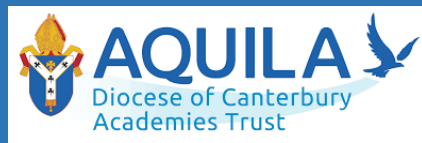


Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 11th December 2020






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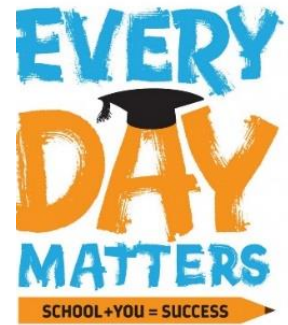
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Attendance

 Rabbits	 Squirrels	 Foxes	 Badgers	 Owls
91.47	87.08		94.81	93.67
Whole School – 90.52%		Year to date – 95.50%		Target – 96%



School life has continued this week with a positive buzz of both conversations about learning and excitement about Christmas coming. It has been quiet without our Foxes and we hope all children and families isolating are well and keeping safe. Please contact the school if there is anything we can help you with while you are staying home.

I don't know about you, but I am not feeling quite ready for Christmas yet. For children, Christmas is about the magic, but as adults we feel the pressure to make every Christmas the best yet and can sometimes lose sight of the magic and message of the season. This made me think about the first ever Christmas. The expectant parents, Mary and Joseph, had most likely planned for their new child to be born in the safety of their home, surrounded by people they knew and loved. Instead, circumstances meant they had to travel the long journey to Bethlehem and as we all know, Jesus was born in a stable. Not the perfect birth that was planned, but as modern day parents there is an important reminder to us. As we struggle to make the day magical, and put unrealistic pressure on ourselves for Christmas to be perfect, I am reminded that for Jesus, Mary and Joseph, just having family was enough.

So let's take a moment to remember that for our children, our time is part of their present. It is the love and joy within the family that makes the season special.

I look forward to seeing many of you in our Christmas Services next week, but if you cannot join us, I wish you all a very happy, healthy and safe Christmas and New Year.

Mrs Hammond



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CELEBRATION COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Joey

Poppie.S

Maisie

Olivia

Lenny John

Finley

Emma

Sonnie

Louise



A reminder for families that have chosen to isolate.

We have some families that have chosen to keep their children off school even though they are not part of a closed bubble or have had a contact. We understand and respect your decision but would like to remind families that if you have decided to remove your child from school to isolate, then the expectation is that you are indeed isolating.

Isolating is much more than just staying off school. It also means not doing things like going to the park, meeting with friends, going shopping or visiting salons. If we have valid reasons to believe that you are not sticking to the isolation guidance, we will not authorise the absence and you may get fined.

We also expect that the home learning set on the school website is completed unless your child is unwell.



Thank you so much for your continued support and generosity. It's not too late to donate, the link is still active:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/charingptfa?utm_term=48MB66Ka3



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Prayer

Dear God,

As we watch our families prepare for Christmas in our homes, we think about Mary, Mother of Jesus and Joseph, who lovingly took care of the new born baby Jesus.

Help us to be thankful for all those who lovingly take care of us.

Amen



Owls Class

Please bring in an orange on Monday (not a satsuma or clementine) for our Christingle making ready for our Christmas Service.



At school, we are busily, and excitedly, preparing for our Christmas services next week. If your child is isolating, we will be sending you the link to join the service and the teacher will explain the part your child can take at the beginning of the service. We look forward to sharing our Christmas celebrations with you.



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Tuesday 15th December



As an alternative to our usual Nativity and Christmas Service, each class, within its bubble, will have their own Christmas worship. This will involve the children reading, acting and singing for parents who will be invited to watch remotely via Zoom. Zoom links will be sent via parent mail before your child's class service time.

Foxes - 9:30am

Squirrels - 10:30am

Badgers - 11:30am

Rabbits - 1pm

Owls - 2pm

Wednesday 16th December



Christmas Party Day

After our celebration lunch we will have an afternoon of safe party games and celebrations within our class bubbles.

Party clothes can be worn - Christmas themed outfits are even better!

