






# Attendance

 Rabbits	 Squirrels	 Foxes	 Badgers	 Owls
96.10	94.31	96.67	99.22	94.74
<b>Whole School –</b>		<b>Year to date –</b>		<b>Target –</b>
96.25%		95.81%		96%



Although we have only been back at school, in the full sense, for four weeks I feel everybody is now looking forward to the holiday when we will have just over two weeks break to both "recharge our batteries" and enjoy the arrival of Spring.

It has of course been a very challenging time since early January and the children and staff have worked incredibly hard over this difficult period. When school was closed to most pupils and since we have fully returned, I have been very impressed with the standard of work our children have consistently produced. Whether it was over Microsoft Teams lessons or back in school, children have continued to strive to do their best. Everyone is working hard to close any gaps that have opened up during the unavoidable school closure.

As well as thanking children and staff I must say a big thank you to our amazing PTFA for all their support in helping the school to grow and develop. They are of course always looking for new members and ideas so if you have any ideas or would like to join the PTFA please feel free to email them at [PTFA@charing.kent.sch.uk](mailto:PTFA@charing.kent.sch.uk).

I hope as many of you as possible take up the opportunity over the Easter holiday to join in the Easter egg hunt around the village that Mrs Hammond has organised – more information further in the newsletter.

With both the beautiful weather and the easing of some restrictions we are all now, quite rightly, feeling much more optimistic that at last we are getting some control over the virus. However, it is important to remember that the pandemic is still far from over and we must continue to stay safe and follow all guidelines, including social distancing and hand washing, if the Prime Minister's road map is to be fully implemented. If restrictions are finally able to be eased in June we are hoping to have a whole school celebration (to coincide with KS2 Sports Day) on Wednesday 14th July so let's all work together to achieve this goal.

I wish everyone a restful and peaceful Easter. As Christians, Easter teaches us of the tremendous sacrifice that Jesus Christ made for the World on the cross and how through Gods love he rose again after three days to bring new life to all. As we see the rebirth of nature all around us and consider the message of Easter we must draw inspiration to help and support one another as we battle to defeat Covid-19.

Next term starts for the children on Monday 19th April and it promises to be a very full and exciting one with lots of tremendous opportunities to take forward both our learning and further raise the profile of our great school family. We are all looking forward to it.

Take care and stay safe,

Mr Bird



The school had a very special visitor this week. What a treat! A BIG special thank you to the PTFA for supplying Easter eggs for the Easter Bunny to deliver to our staff and pupils.



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We have remembered and celebrated the Easter story this week, thinking about the symbols of the palm leaves, the cross and the egg, helping us to remember the excitement and joy of Palm Sunday, the sadness of Good Friday and the Hope of Easter Sunday.



Prayer

Lord God,

As we open and eat our Easter eggs,  
Help us to remember your sacrifice for us  
and the hope you have given to the World  
with your resurrection.

Amen.

# WW II TOPIC

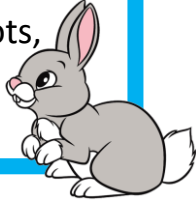
Continuing with the  
spirit of our WW2 topic  
Badgers re-enacted  
taking part in a Blitz!



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# What We Are Learning

Next term in Rabbits we are planting and growing! Our topic is called 'How Does Your Garden Grow' and we will be finding out what plants need to grow, looking at seeds and growing as many plants as we can. Our main story will be 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We will also be finding out the names of common plants and flowers. Donations of seeds, pots, seed trays and compost would be hugely appreciated.



This term Squirrel's topic is 'Mad about Minibeasts.' We will be linking this topic to all aspects of our learning. Our main text will be 'The Bad Tempered Ladybird'. In Science, we will be learning about classifying animals. In Art and DT, we will be building and creating our own minibeast habitats such as a Wormery and a Bug hotel. In addition, our Geography will be focused on the local area and so we will be learning about urban map symbols, as well as exploring Charing and all of its history. In music, we will be learning how to compose music using minibeasts to help us. This will be a very exciting term filled with lots of fun activities. Miss MacMillan, Mrs Young and Mrs Dyson are looking forward to seeing all the Squirrels back after Easter.



Thank you to Foxes class for the brilliant way they have worked since returning to school. We are so impressed with your commitment and enthusiasm! Our new topic in term 5 will be the Romans and our class text is *Escape to Pompeii* by Christina Balit. The children will learn about events surrounding Pompeii and the volcanic eruption of Vesuvius. In Maths we will be learning how to order, compare and recognize equivalent fractions. Also, we will be learning how to tell the time and how to read the 24 hour clock. In science, our new topic is Light and we will be learning about how we see things. We will ask our own questions and design our own experiments to find out the answers.



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# What We Are Learning

Firstly, well done Badgers on such a fantastic return to school. We've had a jam-packed, fun-filled term and I hope you all have a well-deserved, chocolate filled Easter break. Next term our topic focus will be Evolution and how life on earth has changed. We will investigate fossils and what they can tell us about living creatures from millions of years ago, how they have changed over time and why this might be. We will focus on the work of Charles Darwin and his amazing contribution to the study of evolution.

All our writing is going to be based on the book *Skellig* by David Almond: this award-winning book follows a 10-year-old boy as he brings a strange creature back to life. We'll be doing some gardening in Life Skills and learning what plants need in order to thrive. In maths we will be learning about shape and their properties including angles and symmetry as well as continuing our work on place value.

Enjoy your break, eat all the chocolate and have a lovely rest. We can't wait to start term 5 in school together. Happy Easter!

Mrs Horsford and Mrs Hodson



Firstly, we'd like to congratulate Owls on how hard they've worked this term. We have a lot of tired heads today! Over the Easter holiday, we would like the children to continue with reading and keeping up their basic maths facts. But most importantly, please rest ready for even more brilliant work in term 5.

Next term in Owls we will be looking at migration and the history of migration. We will also be looking at the subject of refugees linked with this. The class book for term 5 will be *Shadow* by Michael Morpurgo. For Science we will be looking at living things and their habitats. In Maths we will continue to revisit past topics and start looking at shape.



All homework will go back to being set on a Friday and handed in the following Wednesday.



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# Easter Egg Hunt

*Do you want to hear an Easter joke?*

**Take a walk around  
Charing Village to find  
the 12 hidden eggs.  
When you have found  
them all, rearrange  
them to tell a joke!**



Eggs will be hidden from  
Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> – Monday 19<sup>th</sup> April

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<https://www.facebook.com/CharingPrimary/>  
Please ensure you are sticking to Covid-19  
restrictions and respect social distancing  
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