

Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 3rd November 2023

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Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Badgers	Owls
					
94%	92%	95%	84%	92%	88%
Whole School – 91.4%		Year to date – 93.4%		Target – 96%	

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I hope you all had a great holiday from school. Upon our return the weather has made the week challenging but everybody has risen to the occasion and made it a really successful first week back, particularly for the children. A big well done is due to all for making the effort to come into school yesterday, I know it wasn't easy (I had a half hour diversion to get to school!) but thank you to everyone who made it. Due to the wind and rain yesterday, we sent children into school via the hall and this worked really well. When it is raining hard in the mornings, we will continue to do this from now on to avoid children and staff getting soaked.

This week the Woodpeckers and Rabbits parent events took place, it was again great to see so many parents turn up and enjoy spending time with their children in the class setting. It was lovely for parents to see the school vision being lived out in practice with children developing, celebrating and enjoying their talents. Even though our vision and values are only eight weeks old, I feel they are really embedded within the school and I am seeing so much kindness and compassion amongst the children this year - it's great to see and makes me very proud.

Now it's November, I will start mentioning the C word. You will have received an email from the PTFA regarding arrangements for the Christmas Fair. Below is a list of all the Christmas event coming up in December so you can put them in your diary now:

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Christingle Service - 6th December 2pm

Pantomime trip - 8th December

Breakfast with Santa for EYFS and KS1 - 11th December

KS2 Movie afternoon - 11th December

Christmas Jumper Day - 12th December

Christmas Fair - 12th December afternoon

Christmas Church Service - 13th December 9.15am

Christmas lunch - 13th December

Ducklings and Rabbits nativity - 13th December 2.15pm and 14th December 9.30am

Squirrels and Otters Christmas concert - 14th December 2pm and 15th December 9.30am

There is an awful lot going on in December!

Also, parents' evening is Wednesday 29th November, more information will be shared about that next week.

This week we welcome Mrs Ball to the staff team in Squirrels and Mrs Hatley has become the teaching assistant in Badgers. The children have been very supportive in helping them settle into our school staff team.

As I said last term, our attendance is an area we need to work hard at improving. Our current school attendance is way below where it needs to be. We need to ensure holidays, celebrations and treats are not happening during school time. I am however, delighted to say that out of the 164 children on the school roll, from Reception through to Year 6, we have 48 children with 100% attendance. A big well done to the magnificent 48! Keep going everyone in improving your attendance.

I hope we have a less windy weekend and it is drier so everybody can have a good time. Please can I ask, now that the weather has really changed that you send your children to school in warm and appropriate school clothing. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Thomas Bird
Head teacher

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COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Anderson

Olivia

Anya

Tia

Havana

Maisie

Adrie

Elijah

Vinnie

Ollie

Edward

Reuben

Kate

Isaac

Freddy

Kaycie

Tabitha

Grant

Phoebe

Tommy

Alex

Harry H

Ella- May

Sienna

Jesscia

Aurora

Hugo

Abas



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This week's Worship has given us an opportunity to look at ordinary people who did extraordinary things because they lived out what they believed. What they achieved continues to influence our lives today through health care, through systems to support the most needy in society and through our education system. We all have better lives because of them and what they believed!

We focused on: Florence Nightingale, with reference to John's Gospel Chapter 5 verse 12 and Doctor Barnado, with reference to Proverbs Chapter 31 verse 9. Both of these inspirational characters were ordinary people who created extraordinary achievements which improved the lives of many, many people and whose work still carries on, over 150 years since they were alive.

We began by considering how tiny the pips inside an apple are, how tiny mustard seeds are but how they grow into great big trees, where birds make their home.

I wonder...what this is telling us... From small beginnings big things can happen...

Florence believed from an early age that God was calling her to live her life to help others. She became a nurse and was instrumental in the improvements in sanitation in hospitals and in the care given to sick people. She was known as the 'lady with the lamp' for all the compassion and care she gave to wounded soldiers in the Crimean war.

Doctor Thomas Barnardo set up his first home for destitute boys who lived on the streets – later, homes for girls would follow.

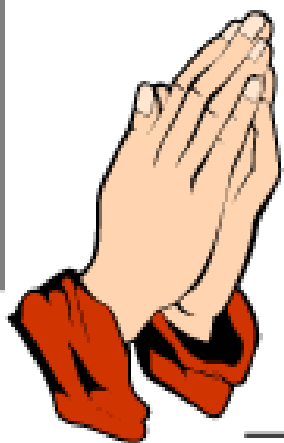
Children had lived like this for a long time if they had no family or carers.

