

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

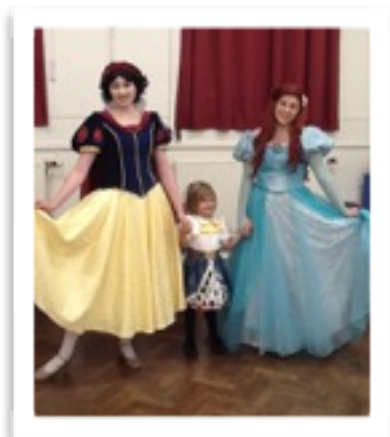
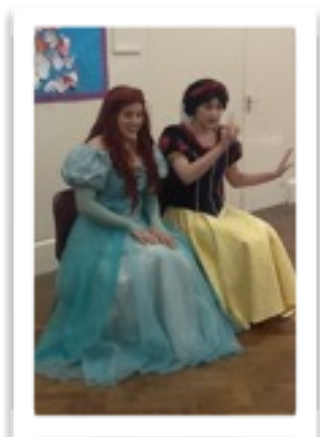
NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING OCTOBER 11th 2019

Dear Parents,

Thank you to Class One for leading our collective worship today. They shared their ideas with the school about what it means to have faith. The children have been thinking in class about people that they trust and have faith in and how they can demonstrate their own faith. They have also talked about the faith that Christians hold in God and what it means in the Bible when it says, 'I am with you and I will watch over you wherever you go.' We were all impressed with their confident speaking and thoughtful ideas, well done Class One!

Magical storytelling afternoon in Reception Class

Reception Class had a wonderful surprise when Snow White and Ariel visited them, on Wednesday, to lead a magical interactive storytelling afternoon. The children sang songs, acted out a scene from a story and enjoyed lots of musical movement during the afternoon. The look of awe on many of the children's faces and the level of participation during the afternoon was lovely to see. Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who joined in so enthusiastically with the children's performance at the end of the afternoon. Our thanks go to Mrs Trigg and Charlotte Fage, of Enchanted Parties, for enabling this event to take place.



Tasty Instructions in Class 2

Class 2 have been learning how to write instructions. To reinforce how important it is to write clear instructions they followed a recipe to see if it was really clear. They made Toffee Apple tarts. They decided the instructions were very clear and the results were very yummy!



Nature Detectives Club

The Nature Detectives were on a leaf hunt around the playground this week. We tried to identify some trees from their leaves. When we noticed lots of 'propellors' on the ground', it confirmed that we'd discovered a sycamore tree. Back in the classroom, we designed and made 'sycamore characters' from our discoveries and found out about the different colours of leaves being caused by cool or wet weather conditions.

Next week, we are going hunting for more natural objects to make art work. Hopefully, we will remember to bring our wellies!



Football Season 2019-20

St. Mary's: 6 GCPA: 2

Match Report by: Orlando, Paul, Isabelle, Alma, Ewan and Theo - Year 6.

For the first half, we dominated every ball. After a few close chances, shots by Orlando, Paul and Ewan put the other team on edge. However, St Mary's soon managed to get runners through and although Fraser had to make some good saves, they were able to score a lucky goal.

In the second half, there were a few team changes. Alma and Samuel were strong in defence. Paul knocked in a brilliant top corner goal assisted by Orlando. The second goal was also scored by Paul and for a while, we were in the lead but this was sadly followed by several from the opposition.

The whole team played really well, for some it was their first match experience. Many thanks to Mr Duers for accompanying the team, for the parents who helped with transport, Mrs Potton, Mrs Henley and Mrs Cullen, and to Mrs White for organising the match. Well done everyone!

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.

After school

Please may I remind parents that once children have been released to their parents at the end of the school day, teachers are no longer on 'duty' in the playground. Children should not play on the mound or play equipment in the absence of staff as we need to ensure their health and safety - thank you for your support.

Open Morning

Our next Open Morning of the academic year will take place on Thursday 7th November. The aim of these sessions is to provide parents with an insight into school life on a typical day. The sessions are optional and parents should not feel obliged to attend or rearrange working commitments. On November 7th, parents may attend at 9.30am or 11.00am. You will be able to visit your child's classroom and those of other year groups; I will also be available during these sessions for informal discussions about general school life. Please inform the school office if you plan to attend so that tours can be organised. The focus for this particular Open Morning will be Reception Class 2020.

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.

Ace Kids Club at Katherine Semar School

Katherine Semar school has a holiday club supervised by school staff which is open every holiday. Many parents at our school already choose this provision and ACE do have places for the school holidays for children in the local area who do not attend Katherine Semar. If you wish to book a place for any of the schools holidays, please call 01799 520356 or email ace@katherinesemar.net. However, please note they will break-up for the Christmas holidays on Friday, 20th December and reopen on Thursday, 2nd January. If you also need childcare for the Summer holidays next year; ACE is open throughout the holiday but will just close for a week from Monday, 3rd August to Friday, 7th August 2020.

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

Dates for your diary

Date	Event
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