

Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



Friday 24th November 2023

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Attendance

| | | | | | |
|---|--|---|--|--|---|
|  Rabbits |  Squirrels |  Otters |  Woodpeckers |  Badgers |  Owls |
| 94% | 88% | 97% | 89% | 88% | 87% |
| Whole School – 91% | | Year to date – 92.6% | | Target – 96% | |

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are now at the end of the 11th week of the new school year - time is going so fast but as I write this, I am really pleased with the progress the school has made. In the last few weeks, I have been monitoring carefully the teaching and learning across the school and I am very proud of the effort and progress the children are making. There is so much fun and excitement, of the right sort, taking place across the school and this is producing good quality learning. I also feel our Facebook page has been very good this year celebrating and showing all these wonderful experiences and activities. Our vision and values are being carried out every day in school life and are shaping the school ethos.

On Wednesday it is parents' evening in the school hall; the parents who booked slots via Microsoft Forms have been allocated slots but if you missed this then please contact the office and they will be able to allocate you one of the spare slots. Do hurry as there aren't too many available.

At the end of the last academic year, I wrote to you about the current class placements and informed you that Mrs Thompson will be retiring from teaching this coming Christmas. That is why she was not given a class for this academic year. I am now delighted to announce that when Mrs Thompson retires from being a teacher in December, she will continue to work at the school from January until the end of the school year as a Higher-Level Teaching Assistant.

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As I am sure you are aware, the school has grown rapidly throughout the last three years, and at the same time so have the school's SEN needs. To support Mrs Hammond with this important work, Mrs Golden will be assisting Mrs Hammond. This means that Miss Humphries will be leading Squirrels all day every Wednesday from now until at least the Easter holidays.

Our attendance has once again declined since the start of the year. This is so disappointing as it is an area in which we must improve. It is so important for your children that they attend school, even if they aren't feeling 100% or are a little tired. Every minute counts and makes a real difference towards a child's progress. I am still pining for the day when we have every child in school. Come on, we can do it!

Now with only three weeks of the term left we are getting closer to Christmas, please ensure you read the dates for your diary page at the back of this newsletter so you know what is happening during this busy period. I would like to wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to the remaining three weeks of term where I expect to see the continued hard work from everyone and lots of fun in preparation for Christmas.

Kind regards,

Thomas Bird
Head teacher



INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about **BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY** 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.



ATTENDANCE



**Attendance
Matters**

Every student. Every day.

If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone or leave a message on our answer phone. Can we please request that all attendance related emails are sent to the following:

Ms. Nimrah Rehman

attendance@charing.kent.sch.uk

Please be aware that if we haven't heard from you, we will call you or may even come to your home as we have a duty of care to ensure that all children who are absent from school are safe and accounted for.

MEDICATION SAFETY

We understand that at times children are unwell and need to stay at home to recover, however please remember that we can administer *prescribed medication*, so if your child is feeling better but needs medicine, this can be brought to the office and managed as necessary. The office would be able to assist in this.



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DROP OFF

Can we please remind parents that school gates shut at **8:55am**. If you arrive late , please drop off your child/ children at the school office.

For safeguarding reasons we do not allow parents/carers to drop off their children to their classes.

SCHOOL DINNERS PAYMENTS

Payments for wrap around care:

If you have unpaid sessions, please ensure that these balances get cleared off by the end of term. Unpaid sessions will result in you losing your child's place at the club for term 3 and will be offered to other families. If you are experiencing problems in paying, please contact the school office.



Dinner Money:

Please be reminded school meals are to be paid for in advance. Our caterers will not allow a debt to build and as of next term, any unpaid accounts will result in your child not receiving a meal and you will need to provide a packed lunch.

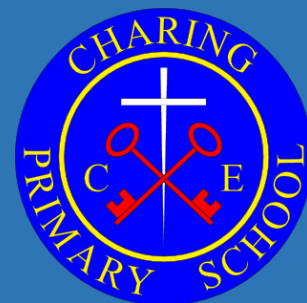


“REMINDER: The Kent and Medway School Aged Immunisation Service is coming to school soon to carry out Flu Immunisation Programme for pupils in Years R to 6 – don’t forget to consent or decline before the cut-off date via their website <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/> Scroll down

and click on the blue button labelled “Immunisations” to fill in the form.

