Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



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tendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Badgers	Owls
97%	92%	91%	92%	91%	92%
Whole School –		Year to date –		Target –	
93%		92.3%		96%	

Dear Parents/ Carers,

Christmas has arrived at school this week. Ducklings and Rabbits are busy practicing their nativity for their parents next week and the songs for Squirrels and Otters class performances are also sounding fantastic.

EYFS and KS1 were treated to an amazing performance of Beauty and the Beast from West End in Schools this week. The children and staff have all said that this was a fantastic, interactive experience that was enjoyed by all.

KS2 are off to see Peter Pan at the Hazlitt Theatre today - please check out Facebook page for photos. Thank you to the PTFA for supporting both these events!

The PTFA continue to support the Christmas activities next week with Breakfast with Santa, Movie afternoon and the Christmas Fete.

Owls class would also like to thank the PTFA for supporting their request to help others through the Operation Christmas Child shoebox appeal. We have sent 4 shoeboxes to children who would otherwise receive nothing for Christmas.

There are a lot of Christmas events happening next week. Please make sure you read the dates on the newsletter and keep up to date with the MCAS app for updates, especially regarding PE days. Please also ensure that your child is not wearing Christmas jewellery that does not fit our uniform code - 1 pair of stud earrings only.

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INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about WHATS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT DISNEY + 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



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.

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.

MAIN ENTRY

ALL VISITORS MUST REPORT TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE



THANK YOU, PARENTS!

We would like to thank you all for your donations. With your help we were able to raise a total of: £ 170.63

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REMINDER

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 is this.



HEALTHY LUNCHES



We promote healthy eating at Charing CE Primary School and would appreciate parents adhering to the healthy eating guidelines as below:

Sweets: Please do not pack sweets or chocolate bars.

Drinks: children under 5 receive free milk with their snacks and water is available for everyone whenever they want to drink. Please do not send in fizzy drinks with your child's packed lunch.

Nut Free: Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. We have children in school who have potential life-threatening nut-allergies which can be triggered by direct or indirect contact with nuts in the environment. To keep our children safe, we request that parents please find a nut-free alternative. This also includes **NUTELLA** or any **CHOCOLATE** spread. Thank you for your co-operation.

SCHOOL DINNERS

Dinner Money cost £2.43:

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.



WRAP AROUND CARE

Payments for wrap around care:

If you have unpaid sessions, please ensure that these balances get cleared off by the end of term. We advise you to frequently check your 'Outstanding Balances' in your BROMCOM app to keep up to date with payments.

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.

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Dates or your Diary



Date	Event			
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 Christmas Jumper Day			
13 th December	Christmas service at the church scheduled to take place at school due to heating issue in 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: 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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This Week in Worship

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

This week's focus has continued to be Advent. We have been looking at how we wait for Christmas, for the birth of a very special baby, Jesus who was the Saviour of the world. We focused on the Advent ring and the four special Sundays which each have a special meaning; The 1st candle is lit for the Patriarchs who foretold the birth of Jesus, the 2nd was for John the Baptist, the 3rd for Mary, the mother of Jesus, the 4th for all of God's people, including us and the final candle is for Christmas Day.

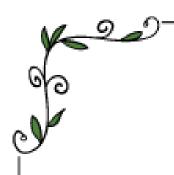
Each child made a Christingle during the week which signifies Jesus as the Christ light, who brings love and hope to all. The Christingle is made up of an orange which is God's world, 4 cocktail sticks represent the 4 seasons, the sultanas and marshmallows represent the food we have to eat. The red ribbon shows how Jesus gave his life for us and the candle shows Jesus as the light of the world. On Wednesday afternoon we held our Christingle service in our hall where we heard readings, sang and lit our candles.

Next week's focus will be committed to the visits of the Angels in the Nativity story who appear with important messages, they play a key role in the whole story. We explored the Nativity Story, focusing on the actions of the angels. We wondered what an angel is... what they do.... where do they come from, what does an angel looks like? How do we know?

We will look at Mary and the Angel, from Luke 1:26-38. We will emphasise how Mary must have been surprised. She probably 'jumped. Then Mary said yes! An angel from God 'tapped her on the shoulder' and said "God wants you to be the mother of his son, Jesus" and she said yes! What a brave thing to do. I wonder how many of us would say yes if God came and tapped us on the shoulder and asked us to do an amazing job. We then considered how Joseph must have felt when he was visited by an Angel; he was confused by the message that Mary had received from Angel Gabriel. So, God sent an angel to speak to Joseph in a dream –Matthew 1: 18-25. Joseph was troubled. Mary has just told Joseph her wonderful news. Joseph was feeling very puzzled - he had promised to marry Mary but now he was not so sure if he should. The angel told Joseph not to worry, that he must marry Mary and that she will give birth to a son. The angel tells Joseph to name the child Jesus, and that Jesus is the Son of God. When Joseph woke up, he did exactly as the angel had told him to. I wonder how Joseph felt when he awoke. Sometimes we all become fearful, worried and confused about things. We must remember that God is with us always,

helping us to overcome worries and understand things more clearly. We then thought about the shepherds looking after their sheep on the hillsides in Bethlem who were visited by a host of Angels; they told them that the Saviour of the world had been born in a stable in Bethlehem. There was a flash of an incredibly bright light. something of a surprise to the shepherds. I wonder how the shepherds felt when the angels appeared. I wonder what you would have done. I wonder how the shepherds felt when they walked into the stable. I wonder what they did after they left the stable.

