



Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter



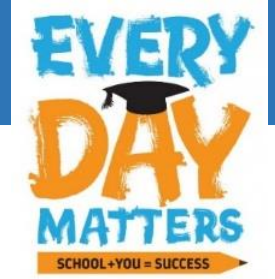
Friday 26th April 2024

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Attendance

Rabbits 	 Squirrels	 Otters	 Woodpeckers	 Badgers	 Owls
92%	98%	97%	94%	90%	90%
Whole School – 94%		Year to date – 93%		Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, Mr Bird wrote to all parents about e-safety and the choices that pupils make while online, either on phones or gaming devices. This is a constant battle for us as educators and as parents, as children have access to technology that was not even thought about when we, as parents, were growing up. The world is ever changing and I personally feel that I am playing catch up on the apps and access that children have in the modern age.

We would like to offer a space for parents to share their own experiences, to support each other in helping our children to navigate their way through this and we are asking parents to book onto a session through this link. https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=G-qhY5Bt70u_SHYtsvnOEvuYMDD1PL5FhQ3_qbelyqpUNEcwQUZMVFVEVzRGUIFHMFdTR0dXQ1VXNS4u

This is open to all parents in the school, so if your child uses any device online, including a game console, please try to attend one of the sessions. We also include information about e-safety in every newsletter. If there is a game or app that you would like to know more about, please let myself or the office know and we will endeavour to find the right information for you.

OPAL play has continued this week with the mud kitchen and tyres being very popular. Mrs Golden has written more about this further in this newsletter, but please also look out for the posters to see what we are currently collecting. Dressing up clothes is our current target so if you are packing away your

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Please can you note that from today, *Mrs Carpenter will now be known as Miss Stickles*. This has been shared with all the children in school.

We have had an increase in the number of children arriving late to school. Our gates open at 8:35, with children going into class at 8:40, and then the gates close at 8:55. Please try to ensure your child arrives within this time. Arriving late can be very unsettling for the child and the class as children walk into the classroom when everyone is settled. We also have our breakfast club which opens at 7:45 if this would help the children to get to school on time - this can be booked and paid for on the MCAS app.

Finally, a reminder about uniform. We have seen an increase in trainers and coloured hoodies and leggings being worn to school. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit for school. Please also note that hair bows need to be small and preferably blue. We will ask children to remove bows that are distracting or too large.

Wishing you a good weekend, before a busy week next week.

Mrs Hammond



IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [What Parents and Educators need to know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS](#) 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

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.



PAYMENTS FOR SWIMMING LESSONS

YEAR 6



If you haven't yet paid for your child's space for swimming lessons to start in Term 6, please log onto the MCAS app under Products to do so.

If you have any difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



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**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

We really need dressing up clothes:

Costumes as well as general clothing items, any size, bags, hats, etc



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Early Years Garden needs your help!

Over the Easter holidays the early years team are going to be working hard to get the garden ready for the summer term.



If you are able to, or know anyone, who are able to donate the following please let Miss Goodright or Miss Jones know:



- Fencing
- Fence paint
- Compost
- Plants
- Role play clothes e.g. high vis jackets, ties, bags, shirts (no princess or marvel dressing up type clothing)



We are aware a lot of people are kindly donating to Opal play so please do not feel you need to give to both!

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.

WRAPAROUND CARE: Both Breakfast and Afterschool club bookings are placed under this tab and payments need to be made when you book your session for your child. *This is done to avoid any payments not made.*

PARENT CONSENT: Please select the options given to update your child's consent.

If payments have been made otherwise and in advance before booking the sessions, please call or email the office to book your child's space. ***Please be reminded to clear out any outstanding balances under individual accounts of your children.***

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COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Thea

Kamyah

Charlotte

Isobel

Freya

Jesse

Savanna

Lauren

Lijah

Delilah

Eliza. L

Ollie. M

Bonnie. S

Jessie

Hugo

Eleyna

Darcy

Phoebe

Elsie

Alexander

George. M

Saxby

Sienna

Amelia



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This Week in Worship

Our theme for Worship this term is responding to Hope.

