



Great Chart Primary School End of Year Newsletter for Parents and Pupils 2024



MESSAGE FROM MRS PANG, HEADTEACHER

Well, the Summer holidays are almost here and I'm sure you all have some exciting activities planned.

We have had another busy year at Great Chart Primary School and the last newsletter of the school year is always quite sad as we say goodbye to all our wonderful Year 6 pupils. Many of them have been with us since they started school in Foundation Stage and so we have built up strong relationships with them and know them so very well. The Kingswood Residential really showed how much they had developed and matured over the years, showing amazing resilience, independence, communication and cooperation skills. I was very proud of them. Thank you to Mrs Thomas and all the staff involved in another successful residential.

Although it's sad to say goodbye to them I always feel a sense of pride watching them at the Leavers' Service, knowing the school has played such a major role in their development. Great Chart Primary School has certainly been a place where they have been able to discover and learn. It's an exciting time for them and we all wish them well for the future.

For the first time in many years, we will not be saying goodbye to any members of staff. Everyone will be returning to school in September!

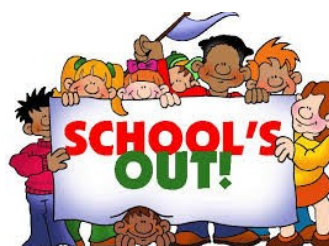
I would like to say a special 'thank you' to the Friends' Association. They have supported the school all year with some great events and many new ideas to raise money. I know they are intending to be busy again next year so I know your support would be appreciated.

I would also like to say 'thank you' to all the parents and friends of the school for your support this year. Thank you also to all the governors and staff (teachers, teaching assistants, site managers, office, volunteers, midday supervisors, kitchen staff and cleaners) for all their hard work over the school year. Thank you to everyone.

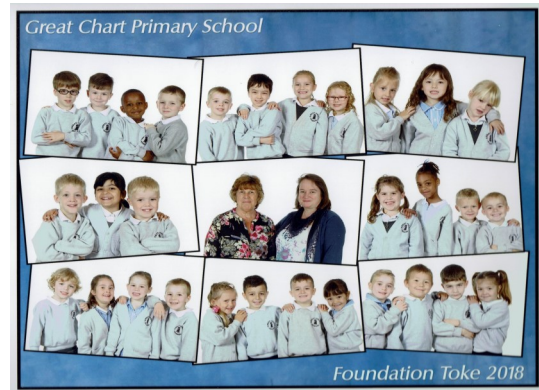
I hope you all have a wonderful Summer holiday and look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 3rd September** for the start of another school year.

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And so Goodbye...



Freya	Christopher	Raul	Sara	Grace	Sophie
Cara	Harrison	Amaya	Lexi	Fred	Jaxon
Isaac	James	Amelia	Julian	Teddie	Elsie
Oliver	Riley	Amber	Tyler	Archie	Aslan
Millie	Lillie-Grace	Isabella-Paige	Tiana	Holly	Lilly
Daniel	Edward	Sanskriti	Bethel	Alex	Ronan
Lily-Mae	Nicholas	Athena	Ava	Ben	Tilly
Anthony	Tyan	Ethan	Levi	Nero	Nevaeh
Mark	Layla	Imogen	Seth	Amelia	Finlay
Ruby-Jane	Holly	Tilly	Holly	Serena	
Fraser					

Family Liaison Officer



If you need support during the long summer break, please drop Nicky an email and she will respond when she can.

flo@great-chart.kent.sch.uk

Music Tutors



Drum lessons starting in September

There are now spaces for one to one drum tuition starting in September. Lessons take place during the school day. If you are interested in starting up lessons for your child please do contact Becca for further information at

beccagreendrums@gmail.com



Guitar lessons starting in September

Places are available for individual and group guitar tuition for 2024-2025 for students in year 3,4,5 and 6. For further details please email

simonleemusic@yahoo.com

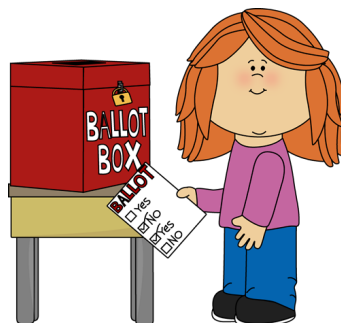
Prize Giving

Congratulations to the following children for all of their hard work and achievements. Keep up the great work!



Mock Election

As you know, on the 4th July, we held a Mock Election. All of our School Councillors put forward their fabulous ideas and started campaigning. Each party presented their policies to every class beautifully. Everyone in the school was very impressed with their dedication to this event. Every child voted and visited our polling station on polling day to experience the voting process. I would like to thank the candidates, children and adults for making this a huge success, certainly one to remember. Well done to everyone!





Leavers' Show



On Wednesday 10th July, Year 6 gave two fantastic performances of their show 'Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies' to the parents. Everyone agreed that the children put on an amazing and hilarious performance and should be so proud of their effort. It is great to see how clearly they spoke and sang throughout and their brilliant teamwork. A huge thank you to all the children and staff in Year 6 for their hard work.



School Council

Report to the Governors July 2024

This year the school council has managed to achieve multiple things: firstly, we campaigned for a buddy bench on the KS2 playground. We now have one where children can sit if they are feeling lonely and other children can then buddy up and play or sit with them.

All the school councillors now have lanyards to identify us. This helps pupils around the school know who we are and can speak to us about their ideas for the school.

Additionally, we have spoken to the Friends' Association to fund future events and we ran a very successful stall at the fete called 'The Human Fruit Machine' where we made £85.

