



Great Chart Primary School Newsletter for Parents and Pupils



January 2020



MESSAGE FROM MRS PANG, HEADTEACHER

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and are now looking forward to the year ahead.

We had such a wonderful lead up to Christmas at school: Christmas Fayre, Christmas shows, choir performing for the older residents of our community, a trip to the church for KS2, a scrumptious Christmas lunch, Christmas parties and a fun pantomime organised by the Friends' Association. Thank you to them for all their support. It was such a lovely time and enjoyed by everyone. We even had a visit once again from some very naughty Elves! They caused havoc every night in the school!

The term ahead is another busy one with hopefully little disruption caused by severe weather. Please read the severe weather guidance in this newsletter and display somewhere prominent.

With the New Year starting it would be great if children could arrive to school on time. The majority of our children are wonderful at this but we still have quite a few who find it difficult arriving to school on time. It is really important that they arrive for the register and the start of the school day- learning starts immediately. We blow the whistle in the morning at 8:35am so that children are in school and ready to learn by 8:40am. I appreciate how difficult it can be sometimes but please make a real effort this term. Mrs Davies awards 'goals' to classes who are punctual and children will be able to be entered into our 'Wheel of Fortune' competition for 100% attendance and punctuality for Term 3.

We have lots to look forward to this term so please make sure you read your child's termly letter when it is sent home. We also have sharing Assemblies throughout the term. Please check the website and App for dates.

Christmas Jumper Day

As a school we raised £337.11! The money raised will help Save the Children give the world's forgotten children a brighter future. It could help bring essentials like healthcare, education, protection and food to the millions of children around the world who are missing out on the most basic support. Thank you to everyone that donated.

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Values- Term 3

During term 3, our new value will be 'Responsibility'.

Responsibility is a key value and as parents and teachers, we play an important role in helping our children become responsible — interpersonally, personally, at home, and in the local and global community. Children need to develop a sense of responsibility to be prepared for adult living. Teaching responsibility can begin when they are young and is one of the best values for children to possess. Cooperating with and helping others can be an important way for children to learn responsibility. We can help children develop and improve their cooperative attitudes by giving them tasks that are challenging, satisfying and appropriate for their level of development. Children benefit when they feel that they are doing a real job and making a contribution, at home, at school, in the local community and further afield.



Increasingly as children grow up they also need to understand that they are responsible for the choices they make and the actions they take. Very young children know the difference between something which is right and something which is wrong. We need to encourage and support children to make the right choices, developing a sense of responsibility. "Being responsible means that we do the right thing even when no one is looking. We do the right thing because it is right and not because we will get credit or praise for doing it." West Virginia University

Please support the school by discussing this value with your child so that they can share their perspective. It is wonderful to see children really listening to and learning from each other's thoughts and experiences. Through Assemblies, circle time and PHSE lessons we will be exploring and developing this value with the children. May I also encourage you to send in any anecdotes about 'Responsibility' being shown at home or in the community so your child can share with their class. We can really see 'Responsibility' being demonstrated throughout the school.

Carols in Church

On Monday 16th December Key Stage 2 children went to St Mary's Church in Great Chart for the Carol Service. It was a lovely service and enjoyed by all. We would like to thank Reverend Cathie Aldis and for such a wonderful Christmas Service. We would also like to thank Mrs Iles who played the piano for us.



EYFS Christmas Nativity

The Foundation show put on an amazing show called "Shine Star Shine" They sang, danced, performed beautifully the Christmas Story.



September 2020 Admissions

Open session for parents of prospective new children for September 2020:

Wednesday 8th January 2020 3.30pm-5.30pm

Please contact the school to book your guided tour. We are holding this information session for all parents of pre-school children who may want a place at this school in September 2020. This will be a chance for you and your child to receive a guided tour of the school and to find out about everything which happens at Great Chart Primary School. You will also have a chance to speak to admissions team, EYFS teachers, senior members of staff and governors.

*****Please note: last tour is at 5pm.*****

To apply for a firm place at a Primary School for your child for September 2020 you will need to complete a special form called a Common Application Form (RCAF form for short). The application process started on Monday 5th November 2019. We strongly recommend that you apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola.

Visit our website for more information.

Severe Weather Planning



In the case of severe weather the school will always try to remain open, but on rare occasions may need to close or open slightly later. If this is the case information will be given as follows:

- School website- www.great-chart.kent.sch.uk under 'news' on the home page
- Email
- School App
- www.kentclosures.co.uk (you can also register for text alerts or email on using this website)
- When a member of staff arrives at school they will answer the phone

Or via local radio stations:

Radio Station	Frequency	Website
KMFM	Ashford 107.6fm	www.kentschoolclosures.co.uk
BBC Radio Kent	96.7/104.2fm	www.bbc.co.uk/kent
Heart FM	103.1/102.8fm	www.heart.co.uk/kent

For full details please refer to the letter sent out regarding Severe Weather.

Year 1 and 2 Christmas Play

This term the Year 1 and 2 pupils presented A King is Born telling the traditional nativity story through a mix of narration, song and dance.

The children did a fantastic job and had some excellent reviews from the audiences that filled the hall each day.



