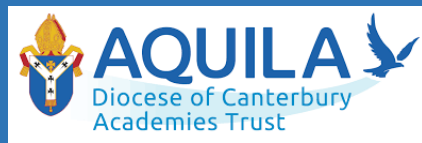


Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 1st October 2021






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Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Foxes	Owls
				
90	91	80	95	86
Whole School –		Year to date –		Target –
88%		92%		96%



As you may know, I have been teaching Art in KS1 and KS2 for the past 3 weeks. It was an absolute joy to teach a unit all about 'Still Life' to our Owls Class. They were so engaging, responsible and the art work was stunning, even if some didn't turn out quite as expected! They really enjoyed sketching, then using charcoal and then developing this to using colour. It was lovely to also teach Squirrels (my class last year) and to see how well they have settled into Year 1 and we had some great fun looking at and using primary and secondary colours. I did end up fairly covered in paint though!

This week it's the turn of Otters and I'm very much looking forward to painting with them and seeing the development of their skills throughout the next four weeks. With Foxes we start out first Design and Technology unit, 'Biscuit Bake Off', looking at food hygiene, nutrition, budgeting, packaging and of course baking biscuits. Fun or foolhardy.... this is yet to be seen!

It's been a privilege to get to teach all our classes this term, their enthusiasm is infectious.

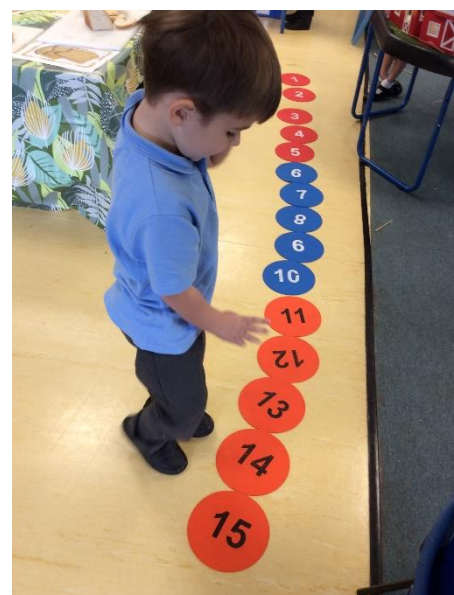
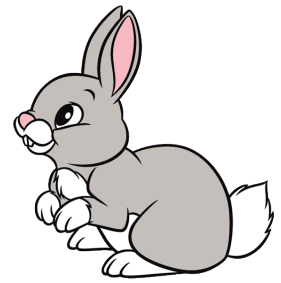
Have a restful and safe weekend.

Mrs Golden



Living and Learning with Faith, Friendship and Fun

This week in Rabbits Class we have had lots of fun painting, reading and counting amongst other things. We read 'The Little Red Hen' and found out about different types of bread, we tasted it and enjoyed it with lots of butter and jam.



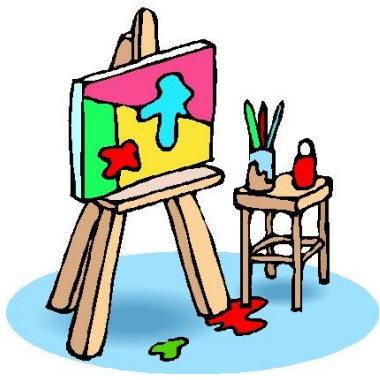
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life skills

What an amazing few weeks we've had during our life skills lessons. The children have been busy weeding, clearing beds and planting new seeds and bulbs. We can't wait to see what grows!



Living and Learning with Faith, Friendship and Fun



Mrs Nunn and the children have been enjoying Art Club. There is some real talent shining through!



