

Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

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Attendance



 Rabbits	 Squirrels	 Otters	 Woodpeckers	 Badgers	 Owls
89%	93%	88%	95%	88%	88%
Whole School – 94.7%		Year to date – 94.4%		Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week our Rabbits and Ducklings visited the church before our Harvest festival next week. They explored the church and Rabbits Class stopped off at the library on the way back to school for a story.

Owls Class are in London today. They had a very last-minute but fantastic opportunity to visit the Houses of Parliament. We hope they have had a fantastic day with a guided tour and also enjoying spotting all the landmarks passed on the way.

We hope you have seen all the fantastic Facebook posts of classes and clubs at school. It's great to see so many children loving their learning and it serves as a great advert for the exciting learning opportunities at Charing. Please remember to complete your Facebook photo permission form.

We have had some concerning reports about parking outside school. Please ensure you are parking responsibly and respectfully. Parents and local residents have concerns about cars being parked on pavements so that accessibility is restricted making it impossible for buggies, wheelchairs and those with mobility issues to use the pavements.

Compassion

Friendship

Forgiveness

Resilience

Hope

We carried out a uniform check on Wednesday this week. Well done to all those who were wearing the correct uniform and looking smart. Unfortunately, there were a small number of pupils not wearing the correct uniform. In particular many were wearing trainers. Trainers are perfect for PE days but on other days, children are expected to wear school shoes.

Sadly, Mrs Nunn will be leaving the team from half term. We would like to thank her for all the hard work and dedication she has given to the school in the 4 and a half years she has been with us; she will be missed. This means Miss Cole will be Rabbits full time Teaching Assistant from after half term. Currently, we will not be replacing Mrs Nunn as FLO. The DSL team will take on more responsibility in supporting our families as needed. The art club Mrs Nunn currently leads on a Tuesday will continue after half term.

We look forward to seeing you at our Harvest Festival at the church on Wednesday at 1.15pm, if you can make it.

Mrs Ros Golden

COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Harry H

Abas

Eliza

Vinnie

Hugo

Isabelle

Sherrilee

Millie

Isobel

Luchiana



Dear Father God,

Thank you for placing special
people in my life who make it better.
You have given me friends I can count on.
Help me to be a good friend to them;
To always stand by them,
To be with them when they need me most.
Help me to remember that you are the greatest
friend of all.

Amen.



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In our Worship this week, we have continued to focus on our new school Values. Following on from last week's value of Hope, we have spent time this week thinking about our final two values, Friendship and Forgiveness and what this means to us.

We thought about our friends; why they are special to us and what they bring to our lives. We read this acrostic poem which sums up a special friend.

Friends

F is for *faithful*, they're loyal to the end.

R is for *reliable*, they're true and don't pretend,

I is for *interested* in sharing their thoughts with you

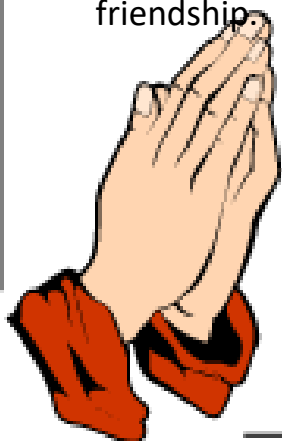
E is for *enjoyment* whatever you might do.

N is for *neighbourly*; they're kind in every way,

D is for *dependable*, every single day.

S is for my *Special Friend*, I know is always there, who makes me happy and I know will always care.

Our Bible passage was from Luke's Gospel, Chapter 5 verses 17 – 25. This is the passage where four Friends bring their friend who cannot walk, to Jesus as they hope and believe that he will be healed by Jesus. However, they could not get close to Jesus so they went onto the roof of the house (where they were) and removed some of the roof; they then lowered their friend on a sheet- type stretcher down to the feet of Jesus. Jesus blessed the friend, healed him, he picked up his bed and praised God. We felt the friends were determined to help their sick friend, no matter what they had to do for this to happen, this is true friendship.



We also looked at our final value of Forgiveness. We did this in Class Worship through a short video of Encanto; a lesson from Abuela and Mirabel's relationship is to listen to one another, say sorry, forgive and move forward. That means that we should not hold anything against the person who has hurt us. In the Bible, there was one person in particular who taught us how to forgive others Jesus. I wonder...if Forgiveness is a feeling or a Choice...



This week's poster about **AMONG US** 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.



NEW BOOKING SYSTEM FOR WRAP AROUND CARE

We are pleased to inform you that after half term there will be a *new booking system* in place for breakfast and afterschool club. Parents will be able to book in advance through MCAS and make payments directly through the app.



We would like to congratulate the following children for their efforts into making our Kitchen windows look so vibrant with their fantastic piece of art:



Jasmine



Phoebe



Olivia



Lauren



Alfie



Victoria



Tia



Compassion

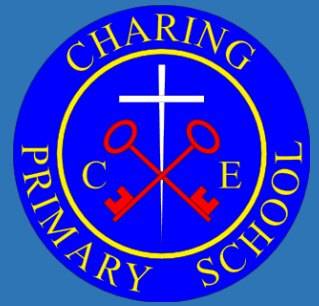
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
11th October	2024 prospective Year R parent meeting and tour 10am -11am Harvest Festival 1:15pm in the Church
18th October	2024 prospective Year R parent meeting and tour 5pm - 6pm
18th October	Squirrels Class event 2:15pm – 3:10pm
19th October	Badgers class event 2:30pm – 3:10pm
9th November	2024 prospective Year R parent meeting and tour 10am -11am
29th November	Parents' Evening 3.30pm -8pm

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All
welcome!