This week's theme to our Worship has been hope for God's Kingdom. Our Bible passage was from Matthew 13: 31-32; we read and considered The Parable of the Mustard seed.

Jesus told his crowd of followers another parable. 'The Kingdom of Heaven is like this. A man takes a mustard seed and sows it in his field. It is the smallest of all seeds, but when it grows up, it is the biggest of all plants. It becomes a tree, so that birds come and make their nests in its branches'. We wondered why Jesus told this parable; we decided it was to show us that although we are very small, like the mustard seed, we can grow into someone who can do: special act of kindness, friendship, make a difference to others.

We thought about a special group of Christians who created a vision to live their lives by. This group called themselves the Order of the Mustard Seed. I wonder why you think they called themselves this. (From small things, huge things grow!) They were just a small group of friends who, through their prayerful obedience (they prayed continuously for 100 days 24/7) and compassionate acts, began to spread God's word and love around Europe and the world. They had three promises they lived by: to be true to Christ, to be kind to people, to take the gospel to the nations.

We also spent time thinking about The Salvation Army which has churches in 131 countries around the world, working to transform the lives of all communities.



Dear Father God,

*Today, show us how we can make a
difference to the world 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 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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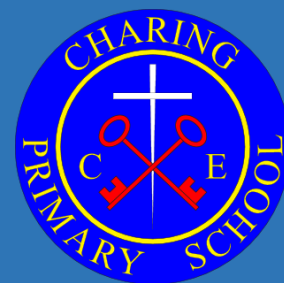
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event	
TERM 5		
2 nd May	Kingswood Representative talk to Parents of Year 4 2:30pm	
21 st May	Ducklings and Rabbits Sports Day 9.30am-10.30am Owls Sports Day 2pm-3pm	
22 nd May	Woodpeckers and Badgers Sports Day 9.15am-10.30am	
22 nd May	Squirrels and Otters Sports Day 1.45pm -3:00pm	
1 st July	Owls Library class visit 9:00 am- 10:00am Squirrels library class visit 10:15am – 10:45am	
2 nd July	Woodpeckers Library class visit 2:30pm – 3:00pm	
3 rd July	Ducklings Library class visit 2:30pm- 3:00pm	
4 th July	Otters Library class visit 2:30pm – 3:00pm	
11 th July	Badgers Library class visit 2:30pm – 3:00pm	

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Lego Club
Ashford Library
Every Saturday
11:45am-12:45pm
(term time only)

If you are looking for a fun and free activity to do with your children at weekends, why not pop along to Ashford Library's Lego Club? Design, construct, play and create together to your heart's content!

Lego Club runs every Saturday during term time, 11:45am-12:45pm. Children must be accompanied by a parent or responsible adult.

For more information about Lego Club, please click this link bit.ly/AshfordlibraryLegoClub

For more information about Ashford Library, including opening hours, please click this link: bit.ly/AshfordLibrary-Kent

We are delighted to offer piano lessons in school!

Esme Brown is an experienced piano teacher with an up-to-date DBS check who can teach all styles, musical notation and theory.

Please contact Esme on esme.c.brown@gmail.com for more information!

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The Rugby Effect

at CHARING SCHOOL Presents

TAG RUGBY CLUB

Non-Contact Rugby FUN & FITNESS

For Boys & Girls in school years 3-6

Thursdays - 3.15 to 4.15: Only £3.50 per session

Term 4 Dates - Apr 18/25 May 2/9/16/23

Come and TRY it
Taster Session Available!

To enquire about places please email child's name and school year to

steven.cream@btinternet.com or text 07756 097636

- Ex WASPS Rugby Community Coach
RFU Level 2 Qualified Coach - DBS - First Aid

Little Music Stars
Little Land
Tuesday
30th April and 14th May 2024
12.30pm

SPECIAL OFFER

Buy one get one half price!