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CELEBRATION COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Sam

Logan

Tia G

Zyanyah

Spencer D

Obie-Dean

Riley

Millie

Florence

Ollie

Maliah

Amelie

Jennifer



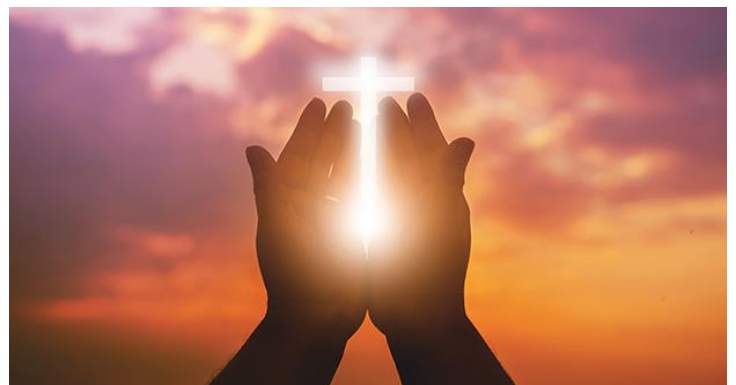
Prayer

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for your light,
shining brightly in our hearts.

Help us to share the light with others
so they too can follow the path you
have set.

Amen

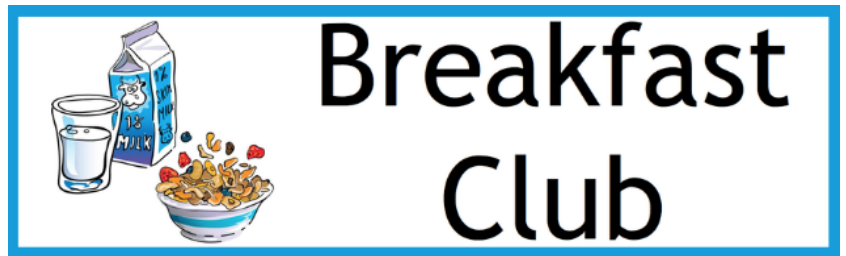


We have continued to think about who Jesus is this week with a focus on Jesus is the light of the world. We have thought about the how Jesus showed his light to the world when he was on earth, and how Christians can show that same light now in their words and actions.

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. Please continue to monitor your child's online behaviour and access. This week's poster about **POKÉMON GO** is at the end of the newsletter. If you need help with a specific app we have not highlighted yet, please talk to Mrs Hammond.

INTERNET SAFETY
FOR FAMILIES





Breakfast Club

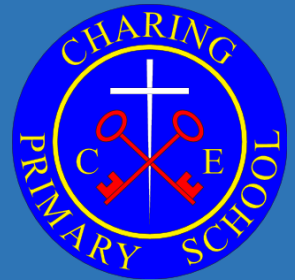
If you would like your child to join, places are available at £3 per session. Please contact office@charing.kent.sch.uk for more information.



This week has seen a dramatic change in the weather, a sign that autumn is truly here and summer has gone. However, there have been many children coming in without appropriate outdoor wear.

Please ensure your child comes in to school with a coat. We want to make the most of our outside space and will go outside as much as possible.

Upcoming Events:



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Wednesday 6th October

This year we are collecting for the Family Food Bank. Please bring donations into school on the 4th and the 5th October.



- Cereal
- Tinned Meat (Curry, Chilli, Meat Balls, Hot Dogs, Pies, etc.)
- Long Life Milk
- Tinned Potatoes
- Dried Rice/Pasta
- Tea/Coffee
- Tinned Veg (Peas, Carrots, Potatoes, etc.)
- Tinned Fish
- Tinned Desserts (Fruit, Custard, Rice Pudding, etc.)
- Soups (Tinned & Packets)
- Biscuits
- Preservatives
- Pasta Sauces
- Hygiene & Baby Products



Family Food Bank

Upcoming Events continued:



School Census Day Menu

Fun Fair Day Thursday 7th
October 2021

Please help our school funding
by choosing a school dinner on
Thursday 7th October.

Please see Fun Fair Day Menu
on our Facebook page!

Parents
Evening

18th and 19th October 2021

Please reply to office@charing.kent.sch.uk to
make an appointment

More details on parent Mail



Back by popular demand!

PTFA Quiz Night

12th November 2021

More details to be announced soon.



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.



