

# GREAT CHESTERFORD C. OF E. PRIMARY ACADEMY

## NEWSLETTER WEEK ENDING March 13th, 2020

Dear Parents,

### CORONAVIRUS UPDATE

We are continuing to follow advice from Public Health England in respect of Coronavirus.

If your child has a new cough or a temperature you should keep them at home for seven days

We have not been put on alert to close and at present we have no plans to close the school for any additional time.

We are working closely with the Local Authority and if we are advised differently by Public Health England and the Department for Education to close, we will inform parents and carers immediately.

Staff, parents and young people with questions about COVID-19 in relation to education can contact the helpline below. The opening hours are 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: [DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk](mailto:DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk)

Follow the link below for the latest guidance for education settings from GOV.UK

[https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19)

**Please see the additional letter to parents sent out today with more detailed guidance.**

### Collective worship

Thank you to Class 4 for leading our collective worship this morning with such confidence. Your love of stories was very clear through your ideas and the dramas you presented. You left us with a very important message that we can learn lessons of love and hope through stories which will help us on our journey through life.

Thank you also to our wonderful School Orchestra (and team of helpers) whose performance at the start of our worship was so joyful.

### Outdoor Learning – Reception

Reception Class continued their learning about 3d shapes into the nature space. Look what you can make with a lot of concentration and perseverance - a fantastic pyramid!



### **Parliamentary Box**

School have had a Parliamentary Box delivered which has been available for the children to learn about the Government and how our Parliament works. Year 6 spent time on Wednesday finding out about the Palace of Westminster and the two debating chambers, and looked at a range of replica artefacts. They watched some debates from both the House of Commons and the House of Lords and also caught some of the budget which was taking place that day. They will also be thinking about how a Bill is passed and coming up with some ideas of their own.



### **The Big Bang**

On Wednesday 11th March, eight Year 6 children accompanied Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Heath to Bishop's Stortford College to attend a S.T.E.M. careers event. Once we got there, we split into groups of girls and boys and visited stands where there were interactive activities to have a go on. These included: Hazard spotting (to earn sweets), putting coloured liquids into coordinates to spell words such as pharmacy, programming and renewable energy, and a jigsaw about the stages of pharmacy.

Unfortunately, the trip was cut short due to technical problems at the College but everyone had a really interesting time and found out about some of the different careers available if you study S.T.E.M. subjects. Many thanks to Mrs Mitchell for organising the trip and to Mrs Heath for accompanying us.

Ewan and Tommy Year 6

Mrs. Mitchell commended the children who went for their excellent behavior. She said that they were fantastic ambassadors and engaged fully in a range of tasks.



### **High 5 Netball Tournament**

A team of Year 5 and 6 children had a great High 5 tournament on Wednesday 11th March. Everyone played really well as a team resulting in drawing three matches and winning one. There was great passing and everyone congratulated the goal scorers then got back to playing. The whole team was very focused even when the other team scored. Mathilda and Hannah scored some brilliant goals for our team. It was a great event and we were pleased to come second overall. Thank you to Mrs Sargeant for organising the trip and for Mrs Cullen and Mrs Weir's support with transport.

Isabelle Year 6

### **Football Match**

Yesterday, Year 5 and 6 children attended an away match against Elsenham. It was a close game but we managed to win 3-1 with goals from Ezra and Laurence. Although we were one player down, we played with a good mental attitude and showed passion. Etienne filled in for Charlie and made some crucial saves in the first half. We played well as a team. Thank you to Mrs. White for organising the match and to Mr. Duers, Mrs. Daw and Mrs. MackSmith-Coe for helping with transport.

Paul Year 6

### **English Competition**

Congratulations to the year 6 team which represented the school at an English competition this week at Great Sampford Primary School. They worked extremely well as a team and came second. Thank you to Mrs. Burson for accompanying the team.

### **Together in Sound – Saffron Hall Dementia Project**

Class 5 were thrilled to welcome some musicians from the London Philharmonic Orchestra into the classroom on Wednesday afternoon accompanied by the music therapists who run the Together in

Sound project for Dementia sufferers and their carers. We learnt about the musicians and their instruments, played some fun musical games and trained to become Dementia Friends. We are now really looking forward to our next sharing event at Saffron Hall.



### Open Morning

Our next open morning was scheduled for Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>. A decision has been made to restrict the number of visitors in the school for the next few weeks; the open morning will be rescheduled for a date later in the term. Thank you for your understanding.

### Late Arrivals

Please can you ensure that any children who arrive late to school, for whatever reason, are accompanied to the school office and that the accompanying adult signs them in. Thank you for your help with this important aspect of safeguarding.

### Readathon

A very big thank you to anyone who has already collected and returned their Readathon sponsorship money. If you still have sponsors to collect, then please return your sponsor money in a named envelope to the school office early next week. Thank you again for your support with this – there will be an update on how much we have raised soon.

**Claire Witney**  
**KS2 Lead**

### Dates for your diary

Date	Event
3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Easter Service at All Saints' Church 9:30am Last day of term
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Pupils return to school
11 <sup>th</sup> -15 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week
18 <sup>th</sup> May	Open Afternoon
19 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 Eucharist Service
25 <sup>th</sup> May - 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Half term
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	NPD
16 <sup>th</sup> June	Music Evening 6:30pm
15 <sup>th</sup> -19 <sup>th</sup> June	MADD Theme Week
30 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports Day

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2 <sup>nd</sup> July	Reserve Sports Day
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Transition Afternoon tbc
6 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Afternoon tbc
8 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Years 5 and 6 Summer Play
12 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 Residential
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 memories assembly 1:30pm
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Open Afternoon – current parents only (looking at pupil's work and collecting reports) 2:15-3:15pm for Rec to Year 6
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Leavers' Service at All Saints' Church 9:30am
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Year 6 Entertainment 1:45pm Last day of term
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	Non- Pupil Day