

Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th October 2023

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Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Badgers	Owls
					
91%	99%	97%	96%	90%	89%
Whole School – 94%		Year to date – 94%		Target – 96%	

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are coming to the end of a very successful first term. It's a term we can look back on with pride. Last week, I was very proud of the whole school for the delivery of our fantastic harvest festival, where we focussed on being thankful. It was great to see nearly all the children involved in the service. I have also thoroughly enjoyed popping into the 4 class events that took place this week with parents. Both the children and parents seemed to really enjoy themselves and achieved well. I look forward to popping into the class events of Woodpeckers (Tuesday 31st October) and Rabbits (Wednesday 1st November) after half term. I have been blown away by the turnout and support from the parent body for these events; as ever, thank you for your support. The school and parent relationship is so important for the education and wider happiness of all our children.

I am witnessing the development of an ever-growing maturity in most of our children and really can see them trying to live out the school's new vision and values. I see so much compassion and friendship from the children, looking out for one another, even if they don't know each other that well. I feel these are the most important skills and essential in helping the children to become great human beings. They are qualities that the world needs in abundance.

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If you have been in the school hall recently, you will see that the mural of the school's bible story is near completion; it's absolutely amazing and the story really typifies our school ethos of being there for one another and supporting each other. We will be celebrating the mural once it is complete.

It has been a great challenge this term fighting the illnesses that have gone around the school. The previous three weeks have really hit our school's attendance but it has started to improve this week. Our attendance for this term, as I write this, is 93.8% which is a slight improvement on this time last year. Out of the 6.2% of absences, 1.1% of those absences are 'unauthorised'. This is a figure we really need to cut down: coming to school every day is so important for the children and they should be at school every day unless they are too unwell to come. As I said in my previous letter being tired or having a sore throat is not a reason for children missing school; we are happy to support children who may feel like this but they really should be in school to learn the essential quality of resilience. Since the Covid pandemic we have not had a single school day where we have had every child in school, my aim/wish this year is for us to have many days when this happens! Come on everyone, we can do it!


I would like to congratulate the 57 children (out of the 165 in Years R to 6) who have achieved 100% attendance this term. Well-done to all of you! You are setting a fantastic example.

This term classes and clubs have been uploading photos to the school's Facebook page. If you do not follow the school on Facebook, I highly recommend you take a look at our page and all the photos of the wonderful things that the children have been up to this term.

Next term, the weather will turn colder, please can you ensure your child comes into school in suitable clothing (this will help fight the illnesses!). And before we know it, it will be Christmas; most of our Christmas dates are on the dates for your diary page within the newsletter. I would like to wish everyone a wonderful week's holiday next week and look forward to seeing all the children again when we return on Monday 30th October.

Kind regards,

Thomas Bird
Head teacher



COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Georgie

Jury

Bobby

Elliot

Mahsa

Ruth

Daisy

Hugo

Jack

Elsie

Tommy

Millie. S

Isaac

Darcy

Annie

Amos

Buddie

Thomas

Poppy

Liam

Aoibheann

This week's focus for our worship has been what we read from Marks Gospel, Chapter 1v 40- 45. In this passage, Jesus met a group of people, who suffered from the terrible disease of leprosy. They were all very sad as they had to live on the outskirts of the town as people thought they could catch it if they were near or touched them. They couldn't be with their friends, families or work.

"Jesus felt sorry for the man so he put his hand on him. Instantly he was healed!" He healed the other nine lepers but only one returned to say thank you. We discussed why Jesus healed the men with leprosy and felt it was Jesus doing what he always did helping those in need, showing compassion because his message was one of love. We also considered how thankful we are. Do we really appreciate the many good things in our lives? When something really special happens do we really give thanks to God? We also looked at Matthew 9: verses 27-36 when Jesus healed the two blind men, they had faith in Jesus and gave thanks for their healing.

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Dear Father God,
There is so much in our lives
to be thankful for.

Help me to remember to appreciate
the good things that happen which
can make such a difference to our
lives.

Lord, thank you for all your gifts
to us.

Amen.



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This week's poster about **EA SPORTS FC 24** 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 – NOW LIVE

We are pleased to inform you that our new booking system for wrap around care has gone live and parents and carers are welcome to book in dates for TERM 2. You are able to book till a day in advance. More information and a guide will be sent out to you through MCAS.



Would you like to try a new sport?
Are you between the ages of
5 and 7 years and would like to play tennis?
Why not join us at
Charing Tennis Club on a Monday at 4pm.

Designed for all juniors from players looking to develop their skills to those trying out the sport for the first time. These sessions offer a variety of activities ranging from professional coaching to friendly competition.

Sessions will include technical and tactical advice with co-ordination, balance and agility skills being taught through games situations.

