

# Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

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## Attendance

<b>Rabbits</b> 	 <b>Squirrels</b>	<b>Otters</b> 	 <b>Woodpeckers</b>	<b>Badgers</b> 	 <b>Owls</b>
<b>89%</b>	<b>90%</b>	<b>95%</b>	<b>94%</b>	<b>85%</b>	<b>85%</b>
<b>Whole School – 90%</b>		<b>Year to date – 92.4%</b>		<b>Target – 96%</b>	

Dear Parents/ Carers,

It's been a busy week as we approach the beginning of December.

We had our first parent consultation evening of the year this week. It was good to see such a good turnout. If you didn't manage to make it on Wednesday and haven't made an alternative appointment, please speak to your child's class teacher and we will make arrangements for before the end of term.

Badgers and Woodpeckers both held parent class events this week. There was sewing of Christmas decorations in Badgers and Woodpeckers all made their own worry doll. Thank you for bringing your creativity to school to help your children. Everyone seemed to be enjoying themselves.

We are continuing to experience problems with parking outside school. You will have noticed that there are A frames and cones outside the school gates before and after school. These must NOT be moved. We continue to receive complaints from parents and local residents about inconsiderate and dangerous parking. We are currently in discussion with Ashford Borough Council about making the area outside school an enforced parking area.

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*Hope*

On Wednesday we are holding our annual Christingle service in the school hall at 2.30pm. If your child is in Squirrels, Otters, Woodpeckers, Badgers or Owls, you are invited to attend this magical celebration to mark the start of advent. Due to limited space, we can only have one parent from each family. Ducklings and Rabbits will be having their own in class service.

Next week will be the last week for clubs, with the exception of wrap around care before and after school.

I mentioned a few weeks ago that we will be starting a new playground/ playtime scheme called Opal Play in the new year to bring more creativity and cooperative play to our playtimes. Our children don't have enough to do at playtimes and this will aim to bring zoned areas across the playground and field with opportunities for a mud kitchen, den building, social spaces, large construction, a sand pit, dressing up and many more. These will be introduced slowly with proper training for pupils. Just to give you a heads up, we will be asking all pupils to bring in a pair of wellies towards the end of January. If you are interested in finding out more please take a look at the link below.

<https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/>



### [Home - Outdoor Play And Learning](https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk/)

Under the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child Article 31, play is a human right. All state parties have a duty to ensure every child has access to play. Download this booklet with lots of practical ideas for busy parents Click here What is the plan for play campaign? Research shows that children's [...]

[outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk](https://outdoorplayandlearning.org.uk)

There was great excitement on the playground at drop off today when a tiny dusting of snow turned into proper big snowflakes!

Have a great weekend and keep warm.

Mrs Ros Golden



## INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about **AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT** 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](mailto: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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## MAIN ENTRY

**ALL VISITORS  
MUST REPORT  
TO THE  
SCHOOL OFFICE**

### 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:**

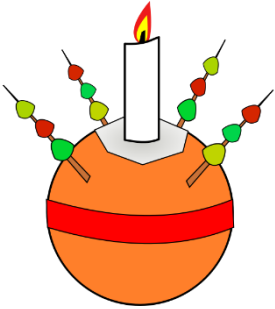
If you have unpaid sessions, please ensure that these balances get cleared off by the end of term. Unpaid sessions will result in you losing your child's place at the club for term 3 and will be offered to other families. If you are experiencing problems in paying, please contact the school office.



#### **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



Can **ALL** students please bring a full-size orange on **MONDAY**, for Christingle service taking place on the **6<sup>th</sup> of December** at 2:30pm.  
*(parents are welcome)*

*Squirrels, Otters, Woodpeckers, Badgers and Owls only.*

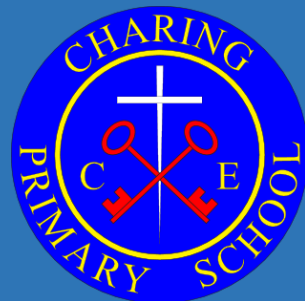
Ducklings and Rabbits will be having their own in class service but still need to bring in an orange.

