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Attendance

 Rabbits	 Squirrels	 Otters	 Foxes	 Owls
92 	94 	93 	95 	94 
Whole School – 94%		Year to date – 89%		Target – 96%



It has been lovely this week to see the blue skies and feel the warming sun. It really feels like Spring is almost here. It can still get chilly, or changeable through the day, so please ensure your child still has a warm jumper or waterproof coat in school each day.

Next week will be the first drawing of the uniform raffle. The uniform policy was shared with all parents again this week. Please be aware that we cannot tape earrings for PE and therefore children need to be able to remove them for the lesson. If your child will need to remove earrings, a small, named, pot to keep them in can help them look after the earrings. If you are considering getting your child's ears pierced, please consider the healing time, and maybe plan it around a school holiday.

We have awarded our first Merit certificates this week - Well done to these pupils; it is fantastic to be able to celebrate your success in your learning!

The support for our 'Blue and Yellow' day for Ukraine last week was amazing, with over £300 raised. I know many people would like to continue to support the families who have had to leave their homes. Eliza in Owls has been busy making bookmarks and would like to sell these to raise funds for a children's charity based in Poland. These will be on sale outside Owls class after school on Thursday (24th) next week.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Hammond

Inclusion Manager



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CELEBRATION COLLECTIVE WORSHIP

Thomas

Ruth

George.F

Bonnie.S

Tia.G

Cheyenne

Archie

Lijah

Lacey

Alfie.S

Szymon

Oliver

JJ



Prayer

Father God,

For the wrong things we've done,
we're sorry.

For the wrong things we've said, we're
sorry.

For the wrong things we've thought,
we're sorry.

For the great things we have, thank
you.

For the blessing in our lives, thank
you.

For the love of friends and families,
thank you.

Amen.

As we continue our journey through Lent, we have been thinking about some of the Communion, or Eucharist, service that Christians may experience in a Church of England. We discussed the meaning of Peace, how it is shared, and how we can show Jesus' Peace in the world. We talked about the act of confession and the reassurance from God that we will be forgiven and the Apostles Creed, a chance for all believers to reaffirm their beliefs.



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All parents and carers at Charing are automatically a member of the PTFA, it's YOUR association!

What is the PTFA?

Parents, Teachers and Friends Association is an open and friendly group of volunteers working alongside the school towards a common goal: supporting the children's education and strengthening the school community.

How we raise money.

Like most PTFA's, the majority of our funds are raised through the events we run, like our recent pancake flip and our upcoming quiz night.

How we spend the money we raise.

Funds are usually spent on 'extras' that are not provided by the schools budget, which help make the children's learning experience much more fulfilling and exciting. For example, Forrest School. Other recent PTFA funding has paid for the train fare for the pantomime trip, breakfast with Santa and activity/movie treats in school.

Join us!

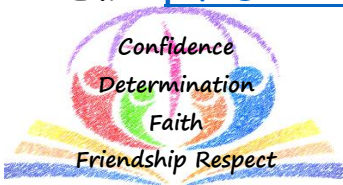
The PTFA committee meets on a regular basis to discuss possible fundraising ideas and to plan events. Any parent can come along to find out what is happening and see how they can help. Don't worry though, you don't have to commit to helping with everything! Every little bit helps and everyone brings something different to the team. Equally, if you are unable to attend a meeting but would still like to be involved, you can do that too! Any help is really valuable.



Why get involved?

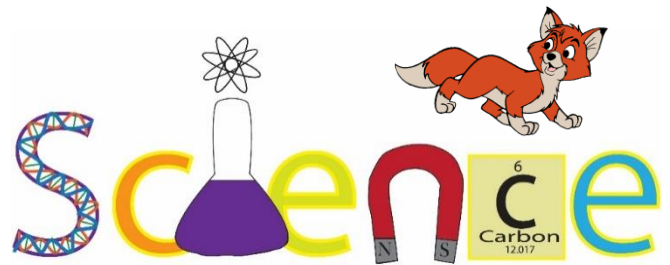
- Joining in with PTFA events is a fast way to get to know other parents and school staff.
- It's great for the children - seeing their parents involved in the school encourages them to do their best.
- Satisfaction in knowing you have helped the school community.
- It's great fun.

Email ptfa@charing.sch.uk for details on how you can help at our next event.



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On Wednesday Foxes had great fun being scientists. They planned a fair test to investigate the viscosity of different liquids. The children had to choose what equipment to use and how to use it and remember to keep everything except the liquids the same. Great work future scientists!