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An Advent Prayer

God of light and hope, Look upon us in love, And fill us with the spirit of Jesus That we may love you and serve you in your Kingdom. Protect us during this week And keep us watchful in prayer As we await the coming of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Who is the light of the world, And who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, One God, for ever and ever

Amen.



Charing Indoor Boot Sale

Charing Church Barn, Market Place, Charing, Ashford TN27 OLP

Saturday 16th December 2023

9am - 1pm (Free Entry)

New + Second-hand Items Handmade Gifts | Sweets Hot Drinks | Cakes + More

Come along and grab a Bargain! Only £10.00 per stall.

Stalls Still Available. Contact: 07496 183 740 / 07961 768 812 crystalcreative 23@gmail.com



What Parents & Carers Need to Know about

WHAT ARE THE RISKS? The Walt Disney Company's streaming service, Disney+ combines entertainment from the famous animation studio itself with Pixar, Star and National Geographic, plus the Marvel and Star Wars franchises. With access to the latest releases, Disney classics and original series, there's plenty of content to explore. While parents may have noted that adverts have now been introduced on some versions of the service, the platform is unsurprisingly for a Disney product – designed to be appropriate for the whole family.

LESS SUITABLE

De*#! While Disney+ is predominantly family friendly, there are some movies and shows in its library movies and shows in its library which are aimed at an older audience: these may scare younger ones or contain themes or language that you'd rather your child wasn't exposed to. You could avoid such situations by enabling Junior Mode (see 'Adjust content settings', below) or specifying a content age rating for your child's profile.

BINGE WATCHING

With the option to view content on any internet-enabled device and a growing catalogue of movies, cartoons and documentaries, cartions and accumentaries, Disney+ can make managing screen time difficult. This could result in children binge watching content, distracting them from activities like homework or socialising. Too much screen time has also been shown to negatively impact mood, sleep patterns and weight.

PHISHING EMAILS

Be especially cautious if you receive emails or text messages purporting to be from Disney+. There have been numerous reports of online scammers impersonating Disney+ staff in an attempt to gain access to subscribers' personal information. Disney+ states it will never email or call customers asking for their payment details, their private information or their password.

ENCROACHING **ADVERTS**

Disney+ has introduced a new subscription package – Disney+ Standard with Ads – which plays Standard with Ads – Which plays commercials before movies and during shows (like many TV channels). There are no adverts in Junior Mode, but profiles with a content rating of 6+ years will see ads appropriate for that age category. Adults who give consent will see personalised adverts based on their location and viewing history.

ACCESSING ADULTS' PROFILES

older children who can read, though, this isn't secure enough – so using a PIN for adult profiles is recommended.

If adults don't set a PIN for their If adults don't set a PIN for their profile, children could access it and encounter content which isn't age appropriate. In the settings, Junior Mode has a toggle titled 'Kid-Proof Exit' which requires the user to read four words (numbers, spelled out) and enter them to switch profiles. For older children who can read though

Advice for Parents & Carers

ADJUST CONTENT SETTINGS

When setting up an account, there's an option to create profiles in what's called Junior Mode. This generally covers material that's suitable for children up to age 6 and is therefore fairly limited. You can give older children a wider choice of viewing by building a standard profile, then going into the settings and choosing a content rating from one of the pre-set alternatives: 6+, 9+, 12+ or 14+.

TURN OFF AUTO-PLAY

When a cartoon, show or movie finishes, Disney+ uses algorithms to identify content with similar themes, which it thinks your child will also enjoy. This suggestion will then automatically begin to play by default. There's an option to turn off this auto-play function in the profile settings, which will encourage your child to take a break from the screen and move on to a different activity.

ADD PIN PROTECTION

Disney+ enables you to effectively lock profiles behind a four-digit PIN. In particular, some of the shows on the platform's Star content hub are far more oriented to adults (including several hard-hitting dramas from US networks), so protecting parents' or older siblings' profiles with a PIN will help to prevent younger children stumbling across material which isn't intended for them.

ENJOY AS A FAMILY

When your child watches a movie or show on Disney+ for the first time, you may want to sit with them to ensure it's suitable. You could do the same when introducing them to older films that you haven't seen for years: your perception of what's appropriate has very probably changed, and some of the language and attitudes in movies from your own childhood may seem quite shocking today.

Meet Our Expert

who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and car out research for the Australian government compening internet use ar sexting behaviour of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.







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