

Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter



Friday 8th December 2023

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Attendance

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



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.

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 in 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.

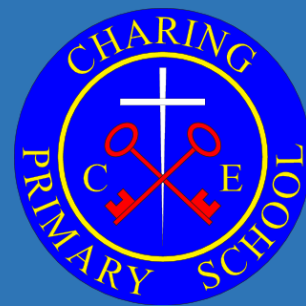
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Dates or your Diary

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	<u>Christmas service</u> at the church scheduled to take place <u>at school</u> 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 look 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.



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Charing Indoor Boot Sale

Charing Church Barn, Market Place,
Charing, Ashford TN27 0LP

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:
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crystalcreative23@gmail.com**



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