RE^{IGIOUS} EDUCATION⁺

This term in RE we have been learning all about the Gospel and what they tell us about the kind of world Jesus would like. Today Foxes class acted out the parable of The Good Samaritan and learned what being a good neighbour meant to Christians.





Help please! Owls class need some cardboard.



Please send in any cardboard box that you may have at home suitable for painting that is larger than a shoe box. We are looking for boxes similar to Amazon delivery ones not cereal boxes please. We will be very grateful, thank you.



Clubs cancelled. Due to a staff meeting, there will be NO clubs held on Monday 21st March.

Art Club will finish on Tuesday 22nd March.

KS2 Football Club will finish on Friday 25th March.

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. This week's poster about YOBO 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.



We send a big thank you to Amy Black for supporting our Library by supplying some brand new Usborne books for the children to read. Amy has recently become an Usborne Partner, which has enabled her to make such a generous donation.



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SEN SURGERY

Cancelled 25th March

With Mrs Hammond

**The next SEN Surgery is Friday 1st
April 1:15pm – 2:30pm**

Pop in if you have any SEN concerns about your child, want any updates on referrals or updates on how they are doing in class.



New start time

Toddler Group

**Charing Primary School Tuesdays
2:15-3:10pm term time only**



CHARING PRIMARY PTFA

QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY 25th Mar 22
7.30PM-10PM(ish)**

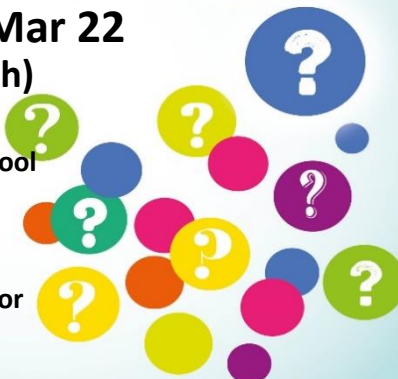
In Charing Primary School
Hall

Tickets £5 per person
from the school office or
on the door

To reserve a table:

email ptfa@charing.kent.sch.uk

or phone 01233 712277



Cancelled 25th March

Coffee club

With Mrs Nunn

**We will return Friday 1st April
2:45pm**

All parents welcome



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Greek (dress up) Day – Owls
class Tuesday 29th March 2022

Owls class are invited to dress up in Greek themed clothes to take part in their history/geography learning on the 29th of March. Your child can come in dressed up as an ancient Greek character. You don't have to buy a costume, please see the next page for some DIY ideas! We are looking forward to the fun!

Squirrels Class Tuesday 22nd March
2022

We're very excited to welcome Squirrels parents into our class on Tuesday. We will be completing a DT project based on our History topic of 'Changes within Living Memory' and parents will be joining in with the task. Be warned, it might get a little bit messy!



Class events are back!

We are delighted to be able to start inviting parents back in to school to see what your children have been learning and to take part in an activity with your children. Please see details of dates below.

Squirrels Class



Tuesday 22nd March 2:30pm

Owls Class



Tuesday 29th March 2:30pm

Otters Class



Wednesday 30th March 2:30pm

Foxes Class



Thursday 31st March 2:30pm

Rabbits Class



Wednesday 20th April 9:30am



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Activity Resource – OWLS CLASS

The following activities are designed for pupils to create their own costume.

Children's Costume design

You will need:

- Two white sheets or pieces of fabric approx. 40 inches in width and the length of the child, measured from head to toe.
- A belt or piece of rope
- Brooches, badges or safety pins.
- Sandals or pumps with ribbons attached at the side so when fastened up the leg, the criss-cross effect gives the appearance of Greek sandals.
- Sometimes women wore flowers in their hair as a head-dress.

For girl's costume

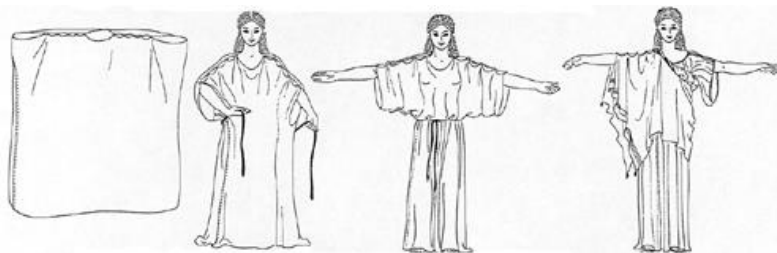
Hold one sheet up against the person and fold the top down to shoulder height. Repeat for the back with the second sheet. Pin both together at the shoulder with safety pins or brooches, then tie around the waist with the belt or rope.

