

GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING MAY 7th 2020

Dear Parents,

Annual School Reports

Reports have now been sent out and you should be receiving them over the next few days. Please can I thank teachers for their continued hard work and on-going professional commitment during these challenging times. If you wish to comment on your child's report, please complete and return the enclosed sheet or an electronic version can be downloaded from the school website under the 'Parents' tab. As stated on the report, we do hope to be able to hold some sort of Open Afternoon, where we can share your child's work but if this is not possible, books and work will be saved and sent home in the normal way as soon as we are able to do so.

Let's Create a VE Day Art Gallery!

If any children have managed to produce some art or decorations for the 'VE Day Art Gallery' to share in their local communities, we would love to see them. Here is a lovely example of an eye-catching banner created by Freddie and Florence - well done!



VE Day Music Resources

For those looking forward to celebrating VE Day in song, the resources available at this Brighton Primary school's website are brilliantly helpful and informative.

<https://www.downsjuniormusic.com/41-ve-day-2020.html>

Home Learning Provision

Following a review of the current home learning provision, the teaching staff would now like to implement weekly teleconferencing meetings, via Zoom, to support with the social, emotional and well-being of their pupils during this school closure. These weekly Zoom sessions will take place on Tuesday mornings and the children have been placed into groups to prevent clashes with siblings. The meetings will be set up by the class teacher and parents will be emailed an invitation for their child to join the session. Unfortunately, we are unable to offer alternative days as we have had to coordinate staff working patterns alongside the teachers' other commitments of home learning and juggling their own family requirements. We will also require your patience and understanding as some teachers are having connectivity/internet issues so these meetings may not always run smoothly!

Zoom meetings will not follow the curriculum as we are prioritising social interaction during these sessions. We are very much looking forward to 'seeing' lots of our pupils next week and hope that many of you will take up this voluntary activity. Mrs Sargeant has provided full guidance for these sessions in the attached letter.

Birthdays

As we are currently 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:

Molly in Class 1

Mia in Class 5

Vishwa in Reception

Bea in Class 2

Safa in Class 6

Harvey in Class 2



Home learning this week

Another busy week with flag making, researching African elephants, Star Wars model making, baking, creating a museum trail and lots of science...



Keeping in Touch

During term time, please 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.

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

Wishing all of our school community a happy and safe bank holiday weekend; we hope that you enjoy your 'VE Day celebrations'!

Mrs Sarah Mitchell
Headteacher

