



Great Chart Primary School

Newsletter for Parents and Pupils

Term 4 2024



MESSAGE FROM MRS PANG, HEADTEACHER

Welcome to our Term 4 newsletter. It's lovely to know that Spring is just around the corner and that we can start to look forward to the longer days and lighter evenings.

During Term 3, as part of our school values, we looked at Responsibility and how we all need to try to make the right choices and take responsibility for that choice. We also looked at the different types of responsibility from caring for our families to caring for our world. We also focused on ensuring that we take responsibility to wear the correct uniform to school thinking also about hairstyles and the correct footwear. During Term 4 we have reinforced with our pupils the concept of RESILIENCE: not giving up when things get difficult. We have encouraged the children constantly to try their best, to not give up when they find things difficult and to welcome challenges. We have taught them strategies to help them when they get stuck and to persevere when things get tough!

During Term 5, our value will be Kindness and then finally for Term 6, we will focus on Independence which is such an important value, as we start to move towards transition to new year groups and for Y6 pupils, moving on to their secondary schools.



At the end of January the children celebrated The Lunar New Year. We had dedicated Assemblies and some year groups continued this learning back in the classroom with food tasting, dragon and lion dancing and lantern making. We have also been finding out about Ramadan and Eid, with special Assemblies and a visitor who spoke to KS2 about both festivals. For all

our families celebrating Eid during the holiday please could I wish you a Happy Eid with family and friends.

We also celebrated World Book Day and joined in the fun and games of Comic Relief Day. Thank you for your kind donations.

It's been great to see many parents during our consultation sessions, open sessions and parent workshops during Terms 3 & 4. I hope you have found all of the information useful and feel more confident to support your child with writing and maths.

Please remember, if you have any concerns or worries please make an appointment to see a member of staff. We can also communicate with parents via emails or phone calls. Please speak to Mrs Davies or Mrs Butcher to arrange any appointments.

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At the end of April, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Kelly Davies, our wonderful Office Manager. Mrs Davies has been at Great Chart Primary School since 2012 and has been such an amazing member of the team. I know she will be missed by the children, staff, governors and parents but we wish her all the best in her new job.

Thank you to the Friends Association for running some fun events once again. The Book Character Hunt was enjoyed by families over a weekend at the beginning of March and then the popular Buy Something for Someone Special sale was a huge success. It was also great to see parents attend their coffee afternoon. Please visit the school website to find out about future events and how you can support the Association.

Finally, thank you for your continued support and have a lovely Easter break with family and friends.



Skate & Climb HAF Camp at Folkestone51

EASTER HALF-TERM

Tuesday 2nd - Friday 5th April, 9am - 2pm

Free for families on free school meals! Book through vouchers given by your school.

At any of our HAF camps, you can expect:

- An introduction to climbing and safety rules
- A fun and engaging warm-up
- Scootering, skating & climbing
- Games and challenges to practice your new skills
- Free nutritious meals everyday



Camps are for children in year 1 through to 16 years old.

For more information please visit the following [link](#)





The theme for World Book Day 2024 was 'Read Your Way', celebrating that children are more likely to enjoy reading when their choices are championed and we make reading fun. At Great Chart, we have been championing reading all week.

Every class has had an action packed drama session with a teacher from Perform UK, focussing on a book that the class had already read or is currently reading. The sessions brought the books to life through drama, dancing and singing, with lots of fun and laughter mixed in. The buzz created in this session, spilled over into their follow up work and writing, back in the classroom.

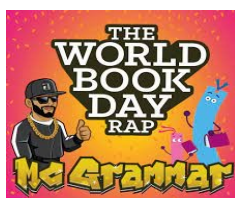


Classes paired up so that the older children could read and share books with the younger children in the school. These were such lovely sessions as the children were completely engaged in the enjoyment of reading.



As part of Book Week, 4G were lucky enough to have a visit from the mobile library. The children LOVED this experience and were keen to get started on reading their books as soon as they went back to the classroom. As soon as the children have a library card, they can borrow up to 30 books for up to 3 weeks. This is a wonderful FREE opportunity for the children and will inspire a love of reading. The mobile library visits each Friday at Askes Court (across from the shops) and stays until 3:30pm and is available to all.

We also had some fantastic competition entries for the Book Face Challenge and Enjoyed listening to MC Grammar's World Book Day rap!



It is great to see a positive reading culture developing, which we will continue to encourage in school and at home.

English Leaders

Miss Cadman and Mr Birch

Adult Education

Exploring Behaviour Strategies & Autism Awareness

These courses will either be run at Great Chart Primary School or The John Wesley School depending on numbers.