**REMEMBER:** The Kent and Medway School Aged Immunisation Service is coming to school soon on the **7<sup>th</sup> of December** 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." Please could you send out an email to remind them to consent or decline at: <https://family.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms>

# Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
4 <sup>th</sup> December	Owls Parents evening -2:30pm
5 <sup>th</sup> December	Ducklings, Rabbits, Squirrels and Otters Pantomime in school hall- PM
6 <sup>th</sup> December	Christingle service in the hall (parents welcome)- 2:30pm Squirrels, Otters, Woodpeckers, Badgers and Owls only
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Coffee Morning in Library from 2:30pm KCH Flu Vaccination in School for YR – Y6
8 <sup>th</sup> December	All day - Woodpeckers, Badgers and Owls - Pantomime trip to Hazlett theatre
11 <sup>th</sup> December	Ducklings, Rabbits, Squirrels and Otters - Breakfast with Santa- AM Woodpeckers, Badgers and Owls - Movie afternoon - PM
12 <sup>th</sup> December	Ducklings and Rabbits - Nativity to school: 9.45am Whole school - Christmas fete: PM
13 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas service at the church- 9.20am Lunchtime - Whole School - Christmas dinner Ducklings and Rabbits - Nativity to parents: 2.15pm
14 <sup>th</sup> December	Ducklings and Rabbits - Nativity to parents: 9.30am Squirrels and Otters - Christmas concert to parents: 11am and 2pm
15 <sup>th</sup> December	Squirrels and Otters - Christmas concert to parents: 9.30am  Term 2 ends
TERM 3	
4 <sup>th</sup> January	KCH Hearing and Vision Test Rabbits and Owls Only

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# COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

**Lauren**

**Tommy C.**

**Teddy**

**Jaxson**

**Elliot**

**Jury**

**Lia**

**Joey**

**Dre**

**Hodger**

**Eliza F.**

**Bodhi**

**Loki**

**Lilly-Rose**

**Kelsie**

**Junior**

**Sophia**

**Tabitha**

**Vinny**

**Lilly**

**Aoibheann**



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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 Advent. Advent comes from the Latin word 'adventus' meaning 'Coming.' Advent begins the church year starting four Sundays before Christmas. The season of Advent has been set aside as a time of preparation since the 6th century. Advent is a time for preparing for Christ's second coming, even as we remember and celebrate his first coming at Christmas. This is why the colour of the season of Lent is used, purple or blue, the colours also of Lent, of forgiveness and repentance.

What is Advent? What does it mean to you? Advent is the time when Christians look towards the birth of Jesus and remember how God's people longed for His arrival all those years ago. It is a time of waiting and a time of expectancy. We read from the Old Testament: Micah Chapter 5 verses 2 – 5.

This is a prophecy from God about the promised Messiah. It also explains that His people will be freed from slavery, when the baby (Jesus) is born. What promise does God give about him, the Messiah?

We looked at our Advent ring which is decorated with five candles. These symbolise the passage of the four weeks of Advent leading up to Christmas, with the 5th being lit on Christmas day. We lit the first purple candle, which is for Hope and to remember the Patriarchs or Prophets; those who have gone before us, leading the way to Jesus. The Biblical meaning of Patriarch – is, Fathers of the human race, especially Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and their forefathers, or the sons of Jacob. I wonder who your family unit is built on? I wonder who takes care, guides and walks with you through life?

We spent some time thinking about those people and then said thank you to God for all they have done to look after and love us.



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Dear Father God,

You wait for us to come and see you.

You wait to shine where there is  
darkness,

To show love, where there is hate,  
To share peace where there is conflict.

Lord, you wait for us to come and  
see you.

You wait for us to remember what  
has been fulfilled, to prepare for what  
must still be done.

You wait in hope and expectation,  
Longing for us,

To shine your light,

To show your love,

To share your peace.

Amen.



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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 5<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

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

*\* Bookings to be made through MCAS*

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# Open House and Exhibition about Islam

Why? To Build Bridges

## *Visit my Mosque*

Exhibition about Islam,  
tour of the Mosque, VR  
display, artifacts,  
poster display, astro  
lab, models, and  
woodwork display.

Also includes an  
exclusive opportunity  
to hear the 'call to  
prayer' and observe  
Muslims praying.

