbank will be joining us and we will be donating to the foodbank any gifts of long-life food that you would like to bring. Particularly needed are tins of meat, fish, fruit, veg, rice pudding, custard, also long-life milk and juice, squash, jam, coffee and rice.

Secondary School Admissions for entry 2020

As you may be aware, the new secondary school admission round is now open for parents of current Year 6 children to apply for a secondary school (Year 7) place for September 2020. The statutory national closing date for applications is 31st October 2019.

Applications can be made online via www.essex.gov.uk/admissions.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher
Dates for your diary

Date	Event
8th October	KS2 Eucharist Service - 10:15am
13th October	Granta Chorale Concert at All Saints' Church, 7:00pm
15th October	Parents' Consultation 3:45-6:15pm
16th October	Parents' Consultation 5:30-8:00pm
17th October	Year 4 Trip to Audley End
28th October - 1st November	Half term
5th November	Year 2 Trip to Gunpowder Mills
7th November	Open Morning - focus 'Reception Class 2020'
8th November	Year 6 Trip to Bletchley Park
11th-15th November	STEM Theme Week
12th November	Individual school photographs
15th November	Friends' Film Night
25th November	Open morning - focus 'our values'
7th December	Spirit of Christmas for Years 5 and 6
10th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon performance
11th December	Christmas Plays for KS1 and Lower KS2 - afternoon and evening performances
13th December	Friends' KS1 Christmas Disco Friends' KS2 Christmas Disco
17th December	Christmas lunch Christmas parties
19th December	Christmas Church Service at All Saints' Church, 9.30am Last day of term
6th January	Non-pupil day
7th January	Pupils return to school