Choir at Windsor Court

On Tuesday 17th December the children from Choir Club went to sing for the residents of Windsor court. The children sang beautifully.



Christmas Dinner

We had a wonderful time celebrating Christmas in school, with a delicious lunch cooked by the brilliant kitchen staff. All the children were served by the whole staff and governors. Everyone got to pull a cracker and enjoy Christmas music whilst eating. We would like to thank all staff who helped and especially the kitchen staff who cooked for 425 on that day.



Headteacher's Tea Party



Congratulations to the following children for working hard and following the school rules for term 2 :

EYFS : Navya and Theo
Year 1 :Damian and Trixie
Year 2: Imogen and Sophia
Year 3: Gabriella and Matthew B
Year 4: Chloe and Amelia M
Year 5: Emily F and Emily B
Year 6: Makenzie, Humza and Tylar
Goldwell: Evie



Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme

As part of our eco school initiative, we have been supporting the crisp packet recycling scheme. We have received a n email confirming that the packs that we and Singleton Environment Centre collected weighed 36.1kg which means **£72.20** goes to the Air Ambulance. Which is fantastic news. We will continue to collect crisp packets here at school and hopefully raise lots more money for the Air Ambulance.



Year 5 Educational Visit to Kent Life

On the 4th of December Year 5 went to Kent Life for their school trip for the day. When the children got there they were lucky enough to participate in various activities such as getting a tour in a traditional Victorian house, making candles, singing Christmas songs, meeting Charles Dickens, being in a workhouse, playing with Victorian toys, making Christmas cards, getting a ride on the train and having a look at some owls and wood animals. All the children really enjoyed the trip to Kent Life and would definitely like to go again.

By Julia 5G



Great Chart Elections

Staff and children had a very exciting day yesterday at our very own Great Chart Primary School General Election 2019. Our 4 main parties have worked really hard discussing their priorities with staff and children.

This morning the results were announced, after being counted and verified overnight!

Congratulations to 'Great Chart United' for a majority win. Well done to William, Joseph and Jayden. They have all received a small prize for their win.

Could I also say well done to the other candidates: Dawn, Jacob, Alicia, Oliver, Nirthana, Joshua and Lloyd. We have been so impressed with their debating and presentation skills over the past few weeks.

Thank you also to Mrs Bilham for giving them this opportunity.



Diary Dates

Monday 6th January—First Day of Term

Wednesday 8th January Flu Immunisations EYFS-Y6

Wednesday 8th January 3.30-5.30— New Parent Open Session

Tuesday 14th January 7.15pm—Friends' Association Meeting

Friday 17th January 9am—Parent and TA Child Anxiety Training

Friday 17th January 2.15pm—5 Griffin Sharing Assembly

Friday 31st January 2.15pm—5 Toke Sharing Assembly

Monday 3rd February -3.15pm Year 4-6 Learn to Fix Your Bike

Monday 3rd February 5pm—Parents Learn to Fix Your Bike

Friday 7th February 2.15pm—Year 4 Sharing Assembly

Tuesday 11th February 7.15pm—Friends' Association Meeting

Friday 14th February - Last Day of Term

Monday 24th February—First Day of Term

Friday 28th February 3pm-3.30pm Year 1 and 2 Open Classroom Session

Monday 2nd March 2pm -Year 2 SATs Talk

Monday 2nd March 6pm -Year 6 SATs Talk

Friday 6th March 2.15pm—Year 3 Sharing Assembly

Monday 9th March 3.15pm-6pm—Years 3,4 and 6 Parent Teacher Consultations

Wednesday 11th March 3.15pm-6pm—year 1 and 2 Parent teacher Consultations

Friday 13th March 3pm-3.30pm Year 5 and 6 Open Classroom Session

Monday 16th March 3.15pm—6pm Year 1 and 2 Parent Teacher Consultations

Tuesday 17th March 3.15pm-6pm—EFYS Parent Teacher Consultations

Thursday 19th March 3.15pm-6pm—Years 3, 4 and 6 Parent Teacher Consultations

Friday 20th March 3pm-3.30pm EYFS Open Classroom Session

Friday 27th March 3pm-3.30pm Year 3 and 4 Open Classroom Session

Wednesday 1st April—Last Day of Term

Thursday 2nd April—Wednesday 15th April—Easter Holidays

Thursday 16th April—First Day of Term

Up Coming Exciting Dates

15th January

iRock Assembly

W/C 20th January

Science Week

20th & 21st January

EYFS Pedal Free

22nd January

Year 1 Pedal Free

23rd January

Year 2 Pedal Free

24th January

Year 1 Chinese Workshop

27th-31st January

Year 6 Level 2 Bikeability

3rd-4th February

Year 4 Level 1 Bikeability

13th February

Year 2 African Workshop

14th February

Headteachers Tea Party

25th-28th February

Andrew Clover—Author Visit

28th February

A Little Princess Theatre Production

3rd March

Year 3 Roman Workshop

Poppy Appeal



We have received an email from Ann Johnson the Poppy Appeal Organiser for Ashford and she would like to thank all staff pupils and parents as we managed to raise **£212.76**

Thank you