All Free ...  
A translation  
of the Quran &  
books for you  
to keep, Kids'  
corner, Face  
painting,  
Henna, Tea/  
coffee &  
scrumptious  
snacks, And  
much more ...

Date: Sunday, December 3, 2023

Timings: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Venue: 79 Torrington Rd, Ashford Kent, TN23 7TG

Who Can Attend: Ladies, Men, Children, of all faith

Free parking at Ashford International Car Park E  
(Designer outlet overflow Car Park E)



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Email: [Openhouse@ashfordmosque.net](mailto:Openhouse@ashfordmosque.net)

Please RSVP with number of attendees (optional)

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# What Parents & Carers Need to Know about AGE-INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

"Inappropriate" means different things to different people. What's acceptable for one age group, for example, may be unsuitable for a slightly younger audience. Online, young people can chance upon inappropriate content in various ways – from pop-up ads to TikTok videos. The increasingly young age at which children become active in the digital world heightens the risk of them innocently running into something that they find upsetting or frightening. Trusted adults need to be able to help children be aware of what to do if they're exposed to age-inappropriate content.

WHERE IS IT FOUND?

## SOCIAL MEDIA

Age-inappropriate content is easily accessible through many social media platforms. TikTok, for instance, is hugely popular with young people but is arguably best known for clips featuring sexualised dancing or profanity. Some social media users also express hate speech or promote eating disorders and self-harm, which could cause lasting damage to a child's emotional and mental health.

## GAMING

Gaming is an enjoyable source of entertainment, but many popular titles can expose children to inappropriate material such as violence, horror, gambling or sexually explicit content. Playing games unsuitable for their age risks normalising to children what they are seeing. Some games also include in-game chat, where other (usually older) online players often use language that you probably wouldn't want your child to hear or repeat.

## STREAMING

The range of video streaming services available online means that users can find almost anything they want to watch on demand. Children are therefore at risk of viewing TV shows and movies which contain nudity, drug and alcohol abuse, explicit language and extreme violence. Unfortunately, these streaming platforms can't always determine that it's not an adult who's watching.

## ADVERTS

Online adverts frequently include age-inappropriate content: usually gambling and nudity or partial nudity, although adverts for alcohol or e-cigarettes are also common. Some search engines also feature adverts that are responsive to your search history: so if you've recently looked up a new horror movie, shopped for lingerie or ordered alcohol online, then the ads appearing on screen could reflect this the next time your child borrows your device.

## TALK IT THROUGH

Embarrassment or fear of getting into trouble can make it difficult for children to talk openly about age-inappropriate content they've watched. Remind your child they can always come to you if they're troubled by something they've seen online, without worrying about consequences. Before offering advice, discuss what they saw, how they felt and how they came to find the content in question.

CAN WE HAVE A CHAT?

## CONNECT, DON'T CORRECT

If your child's been particularly distressed by exposure to content that wasn't suitable for their age, it's important to offer guidance to prevent them from repeating the same mistake – but it's equally vital to help them deal with the emotions that the situation has raised. You could tell them about any similar experiences you might have had at their age, and how you dealt with it.

## BLOCK, REPORT, CONTROL

After discussing the problem, you and your child can take action together. This could include blocking any inappropriate sites and reporting any content which violates a platform's rules. To further safeguard your child online, set up parental controls on internet-enabled devices that they use. This will significantly reduce the chances of your child being exposed to age-inappropriate content in future.

## GET SPECIALIST HELP

Age-inappropriate content can potentially have a negative impact on a child's mental health, which is sometimes displayed through changes in their behaviour. If the problem becomes more severe, you might consider reaching out to a mental health professional or an expert in this field who can provide you and your child with the proper support.

## STAY CALM

Even though it is obviously difficult to stay rational in a situation where your child has been put at risk, it's essential to think before you react. Your child may well have hesitated to open up to you about watching inappropriate content for fear of the consequences, so being calm and supportive will reinforce the notion that it would be easy to talk to you about similar issues in the future.

## Meet Our Expert

Cayley Jorgensen is a Registered Counsellor with The Health Professions Council of South Africa, and she runs a private practice offering counselling to children, teenagers and families. Her main focus is creating awareness and educating the community on the mental health pressures of today's world, as well as resources and techniques to understand and cope better.



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