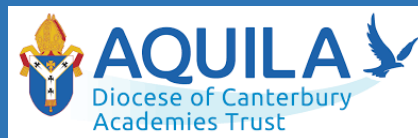


Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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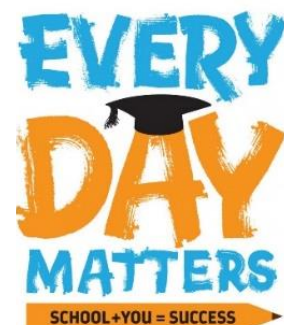
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Attendance

 Rabbits	 Squirrels	 Foxes	 Badgers	 Owls
93.08	97.50	97.37	93.33	90.53
Whole School –		Year to date –		Target –
94.49		96.05		96%



We come to the end of our first term and on the whole it has been a great success. The children have thoroughly enjoyed being back and the work they are producing is excellent and already we can see they are closing the gaps from time missed - it's been great being back.

As a school we will continue to have the safety of everyone as our main priority. From term 2, Rabbits' parents will need to pick up their children in the main playground at 3pm. Anyone picking up a child from the playground in the afternoon will have to enter from gate closest to the cemetery, to help us create a one-way system. The gate will open just before 3pm. We ask people to not turn up early to pick up, to help prevent gatherings. Also can I remind parents that it is one person picking up per family and this now will include secondary aged children (if this is an issue for any families please speak to the office). Drop off and pick up times will remain the same in term 2 with the aim to return to some sort of normality with timings in term 3.

I would like to take the opportunity to first of all thank the staff for their continued hard work, dedication and support this term particularly in these worrying times. I would like to thank the parents for their understanding with the new arrangements that have been put in place and I would also like to thank the children for how brilliant they have been adhering to the new set up due to the restrictions - they have all been amazing.

Today we, sadly, said farewell to Mrs Hawkins and once again I would like to wish her all the best in her new role. She will be missed. A reminder, Mrs Nunn will be the school's new FLO from term 2, so if you have concerns that you want to talk about or just want to get to know her do pop by and say hello. We also welcomed Mrs Dyson to the Squirrels' team this week.

Breakfast and Afterschool club. Unfortunately, we haven't had quite enough interest at this time for it to be a viable option to begin in term 2. We will continue to look in to this for the future.

As said above, it has been an excellent start to the academic year and I feel the school is in a strong place at this moment. I am really looking forward to seeing the school develop next term even more and throughout the academic year. I am very proud to lead this school and grateful for all the support shown by everyone, particularly during these trying times. Have a fantastic week off - I will hopefully be sleeping for most of it!

See you all on Monday 2nd November, when term 2 begins and don't forget homework books will be due in on 4th November. Please note that if there are any changes (whilst we are closed) to the national picture that will have a knock on effect the school, we will make contact via parentmail. Stay safe. Mr Bird



Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours. Yours are the eyes through which the compassion of Christ must look out on the world. Yours are the feet with which He is to go about doing good. Yours are the hands with which He is to bless His people.

St Teresa of Avila (1515-82)

This week we have been thinking about helping all those in need regardless of who they are and whether you know them because that is how you serve Jesus himself. We listened to the story of the Good Samaritan to help us think about who our neighbour is.

The children have been challenged to show kindness at home and in the community. Please let us know what acts of kindness your children complete.



This week we have welcomed a new member of staff. Mrs Dyson has joined our team at Charing as a Teaching Assistant. She will be working with Squirrels on Thursdays and Fridays. The children already think she's great!

Today we have said goodbye to Mrs Hawkins. She will be missed very much by staff and children equally. We wish her the very best of luck in her new job.



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Squirrels have been thinking about how they have shown kindness and how good it makes them feel.

THOUSAND HOURS

A Kindness Revolution

Spencer took down Jessica's chair to help her

Millie invited Jonah to play

Junior helped Casey with his work

Kindness

Joey was kind when sharing the football with his friends

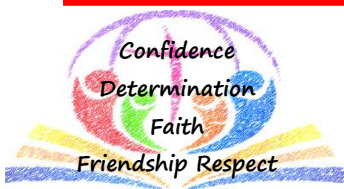


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A Kindness Revolution



Foxes have been discussing ways of showing kindness towards their friends in school. We have created a poster to show acts of kindness and we have created a kindness display in the classroom.



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Badgers have all written anonymous notes to each other that say something lovely about the person whose name is on the card. They thoroughly enjoyed writing and receiving the notes, it made them feel good! It's been great fun!

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Staff

The staff at Charing have also been sharing acts of kindness with each other. Being kind to someone makes you feel good!