* **Exploring Behaviour Strategies - Thursday 23rd May 9:30—11:30am**

If you are interested please complete this [form](#)

* **Autism Awareness - 1st May, 8th May & 22nd May 9:30 - 11:30am (parents must commit to all 3 dates)**

If you are interested please complete this [form](#)

Easter Holiday Ideas



With Spring in the air the Easter Holidays are a perfect time to explore the local area and get out and about. We have found there are many great places to visit locally that are free or with minimal charges that many pupils have not been to. Here are some ideas if you need some inspiration:

- ⇒ **Practice your cycling skills.** Victoria Park has great pathways to practice and have a whole new cycle track and café this year. <https://victoriaparkashford.co.uk/>
- ⇒ **Take a nature walk** - Singleton Lake and Bucksford Meadow are lovely places to spot plants and wildlife and enjoy the outdoors.
- ⇒ **Singleton Environment Centre** is free to visit with woodland areas to explore. They also run events. <https://www.singletonenvironmentcentre.org.uk/>
- ⇒ **Go on a playground safari.** There has been lots of investment in children's play areas recently and the Playground Buddy App is great for finding new play areas. <https://www.playgroundbuddy.com/>
- ⇒ **Go for a picnic** - This site has some brilliant ideas for free days out. <https://justaddapicnic.com/>





Diary Dates

Thursday 28th March —Last Day of Term

Monday 15th April—First Day of Term

Friday 19th April—EYFS Open Session

Monday 22nd April—Friday 26th April— Year 5 Bikeability

Tuesday 23rd April 7pm —Friends' Association meeting

Friday 26th April—Parenting Session with Mrs Ostridge

Tuesday 30th April 11am—EYFS Maths in Action Workshop

Wednesday 1st May 9:30am –Autism Awareness Course

Thursday 2nd May 11am—EYFS Maths in Action Workshop

Friday 3rd May— Friends' Association Doughnut Sale after School

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday. School Closed.

Wednesday 8th May 9:30am—Autism Awareness Course

Monday 13th to Friday 17th May—SATs tests for year 6 pupils

Friday 17th May—School Disco

Wednesday 22nd May 9:30am—Autism Awareness Course

Thursday 23rd May 9:30am Adult Education Course—Exploring Behaviour

Friday 24th May—Friends' Association Doughnut Sale after School

Friday 24th May—Last Day of Term

Monday 3rd June—First Day of Term

Friday 7th June—Friends' Association Someone Special Sale (no donations required)

Friday 7th June—Friends' Association Frozen Fridays returns

Wednesday 12th June 6pm—New parents meeting for September 2025 intake

Thursday 13th June—Consultations for Year 5

Tuesday 18th June 7pm—Friends' Association meeting

Wednesday 19th June—Consultations for Year 5

Wednesday 19th June 7pm—Friends' Association Meeting

Tuesday 25th June—Sports Day. KS2 am & KS1 pm.

Friday 28th June—Parenting Session with Mrs Ostridge

Tuesday 9th July—Friends' Association Meeting 7pm

Friday 12th July—Picnic in the Park

Saturday 13th July—Year 6 Leavers Party 7:30—9pm

Friday 19th July—Year 6 Leavers' Service

Friday 19th July—Last Day of Term

Monday 22nd July-Tuesday 23rd July —Staff Development Days. School Closed.

Wednesday 24th July—Summer holidays

Tuesday 3rd September—First Day of Term

Upcoming Exciting Dates

Thursday 18th April

Year 4 Educational Visit to Folkestone

Thursday 2nd May

Year 3 Educational Visit to Livingland

Wednesday 8th May

EYFS Educational Visit to Wingham Wildlife Park

Thursday 9th May

Year 3 Roman Day

Monday 20th May

5 Griffin Aqualab
Year 2 Chatham Dockyards

Tuesday 21st May

5 Toke Aqualab

Friday 24th May

Headteacher's Tea Party

Friday 7th June

Year 6 Residential

Wednesday 12th June

Year 1 Samphire Hoe

Saturday 22nd June 1:30-3:30pm

Summer Fayre

Wednesday 10th July, 6pm

Year 6 Show

Friday 12th July

Picnic in the Park

Saturday 13th July 7.00-9.30pm

Year 6 Leavers' Party

Forest School

Thurs 25th April—Year 2

Thursday 2nd May—Year 1

Thursday 9th May—EYFS

Thursday 16th May—Year 5

Thursday 23rd May—Year 6

Thursday 6th June—Year 4

Thursday 13th June—Year 3

Thursday 27th June—Year 1

Thursday 4th July—EYFS