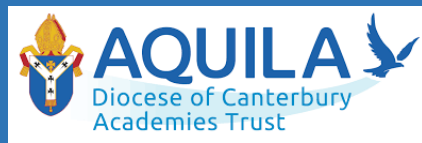


Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 15th October 2021



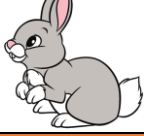




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Attendance

 Rabbits	 Squirrels	 Otters	 Foxes	 Owls
90	98	86	90	87
Whole School –		Year to date –		Target –
90%		91%		96%



Our children have had a busy start to the academic year with lots of exciting learning across the curriculum. They have thoroughly enjoyed the Friday lessons and have had opportunities to develop their learning in art, music, PE and life skills. They are particularly proud of the fantastic gardening they have completed around the school over recent weeks! Please do continue to talk to your children at home about what they have been learning this term.

Our After School Clubs have been extremely popular this term with children having the chance to try new sports and activities each day. If you would like your child to participate in any of these clubs or the morning Breakfast club, please contact the school office.

Parent consultations are next Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure you make an appointment to meet with your child's teacher to discuss how they have settled this term and their progress with their learning.

Thank you for all your continued support.

Kind regards,

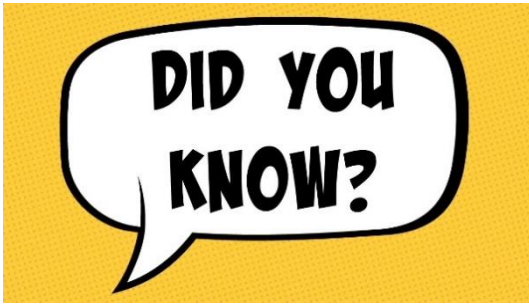
Angela Matthews

Consultant Headteacher



Living and Learning with Faith, Friendship and Fun

Attendance



Attendance is important to us because if your child is not in school we cannot teach them, and they miss important learning.

Research has shown that those children with poor attendance perform less well at school, and in their exams.

So far this term we have lost a total of at least **1034** minutes of teaching due to children being late!

Registration closes at 8:55am. If your child arrives by 9:10am this is marked as a **LATE** attendance. Any child arriving after 9:10am, without good explanation, is marked as an **UNAUTHORISED** absence. **10 unauthorised school sessions (1 session = 1 half school day) can lead to a penalty notice being issued from KCC.**

Tom is in Year 3. His attendance is always around **90%**.

His parents think **90%** is quite good.

But what does an attendance rate of **90 %** actually mean?



- ◆ An attendance rate of **90%** means that Tom is absent for the equivalent of one half day every week!
- ◆ If Tom only attends for **90%** of a school year, this means he misses **4 whole weeks** off of school!
- ◆ If Tom only has **90%** attendance in years 1-6 this means he will miss more than **half a year** off of school!
- ◆ If Tom only achieves **90%** attendance through Primary and Secondary school, this means he will have missed a **whole year** of his education!

So is 90% attendance good enough?

The national expectation for attendance is **96.6%**.
Figures of **90%** or less are classed as persistent absence.

Individual Pupil attendance

Percentage Attendance	Days Off Of School / Year
100%	No days
95%	9
90%	19
85%	29
80%	38
75%	48
70 %	57

Please help us to ensure your child reaches their full potential, by encouraging your child to attend school as regularly as possible.

CELEBRATION COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Grayson Fraser George M Harry B Szymon
Hayy D Connor Sherrilee Ellouise
Gracie Tia G Cheyanne Ella-May
Joey H Jesse Riley Kamyah Amelia Kiki



Prayer

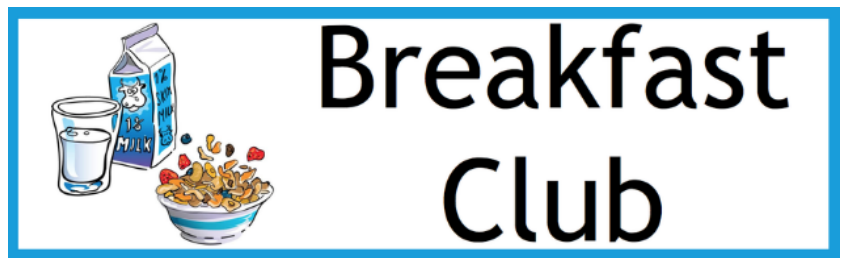
Thank you God that you
know me by name,
you are there for me when I
need you
and you are for me like a
shepherd cares for his sheep.
Amen



This week we have been thinking about Jesus, the Good Shepherd. We have thought about what a shepherd does for their sheep and how this can tell us how God cares for people who follow him. We have also learned about the lost sheep, that the shepherd searched for by name.



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If you would like your child to join, places are available at £3 per session. Please contact office@charing.kent.sch.uk for more information.



