GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING April 3rd, 2020

Dear Parents,

We have been so impressed with the way the whole school community has responded to the challenges of Home Learning in such a short space of time. Thank you for all your messages of support, which are very much appreciated. The teachers are working extremely hard to provide a variety of accessible and stimulating online activities; reviewing and evaluating resources as they become available. Working together, we will do everything we can make this period of Home Learning a positive experience for all.

Home learning this week









It's great to hear what you have been doing at home, as part of your school home learning or having fun with your families.

Activities have included science experiments, lots of baking, keeping fit – in so many different ways – and enjoying the spring sunshine. Keep up the good work!

Birthdays

As we were 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:

Isla in Class 4 Adam in Reception Stella in Class 1

As well as anyone who has a birthday during the Easter holidays:

Gatsby in Class 1 Olly in Class 5 Delphine in Class 2 Jacob in Class 4 Rosanna in Class 5 Polly in Class 5 Lena in Class 3 Claudia in Class 4 Franzi in Class 4 Benedict in Class 6 Sophia in Class 1



Prayer Space

Thank you to Mrs. Campbell for putting together some Prayer Space activities which will be on the RE page of the school website. In school, all children are offered the opportunity to spend time in the school Prayer Space and this may be something you would like to continue at home.

Keeping in Touch

During term time, we encourage you to 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.

Home Learning will not continue during the Easter holidays; we have all earned a break. It will begin again on Monday 20th April.

Contact details remain the same

You will be able to contact teachers via the class email address (listed below) and your emails will be responded to during normal working hours (9:00am – 5:00pm) in term time.

Reception@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year1@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year2@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year3@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year4@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year5@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

Year6@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk

For all other queries, please follow the normal practice of emailing the office via admin@greatchesterford.essex.sch.uk



The Great, Great Chesterford Bingo Challenge

Over the Easter Holidays, we are challenging you to take part in this fun range of activities for children across the school. Details will be posted on the class pages of our school website, so have a look at what's instore and see whether you can get a full house!

Suggestions for keeping busy

Musical treats

isingpop – lively, interactive singing

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=M9jBUW8OnGU&feature=youtu.be

Keeping active

Thank you to Jackie Coleman, our School Sports Coordinator, for providing some great suggestions in her Sports Menus (see attachments).

Museums - virtual tours and activities

All the big museums have excellent home learning activities on their websites. Here are a few:

Science Museum - https://learning-resources.sciencemuseum.org.uk/
British Museum - https://www.britishmuseum.org/collection/galleries#virtual-galleries#virtua

Staying Safe Online

Inevitably, your children will be spending more time online during this period of school closure and staying safe online must be a priority.

The government has published some guidance for parents about keeping safe online which can be found at:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers/closure-of-educational-settings-information-for-parents-and-carers

There is a lot of support available to keep your child safe online. Below are some useful links to help parents and carers:

- Thinkyouknow (advice from the National Crime Agency to stay safe online)
- <u>Internet matters</u> (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Parent info (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- LGfL (support for parents and carers to keep their children safe online)
- Net-aware (support for parents and careers from the NSPCC)
- <u>escb.co.uk</u> (Essex Safeguarding Children Board)

Community Archive

Saffron Walden Museum, in conjunction with Saffron Walden Tourist Information Centre, is encouraging local people to submit their own experiences of this unprecedented crisis in the form of written articles (including diaries or poetry), photographs, art, music or film; to help future generations to understand the impact of Covid-19 on communities such as ours.

Submissions should be sent to museum@uttlesford.gov.uk with 'CV Walden' as the subject.

Take care of yourselves over the Easter break and, hopefully, we will all be able to enjoy spending some time together with our families in the spring sunshine.

Claire Witney KS2 Lead

