



Great Chart Primary School

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MESSAGE FROM MRS PANG, HEADTEACHER

Christmas is nearly here and it's probably the busiest time for so many of us and also the most enjoyable. The younger members of our community have been working hard performing their Christmas show and it was great to see parents supporting them. Please could I thank everyone who has helped to put on these wonderful performances. Putting on a Nativity type performance is incredibly time consuming which many of our children find hard to cope with so we have tried to keep it much more manageable for everyone.

The fireworks display at the beginning of November was amazing and as always, I'm incredibly grateful to the dedication and commitment from the Friends' Association.

Thank you to the Friends' Association for all their hard work over the last few months including the events running up to Christmas. Their help is extremely appreciated and allows the school to buy 'extras' for the children. We will be hosting a theatre group closer to the end of term and they will be performing "Jack and the Beanstalk." Thank you to the Friends' Association for providing this opportunity for the children.

During November we took time to commemorate Remembrance Day with special Assemblies. Year 6 worked with Vicky Wraight from Kent Libraries and also laid poppies at the Great Chart Memorial. Classes throughout the school made a vast array of poppy related artwork and we had some beautiful poems created and performed.

Our priorities this year can be found on the school website- <https://www.great-chart.kent.sch.uk/about/strategic-plan/>

In terms of our curriculum we will be focusing on writing including handwriting, financial literacy in maths and assessment for learning within the wider curriculum. We are also continuing the Empowerment Approach to ensure children are at their brain best for learning and play.

We said goodbye to a member of the teaching staff during term 2. Mrs Eysers who supports some of our children with their speech and language will be taking on a new role working with older children. We wish her all the best in her new role. We also said goodbye to Mr Longhurst, one of our Site Managers, who will be taking on a role in a vineyard. It has always been his dream to be able to work outside. Although he has only been with us for a short amount of time, we wish him well for the future too.

Finally, please could I take this opportunity to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

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Remembrance Day



The Year 6 children walked up to the memorial at Great Chart to lay a wreath and pay their respects to the men who died for their country in WW1 and WW2 from the village.

They then had a fascinating talk from Ashford Library looking at archived letters to and from the trenches in WW1, between the soldiers and sailors of the village and The Friends of Great Chart. This really brought their stories to life and helped the children feel connected to these important historical events.



Lest we forget

Year 5 Victorian Day



Year 5 spent the entire morning at a Ragged School, learning our "3 R's", poetry and singing. We even managed some potato diagrams, technical drawing and some recipe writing. Unfortunately, some of the children broke our many rules and so were taken outside to be caned. One even dared to complain her hands were too sore to write, so was taken outside to be punished even more!

During the afternoon, we relaxed somewhat to play some parlour games. These included, The Minister's Cat, Blind man's Bluff, Squeak Piggy Squeak and 20 Questions.

At the end of the day, Mrs Barker asked the children if they enjoyed the day, to which they replied that they had but would absolutely not wish to have been a child in the Victorian times.



Year 6 Visit to Kent Life

The year 6 children enjoyed a visit to Kent Life in term 2 to learn all about life during WW2. They showed a lot of interest and participated in some great activities.





Diary Dates

Please also refer to the e-bulletin

Friday 19th Dec —Last Day of Term

Monday 5th Jan —First Day of Term

Tuesday 13th Jan 7pm —Friends' Association AGM

Tuesday 10th Feb 7pm—Friends' Association Meeting

Friday 13th Feb —Last Day of Term

Monday 23rd Feb—First Day of Term—Great Chart & Goldwell

Wednesday 4th Mar—KS2 Consultations (except Yr 5)

Thursday 5th Mar—EYFS & KSI Consultations

Friday 6th March 2pm—KS2 SATS Talk to Yr 6 & parents followed by Open Session

Tuesday 10th Mar 7pm — Friends' Association Meeting

Wednesday 11th Mar—EYFS & KSI Consultations

Thursday 12th Mar—KS2 Consultations (except Yr 5)

Friday 13th Mar—Friends' Association Someone Special Sale

Wednesday 25th Mar 9:30-11:30—KAE Phonics Session for EYFS & Yr 1 parents

Thursday 26th Mar 3:15-5:15pm—KAE Easter Crafts for Yrs 2-4

Thursday 2nd Apr—Last Day of Term

Monday 20th Apr—First Day of Term—Great Chart & Goldwell

Monday 20th Apr—Friends' Association Sunflower Surprise Event

Tuesday 28th Apr 7pm —Friends' Association Meeting

Thursday 14th May 3:15-5:15pm—KAE Green Warriors for Yrs 2-4

Friday 15th May—Friends' Association Discos

Friday 22nd May—Last Day of Term—Great Chart & Goldwell

Monday 1st June—First Day of Term—Great Chart & Goldwell

School Run Clubs Term 3

Beginners Recorder Club—Tues 13th Jan

Chess Club— Tues 13th Jan

Story Art Club—Tues 13th Jan

Computing Club—Tues 13th Jan

Girls Football Club—Wed 14th Jan

Wheely Good Fun Yr 2—Thurs 15th Jan

Dance Fit—Thurs 15th Jan

Boys Football—Fri 16th Jan

Wheely Good Fun Yr 1—Thurs 22nd Jan

Outside Agency Clubs Term 3

TSS Football (KSI) — Mon 5th Jan

Irish Dancing— Tues 6th Dec

Natalie's Stars—7th Jan

TSS Football (KS2) — Wed 7th Jan

Kestrel Gymnastics (Thurs) - 8th Jan

Kestrel Gymnastics (Fri) - 9th Jan

ESCYT Drama—Thurs 15th Jan