



Charing CE Primary School

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I write this letter with a big smile on my face, not only because of the great outcome last night (Thursday) but also because of the wonderful week we've had with so many more children returning. Altogether 53 children have returned during the course of the week and they have really enjoyed just being back. They have benefited in so many ways even though it has been for a short time and as a staff we too have enjoyed their return. I really would like to increase the number of sessions the children come in for but unfortunately due to 'bubbles' not being able to share toilets and staff shielding, I am unable to do that.

The last sessions, this term, for Year R,1,2,3,4 and 5 will be held on the week beginning 13th July. The school will remain open for Key Workers up until Wednesday 22nd July. If Year R and 1 parents want their children in school the following week for the 3 days we are open, their children can come in and work with the Key Worker group that week but please let the office know, well in advance. Year 6 will still be able to come to school on Tuesday 21st July and Wednesday 22nd July as we aim to have a social distancing picnic on an afternoon that week. This will be for the Year 6 children and their parents to say farewell. More details regarding the picnic will follow shortly.

Although over half of the school did return I was actually expecting more and we had planned for two thirds to return. If you have asked for your child to come back, we do expect them in school unless there is a medical issue. We spend a lot of time planning the staff /children ratios, based on what we have been told by parents, so it is important that children attend school if their parents have taken up the offer of a return. If, for any reason, your child is unable to come in during one of their scheduled time slots please let the office know at once. Thank you.

We have to remember that although lock down is easing, this deadly virus is still with us and we have to remain sensible and careful by social distancing, washing our hands frequently and following the track and trace advice.

I completely understand why parents, who are "shielding" and still isolating at home, have not sent their children back this week. However, for those who are not isolating but have simply decided to leave sending their children back until September please remember that 6 months away from school will make your child's eventual return very difficult. I strongly recommend that you at least allow your children to return during the school week before the summer holidays. It will help them in so many ways and prepare them for what to expect in September. Not only are the children who have returned benefiting from an educational point of view but most importantly from a mental-health and well-being perspective. Socialising with others plays such an important role in a child's life as does the general routine of school and I really think it's important that children experience some type of schooling (if families are not isolating) before the 6 week summer holiday.

Please remember that we can accommodate all the children, who have not yet returned, for at least some time during the remaining 3 weeks so please give it serious thought. If you would like your child to return please email me at headteacher@charing.kent.sch.uk so that I can organise it.

As always, I would like to express my thanks to all the staff for their continued hard-work and dedication in allowing the school to run as smoothly and for enabling the school to have more children in this week. Also a big thank you to the parents and children, who have returned, for helping this week run smoothly by adhering to the social distancing protocols that we have introduced.

This week, staff have been emailing parents' certificates for the excellent home learning work received over lock down and the star of the week certificates for those who have returned this week. We really appreciate all the effort you have put in to help your children's education continue during this very difficult time.

Have a great weekend and we look forward to seeing many of the children next week. Take care and stay safe.

Mr Bird

Have a great weekend!

Virtual Quiz and Bingo night!

Friday 10th July

7:30pm

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This week, we celebrate the lives and leadership of Saint Peter and Saint Paul. Peter was one of the first leaders of the Christian church and Paul helped spread the word of God through his letters, which we can read in the new testament of the Bible. Because of Peter's great faith, Jesus gave him the keys to the kingdom of Heaven and Peter spent his time sharing Jesus' message with other people. He opened their hearts to God's love, just like a key opens a door.

Living God,
Your apostles, Peter and Paul inspire us with their teaching and example. Help us to follow their leadership and live with love, faith, generosity, fairness and hope, so that our hearts may be open to you and to all people in need. We ask this through Christ, our Lord, Amen.



**Free
School
Meals** 
Are you entitled?

It's been a hot week!

Please ensure that children are sent in wearing sun lotion, a sun hat and with plenty of water.

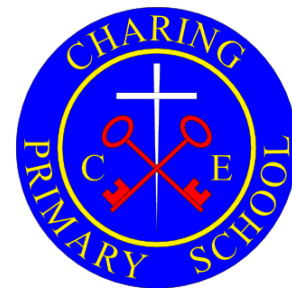


We understand that the current lock down has put added pressure onto many of our families, particularly financially. If you feel your situation has changed and that you may now be eligible for your child to receive Free School Meals, please look at the information found here;

<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 for during the summer break.

We have welcomed back more children this week. It's lovely to have them back and getting back into school life.



A distanced thank you and good bye to Mrs McKenna on Thursday afternoon.



What a way to end a scorching hot day! The children really enjoyed the cool down and Mr Bird got just a little bit wet!