Living and Learning with Faith, Friendship and Fun

What Parents Need to Know about

POKÉMON GO



Pokémon GO has been among the world's most popular mobile games since its spectacular release in 2016. It's recently enjoyed a resurgence, thanks partly to people combining entertainment and exercise during lockdown. In Pokémon GO – like the Pokémon TV show, trading card series and other video games – players capture, train and battle with their Pokémon creatures: physically exploring locations while using augmented reality via their phone's screen. The game generally provides a positive experience, but there are still some safety concerns to consider.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

Pokémon GO requires players to visit in-game landmarks like Pokéstops and Gyms. These are often situated at public real-world locations such as churches or post offices. Sometimes, however, they can inadvertently end up being placed in dangerous areas which are unsuitable for children, even when accompanied by an adult: near a construction site or a main road, for example.

STRANGERS & MEETING OFFLINE

Players often cooperate with friends in the game, and there are many online discussion hangouts. As well as sharing tips and info, these groups may arrange to meet offline to catch Pokémon or attend raids (communal events where players flock to the same real-world place for a mass battle). This can put children at risk of being messaged and invited to meet by strangers under the pretence of talking about the game.

DATA COLLECTION

When a player logs into their Pokémon GO account, the game collects personal data about the user and their device. Locations, emails, names, ages and even camera images can all be accessed. What then happens to this information is open to debate. Niantic, the game's developers, maintain that they do not sell user information to third parties – but the fact that they have it at all is a concern, nonetheless.

VISIBLE PROFILES & LOCATION

Pokémon GO players can add each other as 'friends' in the game by sharing their trainer codes. Two trainers who do this can then view each other's information, such as their username. If a username gives any clues to the player's real name or personal details, a stranger may then be able to look them up online. The game also lets users upload images to social media, which could publicly disclose a child's exact location.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game uses a currency called Pokécoins, which can be bought for real money (in bundles between £0.79 and £99.99) and exchanged for in-game items such as Pokéballs and berries. It's extremely easy for a child to purchase Pokécoins (even accidentally) if there's a payment method connected to their mobile phone – and possibly rack up a sizeable bill without realising it!

Advice for Parents & Carers

PLAY ALONGSIDE YOUR CHILD

Finding and catching Pokémon with young ones could turn into a great mutual hobby. At 25 years old, it's one of the few games franchises that spans two generations. Enjoying the game together will give you plenty of new things to talk about with your child – and if you played Pokémon in your own childhood, you might impress them with your knowledge of the digital critters!

ENCOURAGE AWARENESS

Remind your child of the physical dangers they could face while catching Pokémon and emphasise staying aware of their surroundings. The game will often alert children (through their phone) when they are close to an interesting Pokémon item – usually sending them excitedly rushing off to find it – so they should never play Pokémon GO near busy roads or in places they don't know well.

DISGUISE THE EXERCISE

One of Pokémon GO's benefits is that it encourages young (and not-so-young!) ones to get exercise outdoors. Some parts of the game can be completed from home, but it's best experienced while walking around your local area. Certain tasks (like visiting Pokéstops) can be repeated every day – and an hour outside having fun catching Pokémon will hardly feel like exercise at all!

USE AN OLDER PHONE

If children use an older phone to play Pokémon GO, then they won't be walking around with their own new device, which could get broken or stolen. Parents are also far less likely to have left a credit card linked to the old mobile. It also means that you can limit the amount of information used to set up an account, and what companies who gain access to your data can do with it.

AGREE PLAY BOUNDARIES

Ensure your child knows where they are (and aren't) allowed to go searching for Pokémon, when they have to be home, and how often they can play the game. Talk to other young Pokémon GO fans' parents or carers to see what boundaries they set for their children. Lunchtimes (if allowed by the school) or after school are ideal times for getting some exercise and catching all those Pokémon!

Meet Our Expert

Mark Foster has worked in the gaming industry for several years as a writer, editor and presenter. He is the gaming editor of two of the biggest gaming news sites in the world: UNILAD Gaming and GAMINGBible. Having started gaming at a young age with his siblings, he has a passion for understanding how games and tech work – but, more importantly, how to make them safe and fun.



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