You can also phone the team 0300 123 5205, text 07401320923 or use their [web chat](#) if you have any questions about your child’s immunisations.”

Dates for your Diary



| Date | Event |
|---------------------------|---|
| 27 th November | Booksale after school |
| 29 th November | Badgers Class event 2:15pm – 3:00pm Parents' Evening for all: 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 KCH Flu Vaccination in School for YR – Y6 |
| 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 |
| TERM 3 | |
| 4 th January | KCH Hearing and Vision Test Rabbits and Owls Only |

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COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Harry T

Amos

Freddie J

Albie

Adrie

Jesse

Lehumo

Nancy H

Sherrilee

Isaac

Ruth

Lefa

Leah

Archie

Delilah

Ralph

Rachel

Lilly R

Harry H



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This Week in Worship

... Our overall Theme to this term's Collective Worship is Being Committed to...

This week's focus has been committed to Generosity.

We talked about the meaning of generosity, of being generous and what this looks like. The dictionary definition is 'giving more than is expected.' We discussed different ways of being generous: we can be generous with money but also with our time, our love for each other and our compassion for others. We read the story from the New Testament Luke: Chapter 21: verses 1-4 about The Widow's mite, thinking about how should we give and considered the Widow's offering.



'As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins.

"Truly I tell you" He said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

I wonder what you think Jesus' words might mean? Do you think Jesus wants us to give everything we have? Or do you think he wants us to be generous with what we do have? The woman in the Bible story wanted to give back to God generously. I wonder if we are generous, like the widow in the Bible story?



'Real generosity is doing something nice for some who will never find out'. Frank A Clarke, I wonder if you agree with this statement.



Dear Father God,
Help us to be more like you in
all our ways;
Teach us to be kind, gentle,
generous, forgiving,
and follow in your humble
footsteps.
Guide us to the place you
want us to be, so we can be
your lights in the world.
Help us to shine where ever we
go.

Amen.



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Christmas Event at Charing Village Today

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.



