



Great Chart Primary School

Newsletter for Parents and Pupils



November 2021

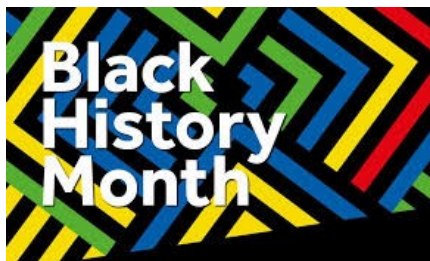


MESSAGE FROM MRS PANG, HEADTEACHER

Following on from the October newsletter you are all aware that we are focusing this year on values. Strong values are extremely important to everyone at Great Chart Primary School: pupils, staff, governors etc. This term our Value will be:

Aspiration

Aspiration is linked to self-belief and is a concept which is becoming increasingly recognised as a key factor in learning and future success in life – To have this children must have a positive growth mindset. We will also be investigating other areas related to aspiration- Success, Effort, Determination, Commitment, Drive, Enthusiasm, Optimism and Hope.



During October we recognised Black History Month and focused our Assemblies and Circle Time sessions on a range of areas from Equality and Diversity to recognizing the outstanding contributions people of African and Caribbean descent have made.

One of our priorities within our School's Strategic Plan this year is to "Promote and celebrate diversity." We have been reviewing our planning to ensure that we provide opportunities for our pupils to celebrate diversity across the world. Even from the very youngest children they are recognising how important it is to see the uniqueness of everyone and to treat people with respect.

We will be looking forward to running our consultations face to face this term and hope as many of you can meet with your child's teacher to discuss their progress and how you can support them at home.

We have been working hard to keep parents informed about what is happening in school through our Class Dojo pages. It's been lovely being able to celebrate success and keep parents informed. Please be assured that for those parents who do not wish to use the platform we will continue to communicate through the website, Facebook and email. Please remember to visit the consent page of Arbor to ensure all your permissions are up to date.

To finish my message this month, please could I wish the Friends' Association good luck with their Fireworks Spectacular on Sunday 7th November. Your support with this is extremely appreciated.

Thank you everyone.

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Competition Winners

A short time ago we asked the children to design a road safety poster for the 20mph campaign outside the local school area. The lucky winners of the competition were:

- ◆ Y2- Charlie
- ◆ Y3—Seren
- ◆ Y4—Ethan, Seth
- ◆ Y5—Eleanor
- ◆ Y6- Mia & Zoha

Congratulations to you all.



Poppy Appeal 2021



Once again we will be supporting the Poppy Appeal in the lead up to Remembrance Day on Thursday 11th November. The Head Boys and Girls will be selling Poppies from Monday 8th November.

Please could I suggest a donation of 50p for the normal poppies. We also have a variety of other items but a limited amount. These will be sold from the office:

- * Silicon wristbands- suggested donation £1
- * Poppy Reflectors- suggested donation: 50p
- * Zip pulls- suggested donation: 50p

On Thursday 11th November it would be lovely to see as many children wearing a poppy as possible as we commemorate this important day. We will be holding Remembrance Services and having a 2 minute silence throughout the school. Y6 will also be visiting the war memorial in the village of Great Chart and working with a visitor from Kent Libraries.

Thank you for your support.





Parent/Teacher consultations



Face-to-Face Parent/Teacher Consultations are available to book via Arbor. Please log onto the Parent Portal or App to book your child's Parent/Teacher Consultation if you haven't done so already.

The booking system will close on 4th November for KS1/EYFS and 8th November for KS2.

Please could we remind parents that it is extremely important that you attend these meetings, parental support is essential if children are to progress at school. Teachers will inform you of progress that is being made and what help you can give to your child at home. Refreshments will be available and members of the Senior Leadership Team will be around to talk to you.

Dates and times for Parents Evenings

EYFS Monday 8th November and Wednesday 17th November (F Griffin, Mrs Bissett and Miss Bennett meeting together)

Year 1 Monday 8th November and Wednesday 17th November

Year 2 Monday 8th November and Wednesday 17th November (2 Griffin, Mrs Qureshi Monday 8th November, Mrs Thomas Wednesday 17th November)

Year 3 Wednesday 10th November and Monday 15th November

Year 4 Wednesday 10th November and Monday 15th November

Year 5 Wednesday 10th November and Monday 15th November

Year 6 Wednesday 10th November and Monday 15th November (6 Toke Mrs Carter Wednesday 10th November, Miss Maybourne Monday 15th November)

SEPTEMBER 2022 ADMISSIONS

Open sessions for parents of prospective new children for September 2022 are:

Wednesday 24th November 3:30pm—5.30pm

Wednesday 15th December 3:30pm —5.30pm

*****Please note: last tour is at 5.00pm.*****

Please contact the school to book your guided tour. We are holding these information sessions for all parents of pre-school children who may want a place at this school in September 2022. 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 the admissions department, EYFS teachers, senior members of staff and governors.