Charing CE Primary School

Open Day

150 years Anniversary 2023



Discover the benefits of sending your child to a small ,
community focused local school.

Before and Afterschool Care on-site

Come and meet our staff and find out more about our
amazing school and outstanding Early Years environment.
We'd love to show you around!

11th October ,
10am -11am
Wednesday

18th October ,
5pm – 6pm
Wednesday

9th November,
10am -11am
Thursday

For Reception intake
September 2024

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Diocese of Canterbury
Academies Trust

West End
in Schools



Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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Join Beauty on her courageous journey to a mysterious castle, hidden deep in an enchanted forest.

As the audience share magical castle life with Beauty and the Beast, we help them learn the true meaning of friendship and fun in this re-imagined tale where both Beauty and the Beast are spell-bound in the castle.



The Pantomime is coming to Charing CE Primary School

on

Tuesday 5th December 2023

Please note this performance is only for Ducklings, Rabbits, Squirrels, Otters

** Bookings to be made through MCAS*

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What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

AMONG US

A multiplayer social deduction game set in outer space, Among Us enjoyed a surge in popularity in 2020, and has since maintained a dedicated fan-base (globally, around 60 million regular players each month) thanks to its unique nature, simple premise and ease of access across numerous platforms. The game's on-screen action revolves around danger, disguise and deception – and there are certain parallels to be drawn with some of the real-life risks that parents and carers of young Among Us players need to be aware of.

AGE RESTRICTION
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PEGI

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

SENSITIVE PREMISE

In Among Us, up to three players are secretly assigned to be alien imposters, tasked with murdering their colleagues while the survivors try to unmask them. While the concept's not far removed from traditional games like Wink Murder or TV shows such as The Traitors, some parents may feel uncomfortable about their child playing a video game in which deception and killing are prioritised.

VIRTUAL VIOLENCE

The on-screen death of characters may be fundamental to the gameplay of Among Us, but the majority of the animations depicting this are deliberately cartoonish and only appear very briefly. However, it is worth bearing in mind that the game has a PEGI age rating of 7 – meaning that certain elements (however heavily stylised they may be) could still upset some younger players.

CHAT BETWEEN PLAYERS

With up to 15 people participating in each game online, a large part of Among Us' appeal is speculating with fellow players who the imposters might be and making accusations. This dialogue through the in-game text chat can occasionally become heated – and could, of course, involve your child being put into contact with people (including adults) who they don't know in real life.

GOING OFF PLATFORM

While Among Us provides basic ways to communicate, many gamers prefer to use external services such as Discord, a popular app which offers voice and video chat functions. These undeniably make cooperation easier, but also create a potential route for children to hear inappropriate language – or for strangers to message them privately in an environment which isn't regulated by the game itself.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

Among Us is free to download on mobile devices, and costs less than £5 to obtain on console and PC. A related longer-term pitfall, though, is that the game also includes options to pay for upgrades such as removing ads on the mobile version or adding cosmetic touches to characters (such as different costumes). It's certainly possible that a child could spend a significant sum without realising it.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONSIDER SOFTER ALTERNATIVES

Although Among Us is hugely popular with young gamers, it's possible that some children might find the murder themes unsettling. If so, plenty of similar social deduction games are available (in both digital and traditional board game formats) which downplay the potentially gristier elements; some centre around undercover spies, for instance, and there's even a Marvel superhero-themed variant.

CHAT ABOUT CHATting

You might feel it's prudent to talk to your child about the risks associated with voice chat while gaming, explaining in particular that strangers online aren't always who they claim to be. Keeping the conversation relaxed will reinforce your child's confidence that they can always come to you with any online concerns – not just about Among Us, but any potential future issues as well.

DISCUSS DISCORD

In general, Discord is an excellent app for keeping online communities together because of its use of dedicated individual servers, which allow comprehensive control over who can join – and who can't. Once you're familiar with the platform, you could set up a secure server for your child and their friends to communicate during games of Among Us, with no access for people they don't know.

AMONG US, AMONG FRIENDS

When your child and their friends get together, they can enjoy a private game of Among Us by choosing a 'local' lobby – that is, only people connected to the same WiFi (your home network, for example) can enter. This prevents any random online users – who may be total strangers – from joining and removes the need for voice chat, as the players are all physically in the same location.

STOP SURPRISE SPENDING

If you're concerned about the possibility of your child racking up an unexpected bill on Among Us microtransactions, you could consider using a prepaid card with a set limit. Likewise, you could specify in the game's options that adult authorisation is required for every purchase – or you could make sure that no payment methods are enabled on the device that your child plays the game on.

Meet Our Expert

Uyen Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and experts. She's been working in the gaming media for around four years. A regular visitor to the App Store to try out new titles, Uyen is a parent who understands the value of online safety. Writing recently about Roblox and Minecraft, her articles have been published on influential sites including Euronews and TechRadar.



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