For a boy's costume

As above, except only pinning the sheets together at one shoulder. Fold down at the unpinned side.

In Ancient Greece, the older you were, the longer your tunic was.

You can decorate the edges with gold writing or cut a stencil out to decorate with a swirl.



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How to make a Chiton

You will need:

Black card
Gold or silver pen
Scissors
Glue
String
Pasta shapes
Beads or buttons
2 large safety pins
Material for the costume



Brooches

1. Cut out two card circles about 10 cms in diameter, and decorate as you like.



2. When dry, turn over and attach safety pins to the back with a little piece of card.



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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

YUBO

AGE LIMIT

13+

Under-13s must have parental permission to create an account

Yubo is a social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People can connect with others based on location, with a Tinder-style 'swiping' mechanism to accept or reject someone based on their profile pictures. The app has approximately 50 million users worldwide – but despite its popularity, Yubo has not been free from controversy. While the app claims to monitor inappropriate content, a newspaper investigation in early 2022 found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism, bullying and conversations with adult themes.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

FLIMSY AGE GATES

Yubo states it is only for over 13s, but there is no credible age-gate to prevent an even younger child joining the platform. An undercover journalist investigating dangerous content reported spending 10 days posing as a 15-year-old on the app without any age verification. This flaw, and the fact that it's impossible to verify a user's true identity on Yubo, raises serious concerns over potential grooming.

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Yubo has experienced problems with inappropriate content being displayed to children and teens. Although the app's developers claim to monitor profiles and messages for adult-themed or unsuitable material, a *Sunday Times* investigation found young users being exposed to sexual harassment, racism and bullying, with many chats referencing self-harm, suicide and drug use.

LIVESTREAM RISKS

Due to Yubo's lax age verification, children are able to launch live video streams which strangers can then view and interact with via real-time text chat. Not only is the thought of strangers watching children's livestreams extremely worrying (they could also use these as a means to establish the child's location) but text chats might result in a young person disclosing personal information.

ON AIR

BULLYING POTENTIAL

Yubo users 'swipe' to accept or decline the chance to talk with each other. These decisions are entirely based on someone's profile picture, raising the potential for children to be left with low self-esteem if declined repeatedly. Negative feedback about their appearance can seriously damage a child's emotional wellbeing, causing a loss of confidence in how they look or how interesting they are.

EXTENSIVE ACCESS

Users of Yubo, no matter what their age, are required to grant access to their device's microphone and GPS. This means they are potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including their exact location. In addition, new users of the app are asked to provide personal details such as their name, date of birth and phone number, which – in the case of young people – represents a clear risk.

'GATEWAY' EFFECT

Yubo's swiping system (right for 'yes', left for 'no') works much like Tinder and various other dating apps. This could lead to children exploring similarly designed apps that aren't intended for a young audience. Users can also link their Yubo account to social media such as Snapchat and Instagram, making it easier for a stranger to track them down on various platforms.

Advice for Parents & Carers

DISCOURAGE USE

We don't often advise totally avoiding an app, but due to the concerns that Yubo has generated of late (the February 2022 *Sunday Times* exposé and a recent abduction case in which the alleged perpetrator met a teenage girl through the app) and the fact that inappropriate content has been proved to be circulating on the platform, you may decide that the safest option is to dissuade your child from downloading it altogether.

DISCUSS IN ADVANCE

If your child is absolutely determined to join Yubo (perhaps their friends all use the platform, for instance), then it's essential to talk to them about the dangers of this type of app before they install it. It's vital they understand not to disclose personal information to people they don't know, for example, and that they're warned about the type of mature content they may be exposed to on the app.

STAY AWARE

It's important to stay attuned to how your child is using social media. If they only access Yubo in private, for example, you might reasonably question what they're potentially using it for. It's also important to watch for warning signs that they may be over-using the app: prioritising it over everyday routines like meals and homework, for instance, or showing signs of irritability and a lack of concentration.

ALTER THE SETTINGS

After the recent high-profile controversies surrounding the app, Yubo's developers have increased its security controls. Users can now choose to block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private. There's also an option to report inappropriate content, so make sure your child knows that they can now flag up anything they find disturbing via the app's Safety Centre.

Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced technology journalist with a track record of more than 10 years in the industry. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *The Inquirer*, Carly is now a freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant.



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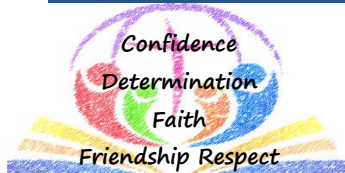


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