Thursday 17th December

School dinners

****A change to the scheduled menu ****

Thursday 17th Menu will be:

Battered Fish and Chips or Cheese and Pepper Pinwheel with Chips

Tutti Fruity Friday or Yogurt

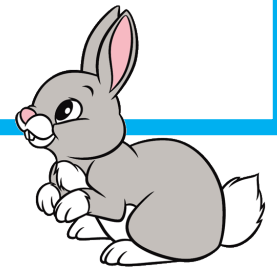
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feeding the imagination



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WHAT I have LEARNED

This term in Rabbits we continued to look at some traditional tales, Goldilocks and The Little Red Hen, amongst others. We all enjoyed making porridge, bread and tasting different types of bread. The children have really impressed us with their enthusiasm for RWI, learning new sounds and letters and all trying really hard to write their names independently. The children have settled into school so well and have really bonded as a group. We've been enjoying some Christmas activities, reading stories about elves and hearing all about the children's naughty elves at home.



The Squirrels have been fantastic this term. They have really got involved in our Topic of 'Heroes and Villains.' We have focused mainly on Geography, looking at local cities and towns and comparing them to others such as Sydney, Australia. From this, we explored the difference between physical and human features and used this knowledge and our knowledge of map symbols to create our own Superhero islands. In addition, we are now looking at historical 'heroes' who have made huge impacts on the world. We have been learning about the life of Rosa Parks. In Religious Education, the children have been learning about World Faiths and we have been using stories of these faiths to bring lots of deep and meaningful discussion. A notable lesson includes the children making 'Diwali Lamps' as a celebration for Diwali (the celebration of light). In English and Maths, the children have been working exceptionally hard and their reading and writing has come along brilliantly. We are reading lots of superhero books and the children have been really engaged throughout. Finally, in Art, we have used our topic to create our own 'Supertato's' which was a link to one of our stories as well as making superhero pop art words that the children really focused on and created some fantastic work. Well done for a brilliant term Squirrels!



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WHAT I have LEARNED

Foxes class have had a great term two. They have worked hard and continued to make good progress!

There has been some brilliant poetry and descriptive writing in English, with lots of adventurous vocabulary and punctuation being used. The children have enjoyed learning all about the Stone Age and have completed some wonderful Stone Age cave art. In Maths this term, the children have made lots of progress in understanding and becoming confident in how to multiply and divide. They have been able to use this knowledge to help them with mathematical problem solving. In Science, the children have loved designing and carrying out their own experiments. They have been asking lots of great questions and finding ways to answer them!



Owls have had a very busy Term 2. We delved further into our topic 'World War II' and children have produced some very exciting pieces of creative writing as part of this topic. We have thoroughly enjoyed our class text linked to WWII which has been very thought provoking and emotional at times. Owls class have shown great empathy and understanding for the war times and the people who suffered. In Science we have enjoyed making periscopes as part of our unit 'Light' and also investigated why arrows flip when we look at them through a glass of water! Children have enjoyed their investigations and have always spoken and reasoned scientifically during all lessons. In Maths, children have continued to work hard and made great progress with our fractions, decimals and percentages unit especially as we made connections between these concepts and their utility in the real world.

Our teaching team in Owls class are incredibly proud of all the children, their work ethos and their team spirit. As a cohort they are a real credit to the school, well done Owls, this has been a great term and we are already looking forward to the next one!



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WHAT I have LEARNED

Badgers have had a fantastic term 2. We've enjoyed exploring space and thinking about the life of an astronaut. Thankfully for us SpaceX has been busy so we've watched quite a few rocket launches, including a few of our own! Another highlight has been forest school, we have made bug hotels, learnt about the wildlife in our environment and how to look after it. We have even made lovely Christmas decorations from a silver birch tree. In English we have had fun reading Cosmic and basing our writing around Liam and his out of this world adventures.

We are incredibly proud of all the children as they have worked so hard and are always cheerful despite the challenges of this term. Well done Badgers! Have a fantastic Christmas and we wish you all the very best for 2021! We can't wait! Mrs H and Mrs H



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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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