

Lockdown
Edition

We come to the end of term 3 today and can you believe that we are halfway through the school year already?

In many ways it has been a very strange term with the enforced school closure for most of it but I have been very proud of how everybody has risen to the challenge. The introduction of the 'Teams Live Lessons' has been a great success and the children have really achieved a lot from it. We will be continuing to use this platform until the school opens fully. I hope that it won't be too long before we are made aware of the government's plans to reopen schools. When this happens, I will write to you all with our plans for reopening.

Despite the school closure our pupil numbers have been growing and we currently have 100 children on roll with more expected to join in term 4. We welcome all of our new children and families to the Charing school community and hopefully normal school life will resume soon so that we can all meet one another properly again and welcome our new members in person.

This week has been great fun for everyone with the snow. I would like to thank all staff who have come in this week to keep the school open despite the treacherous conditions and I also want to thank those parents who supported us this week by reducing the numbers of children attending because we didn't know how many staff members would be able to attend each day.

Next term, our key worker and vulnerable children group will be splitting into 2 bubbles (FS and KS1 bubble and KS2 bubble) as our numbers increase. If you feel your child fits either of these categories and you need him or her to start attending, please let me know by e mail (headteacher@charing.kent.sch.uk) as soon as possible so that I can confirm the numbers.

I wish everyone a wonderful half term rest and hope you are currently managing to enjoy the snow if only via the wonderful winter's scenery. I look forward to hopefully seeing everyone once again at some point next term. Online lessons will resume on Monday 22nd February. Mrs Nunn will be reducing some of her 'check in' calls next term but if you would still like one please let the school office know or contact Mrs Nunn herself.

Take care and stay safe

Mr Bird



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This coming week lots of us will be celebrating Shrove Tuesday, or Pancake Day, in preparation for Ash Wednesday and the time of Lent, the countdown to Easter. The Christian time of Lent is 40 days long, the same length as the time that the Bible tells Jesus was in the wilderness, being tempted. It is traditional to 'give something up' for these days to help Christians prepare for the Holy Week events and Easter celebrations, but this year it feels like we have already given up so much. My family are going to try to do something positive everyday, either giving something or fasting from something for a day using some lovely ideas from <https://littleshootsdeeproots.com/kids-ideas-blog/40-lent-ideas-kids/>. Each time one of my family complete a challenge, we are going to add a link to a paperchain. I wonder how long our paperchain will be by Easter!



Prayer

Dear God,

Thank You that You are loving and forgiving.

Help us to love people in the same way as You have loved us.

Help us do generous things for others because we love You.

Amen.



FEBRUARY HALF-TERM BOREDOM BUSTER

<p>MONDAY</p> <p><u>15th February: Home Cinema Day.</u></p> <p>Grab the popcorn, close the curtains and have a home cinema day, maybe watch some Harry Potter Films or the have the kids pick their favourite film each.</p>	<p>TUESDAY</p> <p><u>16th February: Pancake Day.</u></p> <p>Go mad with pancakes, try some new flavours</p>	<p>WEDNESDAY</p> <p><u>17th February: National Random Acts of Kindness Day</u></p> <p>Do something nice for a loved one, neighbour or your community. You could drop a card round to a friends, do a local litter pick or craft something special for a loved on!</p>	<p>THURSDAY</p> <p><u>18th February: Talent Show Day.</u></p> <p>Get the kids to deisgn a stage, a sign and get them practising their best talents in preparation for an evening Talent Show!</p> <p><u>One for the Parents: National Drink Wine Day</u></p> <p>Host a virtual Wine Tasting event for your friends and celebrate Half Term and no homeschooling for a week!!!</p>	<p>FRIDAY</p> <p><u>19th February: Bake Off Day</u></p> <p>A great one to do with friends! Set a theme such as cupcakes and get all the kids friends cooking together on Zoom.</p>
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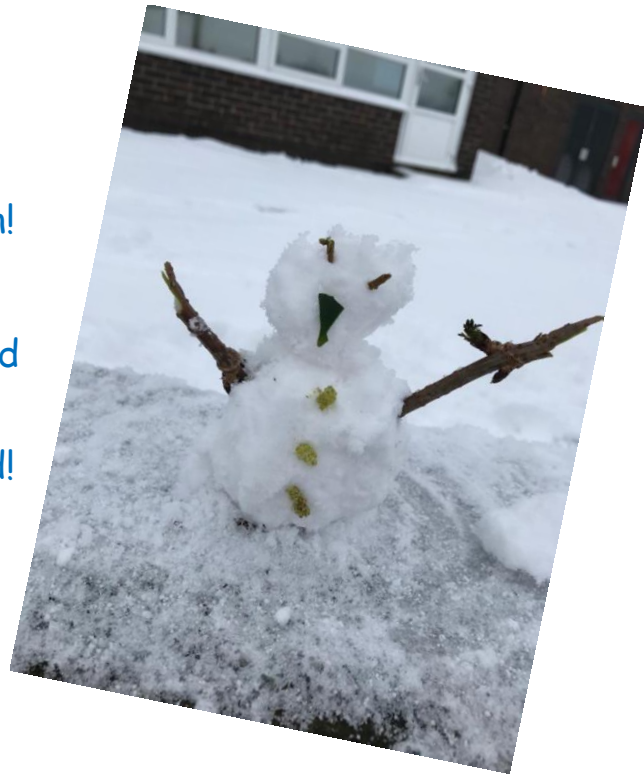
Families in receipt of benefits related free school meal vouchers will have received a voucher from us today for half term provision. This is being supplied by a company called Wonde. This change is because this is being funded through the local authority rather than directly from the government. After half term we are expecting to return to Edenred, via the government scheme.



Snow much fun!

We hope you have all enjoyed the snow as much as we did!

Have a good half term!



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