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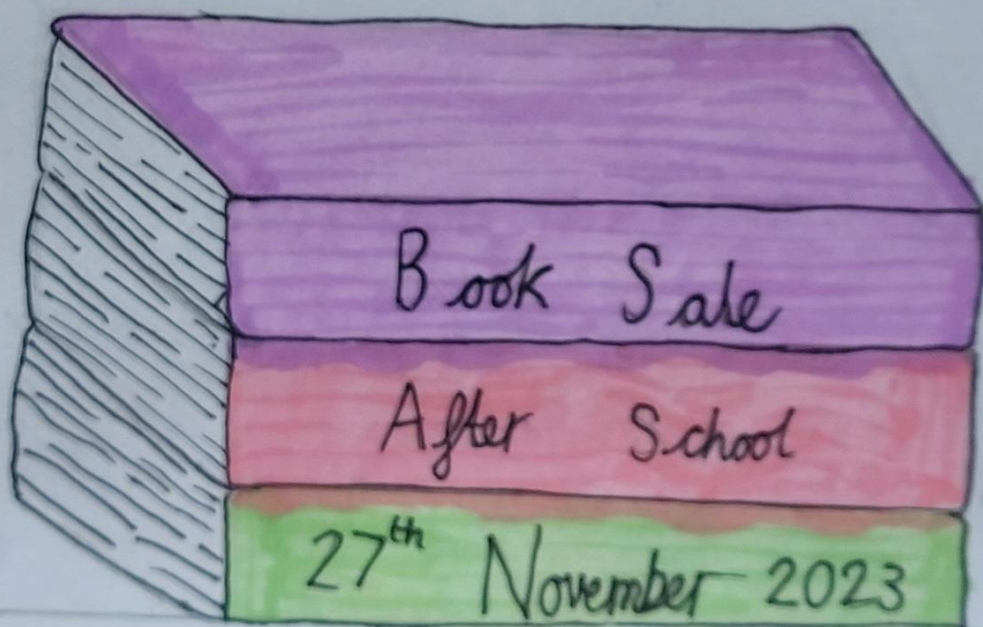
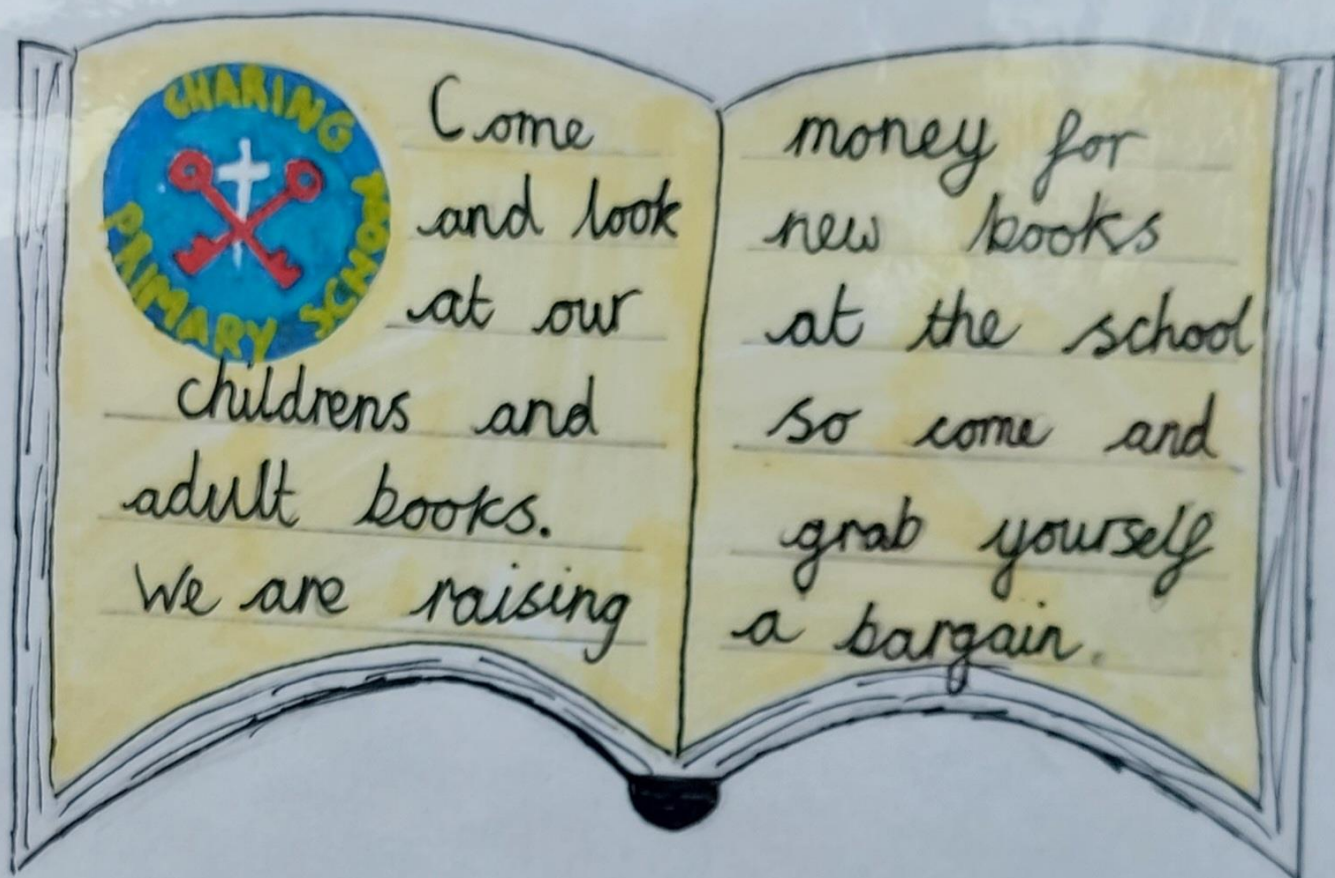
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BOOK SALE