I wonder what moved Thomas to act in this way and change the way things were done and attitudes towards the poor. Dr Barnardo himself said that. 'I have always felt a positive duty was laid upon me by God to stir up the minds of Christian people generally to a greater sense of their responsibility'. He was

a man of vision and action. He did not just see a need, but took immediate steps to address it.

I wonder... why Florence Nightingale and Dr Barnado felt that their work was an important way of living out their faith.

I wonder... are we brave enough to challenge the things that are not right around us as they did...





Dear Father God,

Today, Show us how we can make a
difference to the world around us,
Perhaps, say a kind word to someone
who is sad,

Help someone to do something
difficult,

Take care of the earth's resources by
recycling something, Cheer up the
people around us with a smile. Though
we are so small and the world is so big,

Help us to make a difference to all
whom we meet today.

Amen.



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This week's poster about **ONLINE CONTENT** **10 Tips to keep your children safe online** 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

Our NEW booking system for WRAP AROUND CARE is now LIVE and parents and carers are welcome to book in dates till a day in advance. We however due to a situation you are not able to, please ensure to either ring the office or send in an email along with the payment for your child to secure a place.

Dinner Money:

Due to a large amount of unpaid dinner money from last term, we have set up MCAS to remind you once your balance becomes under £1.



Friday 3rd November 7:30pm
in Charing School Hall

**QUIZ
NIGHT**



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Christmas Events at Charing Village

There are lots of exciting events happening this month in the village. We are having a "Light Parade" from The Pavilion to the Market Place on Friday 24th November at 6pm.

Father Christmas will be in his grotto at the Church from 6pm. This year the grotto will be Santa's Toy workshop.

There will also be a special post box for the children to send their letters by the grotto along with a craft fair in the Church Barn and an Adult and Children's Tombola.

Food and Drink available and there will be a Disco in the Pavilion from 8pm.



Official Charing Christmas Lights Switch On
Light Parade 6pm from The Pavilion
Meet Father Christmas & His Elves in the Church
Craft Fair in the Church Barn
Faversham Mission Brass Band
Food & Drink Available
Bookmakers open from 5pm
Disco at The Pavilion from 8pm

GARANT JOINTS
Hot Dogs
&
Burgers

THE HIVE
BARBERSHOP
Luxury Mobile
Cafe & Bar



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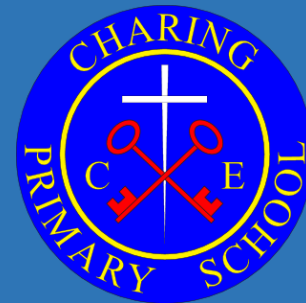
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
8 th Novemeber	Coffee Morning in Library from 2:30pm
9 th November	2024 prospective Year R parent meeting and tour 10am -11am
22 nd November	Coffee Morning in Library from 2:30pm
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
7 th December	Coffee Morning in Library from 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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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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ONLINE CONTENT

10 tips to keep your children safe online

The internet has transformed the ability to access content. Many apps that children use are dependent on user-generated content which can encourage freedom of expression, imagination and creativity. However, due to the sheer volume uploaded every day, it can be difficult for platforms to regulate and moderate everything, which means that disturbing or distressing images, videos or audio clips can slip through the net. That's why we've created this guide to provide parents and carers with some useful tips on keeping children safe online.



1 MONITOR VIEWING HABITS

Whilst most apps have moderation tools, inappropriate content can still slip through the net.



2 CHECK ONLINE CONTENT

Understand what's being shared or what seems to be 'trending' at the moment.



3 CHECK AGE-RATINGS

Make sure they are old enough to use the app and meet the recommended age-limit.



4 CHANGE PRIVACY SETTINGS

Make accounts private and set content filters and parental controls where possible.



5 SPEND TIME ON THE APP

Get used to how apps work, what content is available and what your child likes to watch.



6 LET CHILDREN KNOW YOU'RE THERE

Ensure they know that there is support and advice available to them if they need it.



7 ENCOURAGE CRITICAL THINKING

Talk about what people might post online and why some posts could cause distress.



8 LEARN HOW TO REPORT & BLOCK

Always make sure that children know how to use the reporting tools on social media apps.



9 KEEP AN OPEN DIALOGUE

If a child sees distressing material online; listen to their concerns, empathise and offer reassurance.



10 SEEK FURTHER SUPPORT

If a child has been affected by something they've seen online, seek support from your school's safeguarding lead.