Contact Nicola for how to book and receive your offer
nicola@littlemusicstars.co.uk

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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about SHOPPING PLATFORMS

For people looking to make purchases on their phones, several shopping apps – such as Temu – allow users to buy goods at reduced prices. Others, like Vinted and Depop, let you sell items you no longer want. As internet shopping continues to grow, however, so does the risk of scammers, hackers and breaches of privacy.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

MISSING ITEMS

Users of Vinted, Depop and Temu have reported not receiving their products despite payment being taken. Users can initially contact the seller to query a missing item, and they have between two and five days (depending on the app) to tell the company what has happened. However, once the money has reached the supposed 'seller', it can be quite difficult to get back.

SCAMMERS AND PHISHING

Scammers are always on the lookout for unsuspecting buyers or sellers. Common tactics include cancelling shipment of an item once the payment has been processed or asking to conclude the chat and payment outside of the app, where the victim is no longer protected by the buyer protection plan. This should, naturally, be avoided at all costs.

DATA MISUSE

Apps of all kinds frequently collect our data, often asking for more information than is necessary to set up an account. Data gathered in this way is then usually sold on to third parties for marketing purposes. Lately, certain apps have been under scrutiny for using spyware to track their members' activities – but all too often, the user's consent to this practice has been hidden away in the terms and conditions.

FAKES OR REPLICAS

It's certainly not unheard of for poor-quality products to be falsely marketed as luxury items, using misleading pictures or clever wording. These disingenuous sales are sometimes outed by suspiciously low price tags, but this isn't always the case. For children and young people especially, there's a risk that the promise of bagging a high-end item for a fraction of its usual price will outshine any suspicions they may have.

SLOW REFUNDS

While all apps offer a refund if the product is damaged or doesn't match the description, it can take up to a month to be compensated for this. For many people (especially during a cost-of-living crisis) that can be a long time to be without both the product you bought and the hard-earned cash you spent on it.

MISLEADING DESCRIPTION

Some people will be able to notice when, say, a product's photo and its description don't seem to match. This isn't a reliable means of picking up on misleading marketing, however – especially not for children and young people, many of whom may not yet realise that such practices even exist. While it's illegal to advertise one thing and sell another, plenty of shady traders use clever wording and omissions to get around this.

Advice for Parents & Educators

ALWAYS STAY ON THE APP

It's vital that users pay for any goods through the same app on which they found them, to ensure they are covered by buyer protection. This means users can access support if the item arrives damaged, isn't as described, or doesn't arrive at all – allowing them to seek compensation for the loss. Such regulations can't protect you, however, if you didn't do the deal through the app in question.

BE WARY OF PHISHING ATTEMPTS

Scammers frequently send messages within these apps to steal personal and financial information from other users. Don't respond to these messages – and under no circumstances should you follow any links they contain. Check for spelling errors, as well as inspecting the name of the sender. Report any suspected phishing emails to the app's help centre – and notify your bank if you think your financial information has been compromised.

CHECK REVIEWS

Take time to read the reviews and comments left by other users – not just of products, but of sellers and buyers, to ensure they're legitimate and reliable. Before buying an item online, check the reviews for comments about the product's quality, the seller's communication and the delivery time. If you're selling, check the reviews of your buyer for red flags such as frequent requests for refunds or claims of 'missing' items.

KEEP SAFE AS A SELLER

Sellers can be exploited just as much as buyers. Some users may purchase an item, for example, then pretend it didn't arrive to secure a refund. Always take photos of the shipping label, along with a picture of you posting the item. Send the package's tracking number to the buyer and keep a copy for yourself, letting you investigate any future claims that it never arrived. When taking photos of items you're selling, ensure nothing personal is in the background.

Meet Our Expert

Dr Claire Sutherland is an online safety consultant at BCyberAware, who has developed and implemented anti-bullying and cyber safety workshops and policies for schools. She has written various academic papers and carried out research for the Australian government comparing internet use and sexting behaviours of young people in the UK, USA and Australia.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at nationalcollege.com/guides/shopping-apps