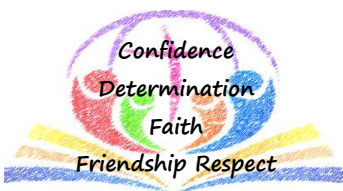
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Life Skills

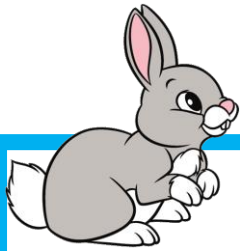


Badgers had fun making apple sauce with Miss B. It looked and smelled amazing!



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What we're learning NEXT



Rabbits Term 2

We will be starting next term with 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' and 'The Little Red Hen' and then starting our topic 'Let's Celebrate'. This will naturally include Christmas! We will be using lots of Christmas stories in the run up to the end of term.



Squirrels Term 2

In Term 2, our topic will be Heroes and Villains. We will be focusing on historical figures and how they have changed the way we live today, as well as using a wide range of literacy to support this. In Science, we will be learning about exercise and what makes up a healthy diet through a variety of hands on activities. Throughout all the subjects, the children will be linking their learning back to Superheroes and Villains. This will be done through Art and DT projects, as well as using ICT to research these figures. **Please note our PE days in term 2 will be Wednesdays and Fridays.**



Foxes Term 2

Foxes class have had an amazing 1st term. We have worked hard and made great progress!

This term our topic is Yabadabadoo! and we will be learning all about the Stone Age. In history we will research Stonehenge and learn about who built it. In Geography we will be studying key aspects of earthquakes and mountains. In English, our main text is 'Stig of the Dump', written by Clive King. In Maths this term our topics are multiplication and division. Our topic for Science is rocks and we will be exploring different kinds of rocks and their physical properties. In RE we will be learning about Sikhism and how it is incorporated into the life of a believer.



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Badgers Term 2

Term 2 is all about space for Badgers! We'll be reading 'Cosmic' by Frank Cottrell-Boyce as our class text. It would be very helpful if this could be bought for your child to bring in to school but not read ahead as we had a few spoilers last term! In science we're going to have a close up look at the solar system and topic is all about humans in space. RE ties in with the science of space as we're learning about how the bible describes the creation of earth. In maths we're continuing our learning by progressing to multiplying and dividing up to four digit numbers and then moving on to fractions. We will also be having **Forest School** on Fridays. This will be in all weathers so please make sure children are dressed appropriately- wellies and waterproofs at the ready! A busy and fun filled term to take us to Christmas! Have a lovely break and we look forward to seeing you in November. Best wishes Mrs Horsford and Mrs Hodson.

Owls Class

For our Science learning next term Owls class will need cereal boxes for our Light topic. We would appreciate if children could bring one in in the first week back after half term please. Thank you. Our topic next term will be World War 2 and in Life Skills the children will be sewing. The children have had an amazing term and we wish them a restful break before another fantastic term.



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Have a go at our kindness bingo over half term.
Let us know how many you completed for a
chance to win a certificate!

Kindness Bingo!



Make a card for someone thanking them for all they do.	Help out with a job around the house.	Be kind to yourself! Do something you enjoy
Tell a friend or family member how much you love them.	Create your own kind act!	Can you make a hug? Make a card or draw a picture of how you think a hug looks. Send it to someone that really needs one right now.
Read a story to a family member or a friend over face time or a phone call.	Leave a kind note for someone working hard in your community. Like a Rubbish Collector or a Postal worker.	Could you order 1 extra item on your shop to donate to charity?

Thank you!



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Should I send my child to school?

With the changing seasons, it is inevitable that we will all start to get coughs and colds. Parents are now finding it harder than ever to decide if they should keep their child home. Please see the guide below to help you in making this decision.

With the symptoms your child is displaying, would you have kept your child off school before covid-19?

YES

Keep your child off school.

NO

Do they have:

1. A new, continuous cough? (Coughing a lot for more than an hour or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours – if you normally have a cough, it may be worse than usual.)
2. A fever? (High temperature over 38°C using a thermometer.)
3. A complete loss or change of taste or smell?

www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/symptoms/

Keep your child off school and at home.

Speak to 119 or go to the www.gov.uk/coronavirus website and arrange for a self-test to be done.

Your child and your household must self-isolate until you have the result of this test.

YES

NO

Does your child have an underlying chronic medical condition?

YES

NO

Speak to their specialist team about testing criteria if you haven't already seen or spoken to them or had a letter in the post telling you when to worry.

Children who are otherwise well with the following symptoms can go to school as normal.

- Runny noses
- Sore throats without a fever
- Mild colds

www.nhs.uk/conditions/common-cold/



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