To apply for a firm place at a Primary School for your child for September 2022, you will need to complete a special form called a Common Application Form (RCAF form for short). The application process starts on **Friday 5th November 2021 and closes on 17th January 2022**. You need to apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola.

Visit our website for more information.

Headteacher's Tea Party



Congratulations to the following children for working hard and following the school rules for term 1:

F Griffin Xanthe	4 Griffin Isabella-Paige
F Toke Lily	4 Toke Nero
I Griffin Athena	5 Griffin Charlie
I Toke Joseph	5 Toke Sophie Be
2 Griffin Georgie	6 Griffin Carmen
2 Toke Heidi	6 Toke Elsie
3 Griffin Lawrence	Goldwell Antoni
3 Toke Freddie	



CONGRATULATIONS TO EVERYONE

Mr Nourish's Birthday Cards

Thank you to all the children who designed a card for Mr Nourish's birthday. We had an overwhelming amount of entries and the kitchen staff found it really hard to choose the winners... but congratulations to the following children:

EYFS —Freddie	Year 1 —Aria
Year 2 —Heidi	Year 3 —Noah
Year 4 —Christopher	Year 5 —Chloe
Year 6 —William	

Family Liaison Officer



My name is Nicky Ostridge and I am the Family Liaison Officer (FLO) at Great Chart Primary School. If you, your family and/or children have any worries or concerns I am available to offer help, advice and support. This may be related to school or other aspects of family life. There is help for families within the Ashford area and I am here to help you be aware and access that provision.

I know that sometimes, all that is needed is a willing ear and I am here to just listen if you need to chat about something informally too. Within school there will be times when I will be available for the children to talk to.

If you want to contact me you can leave messages with Reception or email me through the website Contact page. I am available from Monday to Friday.

Throughout the year I am hoping to create opportunities for parents to come in and get more involved in our school. If you have any suggestions yourself please email me at flo@great-chart.kent.sch.uk.



Diary Dates

Upcoming Exciting Dates

Monday 1st November—First Day of term

Monday 1st & Tuesday 2nd November—EYFS Pedal Ready
Wednesday 3rd November—Year 1 Pedal Ready Cycling
Thursday 4th November—Year 2 Pedal Ready Cycling
Thursday 4th November—Year 6 Forest School
Monday 8th November—Year EYFS & KS1 Teacher/Parent Consultations
Tuesday 9th November—Year 5 Victorian Day
Wednesday 10th November—KS2 Teacher/Parent Consultations
Thursday 11th November—Remembrance Service
Thursday 11th November—Year 5 Forest School
Monday 15th November—KS2 Teacher/Parent Consultations
Wednesday 17th November—Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 17th November—Friends' Association Meeting
Wednesday 17th November—EYFS & KS1 Teacher/Parent Consultations
Thursday 18th November—Year 1 Forest School
Friday 19th November—Children In Need
Wednesday 24th November—New Parent Open Session
Thursday 25th November—Year 3 Forest School
Tuesday 30th November—Year 6 Educational Trip to Kent Life
Thursday 2nd December—Year 2 Forest School
Thursday 9th December—Year 4 Forest School

Friday 17th December—Last Day of Term

Thursday 4th November –Year 4 Viking Day
Sunday 7th November—Friends' Fireworks Night
Friday 3rd December—Friends' Association Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 7th December—Year 6 WW2 Day
Friday 10th December—Christmas Jumper Day
Friday 10th December—Friends Christmas Fayre
Wednesday 15th December—Christmas Dinner
Friday 17th December—Panto

Christmas Party Dates

EYFS— 15th December
Year 1— 16th December
Year 2— 13th December
Year 3— 14th December
Year 4— 9th December
Year 5— 8th December
Year 6 - 6G 14th December, 6T 16th December



Club Cancellations

Wednesday 3rd November—Natalie's Stars
Monday 8th November—Mrs Burton's Gymnastics
Monday 15th November—Mrs Burton's Gymnastics
Thursday 9th December—Kestrel Gymnastics Yr 1&2
Friday 10th December—Kestrel Gymnastics Yr 3-6