



# Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter  
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Time is whizzing by and we are nearly at the half way stage of this term already. Although both the full and partial lock downs have been very challenging for us all I do feel they have brought out the best in most people and the kindness shown by so many should be a real source of encouragement to us all for the future.

I certainly have been very appreciative of the support of the local community during this crisis; an example of which was the offer to us of the village hall and barn as temporary additional classrooms to try and help get even more children back to school for longer. Unfortunately the recent government guidance does not allow us to take advantage of this but it was great to see the local community offering support to its local school during a time of need.

We are all really looking forward to next week and seeing even more children return to school; I'm hoping that by next Friday at least two thirds of the school will have returned at some point. The children who are back already have really benefited from returning. We still have a small number of spaces available if you haven't yet taken up our offer to return but now wish your child to come back.

We have of course been following all the government guidelines and undertaken stringent risk assessment with regard to the return. All our plans and risk assessments were checked over by a Health and Safety advisor this week. He was very happy with everything we have put in place. We do, however, ask all parents to ensure that they too are following the government guidelines in all aspects of life and to insist that their children keep their distance and do not go to big gatherings. This virus, which remains a potentially deadly threat, can only be defeated if we all work together in everything we do to break the chain of infection. For the safety of the staff and children in school if I believe any child returning has not been sticking to the guidelines in place and not socially distancing, they will not be permitted to come into school. Thank you for your understanding.



# THANK YOU!



I would like to thank the PTFA who donated money to the school last week in support of our wider long term policy of continuing to run five classes. The PTFA are a real asset to the school but like many have inevitably struggled during this period as they have not been able to hold many of their annual events to raise money for the school. Therefore, on Friday 10th July, alongside the PTFA, I will be running my Quiz and Bingo on the school's facebook page. More details will follow in the coming weeks but please save the date and we are hoping to raise money through a justgiving page. Any support you can give will be greatly received.

**Virtual Quiz and Bingo night!**

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July**

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Primary School**



*It's time to say  
GOODBYE*



*THANK YOU FOR  
BEING AMAZING*

This coming week will be Mrs McKenna's last week with us before Miss Humphries returns from maternity leave. Mrs McKenna's last session will be with the Year 2 children this Thursday. I want to thank Mrs McKenna for all her hard work and dedication during her short time with us and wish her all the best for the future.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing many more of you next week.

Mr Thomas Bird  
Head of School

*Have a great  
weekend!*





*This week marks the Feast of John the Baptist. John was the long-awaited child of Elizabeth and Zechariah and came to prepare the way for Jesus, baptising people and calling them to turn to God. He is known for living in the wilderness, wearing clothes made from camel's hair, and eating locusts and honey.*

Dear God,  
Thank you for sending John the Baptist to prepare the way for Jesus and to show us the way to follow. You have given us each a purpose for our lives. Help us to live our lives, serving our family, community and you in the best way we can.  
Please be with everyone returning to school in the next week. Help them to feel your peace and to be prepared for learning and friendships to be renewed.

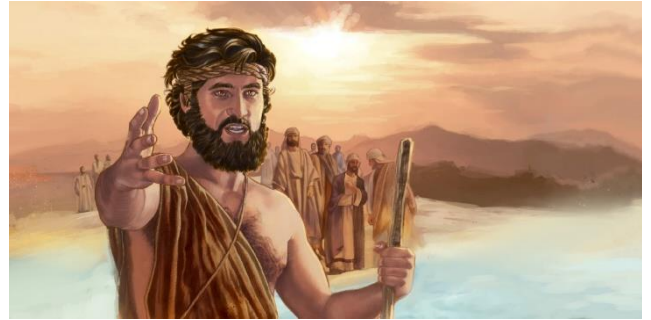
Amen



We understand that the current lock down has put added pressure onto many of our families, particularly financially. If you feel your situation has changed and that you may now be eligible for your child to receive Free School Meals, please look at the information found here;

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals>

and if you feel that your child is now eligible for Free School meals, please contact the school as we can then organise for your family to receive a food voucher each week during term time and during the summer break.



### End of term awards.

We do not yet know how the end of term will look this year, but we need to request that any trophies that were awarded last year be returned for this year's planning. Thank you for your support.





We've been having a great first few weeks of term. We are so proud of how well the children have adapted.

