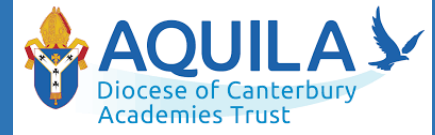




# Charing CE Primary School

## Weekly Newsletter Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2020



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I write this week's newsletter as we come to the end of the sixth week of 'Lockdown' and I wonder if for you this is beginning to feel like the normal.

The days when I'm in school seem normal, as if very little has changed, apart from there being only a small number of children and staff. When I'm working from home, however, it feels like a totally different upside down normal which I am only slowly getting used to.

I do hope you are all coping and managing to create some new and happy times amidst all of the uncertainty that we are surrounded by. Thank you to all the parents that have emailed in pictures and work from home schooling: well done to the parents and children for their great efforts!

I would like to share with you something that made me laugh this week; an ex-Ofsted inspector produced an OFSTED report on his own efforts at home schooling!

### School report



## Jeffrey Home School

Kitchen Table, Nr. Brighton.

Number on Roll: 2

**Inspection dates** April 2020

Overall effectiveness	Previous inspection:	Good	2
	This inspection:	<b>Requires Improvement</b>	<b>3</b>
Leadership and management		Shocking	3
Behaviour and safety of pupils		Requires Improvement	3
Quality of teaching		Requires Improvement	3
Achievement of pupils		Requires Improvement	3
Early years provision		Not Applicable	-

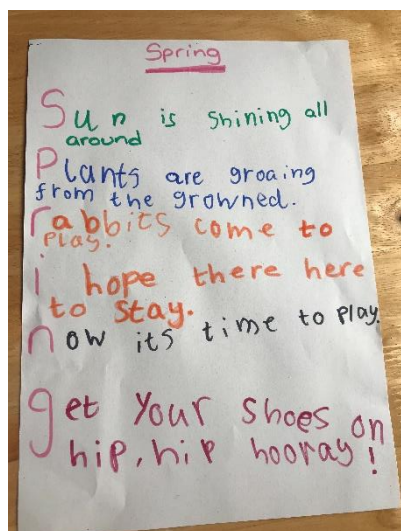
### Summary of key findings for parents and pupils

#### This is an atrocious school.

- School leaders have ensured that the school's overall effectiveness has tanked since the last inspection.
- ✓ Pupils enjoy learning. They just don't enjoy lessons. Except making a game where they throw a ball into various cardboard boxes. That one seems to have caught on, at least.
- ✓ The headteacher is eminently qualified but is regularly seen wearing nothing but dressing gowns and underpants. This sets a very poor example to the pupils. Also, in the evening, both members of staff are often observed drinking alcohol in front of the pupils.
- ✓ The school development plan lacks rigour. Our team did not feel 'get everyone showered and dressed by lunchtime' was sufficiently aspirational.
- ✓ Pupils are regularly late to lessons, and often leave the class without permission. Absenteeism is a daily occurrence, despite the school only having two pupils on roll. One child was found watching a Netflix boxset without adult supervision.
- ✓ The school consistently fails to provide lesson objectives, nor does it signal clearly enough in pupils written work that aural feedback has been given. So that's something.
- ✓ The Key Stage 2 pupil was recently caught playing Fortnite and claimed it was a Geography project. He was excluded for two weeks.
- ✓ One pupil in Key Stage 4 does not arrive at school until around 1pm, but when inspectors questioned him he could give no clear reason why he was not at school.



Does this bear resemblance to the home schooling arrangements at your house? Currently teachers are hearing and receiving work from just under half of the children but it would be nice for the teachers to hear, via email, from all the parents and children, even just a photo of the child working or a photo of the work would be helpful. We are of course very grateful for all the hard work that you parents are putting into home schooling and we just want to celebrate your child's successes or support you in any way we can. All work and teachers' email addresses can be found on the home learning page on the school website <https://www.charingschool.org.uk/home-study/>.



We all love this acrostic poem by Gracie in Squirrels Class.

### **SPRING**

Sun is shining all around  
Plants are growing from the ground  
Rabbits come to play  
I hope they're here to stay  
Now it's time to play  
Get your shoes on hip hip hooray!

I would also like to share my thanks to Mrs Hammond, Ms Axon and Mrs Hodson who gave up their time this week to come in to ensure the school was open for those who needed it.



Next week, as things currently stand, the school will be open on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May. If you are a key worker and anything has changed with your situation please email me [headteacher@charing.kent.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@charing.kent.sch.uk) and let me know as I'm sure we can offer support if needed.

These six weeks have been very different. The uncertainty of the current times and speculation about what is coming next is naturally causing us all some anxiety but we must continue to abide by government instructions to remain safe. I hope that we will see each other again soon but only when it is safe for the children, whose well-being is paramount. Take care and if anyone needs any help in anyway please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Mr Bird

**I have this week, adapted the following poem for you because the original made me stop and think.**

### **And So The Sun**

It's been noisy all morning, the roads are filled with cars  
Of people trying to make it somewhere different than where they are  
Trying not to be late, but the traffic means they have to wait.

The cars pass by a school, they pass by some parks and shops  
They pass by some restaurants and salons, all working non-stop  
The day had only begun, and there's so much to be done  
Today's a morning, just like any other morning  
Of human civilization under the Sun.

And so the Sun, when looking down  
Thought "What would happen if things changed around?  
The world is just like a sun that will not set  
When will the world ever rest?"

What if: these cars had no place to be, these shops all closed,  
People were forced to focus only on the things they really need,  
People were forced to spend time alone, to reflect and focus on their health?  
I'm not talking about just one town, what if the whole world changed around?  
Everyone together, connected, all going through the same thing, all equally affected.  
What if all this pollution started declining?  
With the roads mostly empty and fewer planes flying?  
What if families were forced to bond whether or not they got along?  
And forced everyone to live the same way forced to see they're all alike.  
What if parents watched their children learn and grow?

What if there was a deeper feeling of unity?  
With more people being aware of their communities?  
Just for a while,  
What if there was a collective pause?  
So the upcoming mornings  
Wouldn't move so fast  
And people could re-evaluate  
The way they were living in the past?"  
And so the Sun when looking down,

Thought "What would happen if things changed around?"







Please keep sending in photos of some of the things that you have been doing during lockdown. We love seeing what you have been doing. Please send photos to [office@charing.kent.sch.uk](mailto:office@charing.kent.sch.uk)



I leave you with this week's prayer which you may wish to share with your children. Stay safe and have a good week.

Dear Father God,

Stand beside us:

If we are afraid, calm us,

If we are tired help us to rest,

If we are fearful, inspire us to hope.

Breathe your Spirit on us

And show us new ways to live

May we continue to learn what hope means in these troubled times and

May you be the source of our peace, our joy and our everlasting life.

Amen.