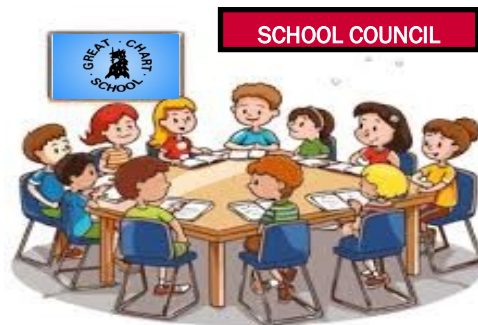
Moreover, Highworth Grammar School Council came to one of our meetings to discuss how they run their school council. It was interesting to hear what worked well for them and it was reassuring that many of their ideas we already had in place.

We campaigned for a girls football team and we are pleased to announce that we have one up and running. We train once a week and have played some matches with great success.

Running alongside the general election is the Great Chart elections. The school councillors have split into different political parties and have been meeting pupils to go through and promote our manifestos. Whichever Great Chart party wins will get their ideas worked on to help improve the school starting from September 2024.

The school council has managed to achieve all these wonderful things and we are working hard to make our school ***A great place to discover and learn.***

Written by Amaya and Sara.



Picnic in the Park

Although we had to cancel our picnic due to the weather, we were lucky enough to continue to be able to perform to our family and friends. Our visitors were thoroughly entertained for the afternoon, finishing with staff, children and parents singing 'Sweet Caroline.'



Eco Warriors

Report to the Governors - July 2024

As the Eco-Warriors of Great Chart School, we have been fighting to reduce our carbon footprint and help solve climate change!

Part of this has been to enter a competition called Statswars - it is based around finding out the statistics around what we are doing to our environment and using this information to understand the changes we need to make. If we are lucky enough to win the competition, we can get £500 worth of eco supplies, so fingers crossed!

We started by finding our carbon footprint by researching different sites - we decided to use the World Wildlife Fund (WWF) Footprint Calculator. We took the tests individually and we realised not all of our scores were the same. The highest was 16.7 tonnes and our lowest was 7.8 and there was a big range in between. All of us had a different footprint, as some of us can walk to school and some of us have to drive as we live far away. Some of us have very big families and some of us only have a small family. Consequently, we found the mean of all our footprints, which came out at 10.9 tonnes per year. We were shocked to find we were considerably over the UK average and decided it was vital that we reduce this.

The WWF break down the carbon footprint into 4 different categories: food, stuff, home and travel. We found out that overall our consumption percentages were:

Food - 21% Travel - 23% Stuff - 28% Home - 28%

We looked at the food, home, travel and other stuff and then worked out the best way forward. We decided on our pledges by considering what we, as children, would actually be able to do. These are our 3 pledges:

1. Buying second-hand and giving to charity - when we don't like or need items, instead of throwing them away, give to charity and buy more from charity shops.
2. Commit to walking somewhere instead of driving - try to walk to school; however, many people live away from school so, instead, we can walk to our local shops, or somewhere else, rather than driving.
3. Switch off devices and lights when we leave a room - this saves electricity and we do not actually need lights or devices on when we are not using them.

As Eco-warriors we cannot do this by ourselves so we realised we would have to raise awareness in our school. We made posters to tell everyone what we are doing and we have hosted an assembly about our challenge. We're also hoping that, by talking to our governors, you might be able to support us to make bigger changes to our school that will make us greener.

Additionally, we will be writing a letter to our local MP asking them to support us in making our community a greener place.

Finally, we went litter picking around our local area and, in 30 minutes, filled up 2 bags of rubbish. We were flabbergasted by how much there was and how it made the environment around our school so much less pleasant. It looked so much better once we'd finished and so we have asked everyone to take care not to litter and make sure all their rubbish always goes in the bin!

Written by Ava and Holly

Diary Dates

Monday 2nd Sept—Staff Development Day—School closed to children

Tuesday 3rd Sept —Term 1 Starts

Tuesday 3rd Sept—Friday 6th Sept—EYFS Teacher/Parent & Child Consultations

Thursday 12th Sept—11 Plus Test

Friday 20th Sept 3.15pm—EYFS Teddy Bears Picnic

Wednesday 25th September—Individual School Photos

Wednesday 25th Sept 6pm—Year 6 Secondary School Talk

Friday 27th September—Harvest Service

Thursday 10th October—Adult Education Rocket Making Session for Y2-4

Friday 11th October—Hello Yellow Day—Non School Uniform Day

Friday 18th October—Friends' Association Movie Night for Yrs 1-6

Friday 25th October—Last Day of Term

Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November—Half Term

Sunday 3rd November—Friends' Association Fireworks Night

Monday 4th November —Term 2 Starts

Wednesday 6th November—KS2 Consultations

Thursday 7th November—EYFS/KS1 Consultations

Wednesday 13th November—EYFS/KS1 Consultations

Thursday 14th November— KS2 Consultations

Tuesday 19th November—Flu Vaccinations—All Years

Friday 22nd November—Staff Development Day—School closed to children

Wednesday 18th December—Christmas Dinner

Friday 20th December— Last Day of Term

School timings

Y2, Y3 and Y6
8:30am—3:00pm

Y1, Y4 & Y5
8:40am—3:10pm

EYFS
8:45am—2:55pm

Friends' Association Meeting Dates:

Tues 24th Sept, 7pm

Tues 22nd Oct, 7pm

Tues 19th Nov, 7pm

Tues 10th Dec, 7pm