For further enquiries please contact:

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The Hope Tree Autumn Family FUN Days October 2023



**23rd & 26th October
Godinton village Hall Loudon Way
TN23 3JJ**

Time 10-2pm

**25th October Jay's Soul food
Restaurant 12 New Street TN24 8UU
12-4pm**

Lunch provided all 3
days

£12 per family per day
on 23rd/26th

**Arts & Craft ,Games,
Storytelling,Baking Nature Trail
Black History cultural workshops at
Jay's restaurant**

Contact:

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for more details and to book
your place

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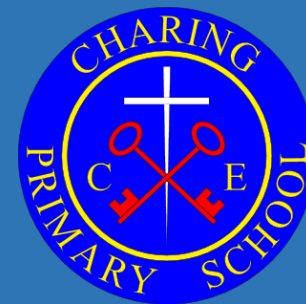
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
31 ST October	Woodpeckers Class event 2:15pm – 3:00pm
1 st November	Rabbits Class event 2:15pm – 3:00pm
9 th November	2024 prospective Year R parent meeting and tour 10am -11am
29 th November	Parents' Evening: 3.30pm -8pm
5 th December	Ducklings, Rabbits, Squirrels and Otters Pantomime in school hall- PM
6 th December	Whole school - Christingle service in the hall (parents welcome)- 2:30pm
8 th December	All day - Woodpeckers, Badgers and Owls - Pantomime trip to Hazlett theatre
11 th December	Ducklings, Rabbits, Squirrels and Otters - Breakfast with Santa- AM Woodpeckers, Badgers and Owls - Movie afternoon - PM
12 th December	Ducklings and Rabbits - Nativity to school: 9.45am Whole school - Christmas fete: PM
13 th December	Christmas service at the church- 9.20am Lunchtime - Whole School - Christmas dinner Ducklings and Rabbits - Nativity to parents: 2.15pm
14 th December	Ducklings and Rabbits - Nativity to parents: 9.30am Squirrels and Otters - Christmas concert to parents: 11am and 2pm
15 th December	Squirrels and Otters - Christmas concert to parents: 9.30am Term 2 ends

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All
welcome!

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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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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 EA SPORTS FC 24

After two decades of holding the official FIFA licence, EA Sports' phenomenally successful football video game series has embarked on a solo run at goal. This season's iteration marks the debut appearance of a new name and branding, but don't let those fool you – EA Sports FC 24 is still a very similar proposition to last year's FIFA 23. Popular features such as Ultimate Team remain a big focus, meaning that potentially costly in-game spending is still among the line-up of risks that parents and carers should be aware of.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

RECURRING RELEASES

EA Sports FC 24 effectively picks up the FIFA template – meaning that after a year, we can expect EA Sports FC 25 to hit the shelves. Updates between versions of the FIFA franchise tended to be minor, but young fans of the game are almost certain to want the new edition in around 12 months' time, so they can keep playing with updated team kits, players and squad lists.

OFFENSIVE VOICE CHAT

FIFA 23 introduced cross-platform play, and EA Sports FC 24 goes a step further with Clubs, Seasons and Ultimate Team cooperative modes across PlayStation 5, Xbox Series X and S, and PC. That's exciting news for youngsters who love to play with friends online – but connecting a much wider audience does potentially open lines of communication between children and far older online gamers.

IN-GAME PURCHASES

In FIFA, Ultimate Team proved to be a profitable innovation for developers Electronic Arts (EA), and is now found in many of their other titles. Players spend in-game currency to recruit better footballers for their team, but this process can take a frustratingly long time – so young fans may be tempted to skip the grind by paying real-world cash to unlock that coveted star midfielder.

ULTIMATE TEAM SCAMMERS

Since the mode was introduced, Ultimate Team has been a target of scammers who attempt to coax players into buying or selling outside the terms of service from EA and console manufacturers. This shady practice can lead to accounts being banned and in-game items being lost. In some cases, young gamers have also been hoodwinked into handing over their payment details to the fraudsters.

POTENTIAL FOR ADDICTION

Just like real-life football, EA Sports FC 24 offers a thrilling, dynamic blend of tactical awareness and skill that fans find absolutely engrossing. Among younger players in particular, this could lead to identifiers of a gaming disorder as they plead for "just one more game" before bedtime or spend practically all weekend playing more matches to earn additional Ultimate Team packs.

Advice for Parents & Carers

CONTROL SPENDING

If your child enjoys Ultimate Team mode, check that your payment details aren't linked to their account. Bundles of FC Points (the game's currency) start at just £1, so multiple payments can easily slip under the radar. You could consider setting your child an in-game allowance, perhaps through a prepaid card, which will help them to realise that online spending has a real-world effect.

DEFEND AGAINST SCAMMERS

EA does contact players via email (although not to ask for usernames or passwords, so watch out for that scam tactic), but never through the game itself – so be wary of incoming messages and consider blocking and reporting suspected spam. Your child should avoid buying coins (the in-game currency) from external sites; it could end with them losing their money and being banned from the game.

AVOID EXTRA TIME

Many parents of young football-oriented gamers worry about their child playing too much EA Sports FC. There's now also a companion mobile app, which can also often provide another indicator that a child is struggling to disengage from the game. You could initiate discussions around set hours of play – or take stronger action by utilising the parental controls on their console or phone.

SHOW TOXIC CHAT THE RED CARD

Playing EA Sports FC 24 with friends is highly enjoyable, but if competitive types start to turn toxic online, it can ruin everyone's fun. You could occasionally listen in on the voice chat of your child's game for any warning signs that things may be about to boil over. This goes double when playing online with strangers: voice contact with unknown players can be turned off in the game's settings.

CELEBRATE THE VARIETY

Ultimate Team may be the game's 'star player', but there's plenty more to do in EA Sports FC 24 – including modes which allow access to all of football's big names without needing to spend money on packs to unlock them. This new version of the game includes even more women's teams, marking another step forward in representation: an important subject to discuss and celebrate with children.

Meet Our Expert

Lloyd Coombes is Editor in Chief of gaming and esports site GGRecon and has worked in the gaming media for around four years. Always eager to test out the latest apps, games and online trends, he's also a parent who understands the importance of online safety. Writing mainly about tech and fitness, his articles have been published on influential sites including IGN and TechRadar.



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