B&B COACHING
Be The Best



PLAYER

DEVELOPMENT

CENTRE

**2023 - 2024 Football
Season**

September 23 - June 24

Player Development Centre

Thursday Evening - Cornwallis Academy

Book now: maidstoneunited.co.uk/pdc

Girl's Player Development Centre

Monday Evening - The Gallagher Stadium

Friday Evening - Cornwallis Academy

Book now: maidstoneunited.co.uk/girlspdc

More information

Email: pdcc@maidstoneunited.co.uk

West End
in Schools



Disney's BEAUTY AND THE BEAST

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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Top Tips for Safer Online Shopping on

BLACK FRIDAY AND CYBER MONDAY

Black Friday and Cyber Monday have become established as two of the year's biggest shopping events, giving consumers the opportunity to snap up a stash of stunning bargains. While this is generally good news, of course, the resultant retail frenzy can lead to people dropping their guard – especially online. In previous years, a seasonal surge in cyber-crime has seen schemes such as phishing emails and credit card scams being unleashed on unwary buyers. Our guide has some essential pointers on keeping your details – and your money – safe while you shop.

ENSURE A SITE'S SECURE

Before inputting sensitive information (like your card details) into a website, check that the site's secure. The key thing is to look for a padlock symbol in the address bar and check that the URL begins with "https://" – the "s" indicates that the web address has been encrypted with an SSL certificate. Without that, any data entered on the site could be intercepted by criminal third parties.

TRUST YOUR INSTINCTS

If a deal seems too good to be true, then it probably is. Be especially wary if a site offering unbelievable discounts doesn't look professional (for example, if it's covered with pop-up adverts or it looks particularly outdated) – this often serves as a red flag that the seller might not be entirely trustworthy. Minimise risk by sticking with well-known, reputable retailers instead.

REVIEW BANK STATEMENTS

Even if you've followed all our tips, it's probably worth checking your next bank statement for any unusual transactions. Criminals know that on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, lots of people make numerous purchases online; they're hoping that any stolen money will get lost in the crowd of other transactions. If you see a payment or payee you can't identify, raise it with your bank straight away.

BEWARE OF SUSPICIOUS EMAILS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday often bring a significant spike in phishing emails, as criminals use the events' sense of urgency as cover for stealing personal information. Even if they look legitimate, be wary of emails requiring you to do something unusual or suspicious: providing your personal details in exchange for access to last-minute deals, for example, or clicking on a link to an unfamiliar site.

CHECK IT'S THE REAL DEAL

It's not just cybercriminals you need to be wary of. Research has shown that some online retailers increase the price of certain items in the weeks before Black Friday and Cyber Monday – enabling them to then advertise "discounts" (which, in reality, have simply restored the cost to normal levels). Use an online price comparison tool to verify whether these "reductions" truly equate to a saving.

MINIMISE MICROTRANSACTIONS

Black Friday and Cyber Monday promotions extend to digital items as well as physical ones. Some gaming companies will offer discounts on in-app and in-game microtransactions such as loot boxes. If you're concerned about how much your child might spend on these upgrades, you can restrict their ability to make purchases (via their device's settings) or remove any linked payment methods.

SET STURDY PASSWORDS

A strong, unique password is one of the most straightforward ways to protect yourself from cyber-crime. As most of us have multiple online shopping accounts, it can be tempting to use the same password for them all – but this puts your personal data at greater risk. You could try using a password manager to create a different, robust password for each online retailer that you visit.

DITCH THE DEBIT CARD

Where possible, it's safest to shop online with a credit card (as opposed to a debit card) because it offers additional protection. If a purchase is made fraudulently on your credit card, there's a fair chance of your bank reimbursing you. Should criminals obtain your debit card details, however, they could empty your account in moments – and it can be difficult to recover your money.

RESIST THE INFLUENCE

Recommendations from social media influencers are another thing to remain vigilant for on Black Friday and Cyber Monday. While many of these will be legitimate, remember that influencers are often paid to promote products – and to publicise deals that aren't quite as amazing as they might seem. Don't feel pressured into buying purely on their advice; look at everything with a critical eye.

TAKE CARE ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Social media scammers are more active on Black Friday and Cyber Monday, as they know people are hunting for deals online. These scammers tend to concentrate on platforms such as Facebook and Instagram, posting malicious links that can compromise shoppers' personal details. Other scammers, meanwhile, falsely advertise products in an attempt to trick users out of their hard-earned cash.

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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