As part of our ongoing work to keep children safe online, we are continuing to share information about how to keep your children safe on social media apps and online. Due to ongoing concern relating to a new TV series, this week's information is about **SQUID GAME** and is at the end of the newsletter. Please continue to monitor your child's online behaviour and access. If you need help with a specific app we have not highlighted yet, please talk to Mrs Hammond.

**Be Bright
Be Seen**

The autumn days are closing in and the days are becoming shorter and darker. Please avoid dark colours for school coats and bags. See how easy it is to miss the child in second image!



**AFTER
SCHOOL
CLUB**

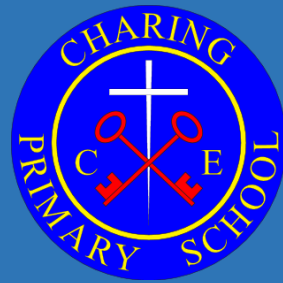
After School clubs

In order to accommodate parents evening, all after school clubs on Monday and Tuesday next week, 18th & 19th October, are cancelled. Please note that there will also be no choir on Thursday 21st October.



Living and Learning with Faith, Friendship and Fun

Upcoming Events:



Coffee Club

Friday 22nd October with Mrs Nunn in the Hall

Parents are invited in for coffee and a casual chat



Back by popular demand!

PTFA Quiz Night

12th November 2021

More details to be announced soon.



QUIZ!

Armistice Day 11th November.

Children that belong to a uniformed organisation (Beavers, Rainbows, Brownies, Girls/Boys Brigade etc) are invited to wear their club uniform to school in honour of Armistice Day.



Remembrance Sunday 14th November

St Peter and St Paul's Church for the Remembrance Service.



Individual school photo day.

Thursday 18th November

Please note that on this occasion we are unable to invite pre-school siblings into school for photos.



Children in Need Friday 20th November

More details coming soon....



**BBC
Children
in Need**



Friday 10th December 2021

Hazlitt Theatre Maidstone

To secure your child's place, please reply to office@charing.kent.sch.uk

Full payment must be made by 22nd October 2021.

The PTFA are able to accept CASH payments for this event.

The usual Parent Mail option is also available.





What is Squid Game? Netflix's Squid Game is set to become the streaming service's most successful show of all time, with huge numbers of viewers taking to social media to discuss each new episode. The South Korean thriller features some scenes of fairly brutal violence and is rated 15 by the BBFC. It follows a group of adults who compete to win innocent-looking playground games, but who are killed if they do not succeed at the tasks.

An unexpected success in terms of viewing figures, Squid Game's popularity is beginning to spread across various online platforms. There has been a slew of content created – ranging from memes to apps – that convey the violence of the show, so it is important for parents, carers and educators to understand the basis of Squid Game and the potential risks to young people who might be exposed to it.

What are the hazards for children? Squid Game's 15 rating has not prevented clips and images from the show being uploaded onto social media sites such as [TikTok](#), with the #SquidGame hashtag being viewed more than 22.8 billion times. There have been reports of children who have accounts on these platforms inadvertently viewing gory, explicit scenes from the programme, and parents and carers should be mindful of the prevalence of these uploads.

The popularity of the programme has also led to [online challenges](#) based on various scenes, which see people taking part in seemingly innocent children's games. On the show, however, characters are executed if they fail in the game – and videos of people pretending to kill each other after competing in Squid Game-style contests are going viral on social media, where they are easily accessible to children.

What is the Squid Game Challenge app? [Squid Game Challenge](#) (also known as K-Game Challenge) is an app for smartphones and tablets that has been released for Android and iOS, and the two systems differ significantly on their [age ratings](#) for the game. The iTunes Store rates the app as 12+ (advising of "mild/infrequent horror/fear themes"), while the PEGI rating for Android is just 3+, which means that very young children might be able to download and play the game even with parental controls activated on their device or through Google Play.

The gameplay is frequently interrupted by pop-ups and ads (sometimes appearing while the user is rapidly tapping their screen while attempting to complete the challenge). This could easily lead to unwanted purchases or accidental visits to inappropriate sites beyond the app.

What can trusted adults do? As a parent or carer, keep a watchful eye on the content that your children are viewing. [Speak to them openly](#) and chat about how they have been spending time on their devices; let them ask questions, too. Ensure that the [parental controls](#) are activated [on your child's device](#) and that age-restricted child profiles are properly set up any on-demand services available through the family TV (such as [Netflix](#), in this case) to prevent inappropriate content being streamed.

If you see your child replicating the challenges from the show or hear them talking about scenes and characters from Squid Game, it would be a timely opportunity to discuss with them that the programme is not intended for children, that much of the content would be inappropriate for their age, and that the violence in the series is very realistic and often upsetting.