

Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 4th October 2024

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Attendance

| Rabbits | Squirrels | Otters | Woodpeckers | Foxes | Badgers | Owls |
|--|---|---|---|--|---|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 97% | 94% | 94% | 93% | 96% | 91% | 92% |
| Whole School – 94% | | Year to date – 94% | | | Target – 96% | |

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been wonderful to see the children engaged in their learning this week. The Senior Leadership Team have been monitoring learning and the school environment and classrooms are looking good and are purposeful to support learning across the curriculum. It's been great to see children using their learning environment and resources and the positive impact on pupil progress.

Parent events for every class are now booked in and you can see the date for each class on the dates for your diary page on this newsletter. Rabbits have enjoyed their first parent event this week. I had the pleasure of joining them on Wednesday afternoon. It was lovely to join in with dough disco and spend time with Rabbits and their families. If you have any questions about your child's class parent event, please get in touch with your child's class teacher.

It was great to see the children looking very smart for their individual and sibling photos on Thursday. Your child should have brought their ticket home with the QR code to allow you to purchase their photos.

After school clubs are in full swing now with the start of Football Club this week. The children are very lucky to have a range of wider curricular opportunities after school. Gardening Club are doing a great job in maintaining the enclosed area at the front of the school. They have been working very hard and it's looking fantastic so well-done Gardening Club!

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We have had several children off school this week with Chickenpox. Chickenpox is common and mostly affects children, but you can get it at any age. It usually gets better by itself after 1 to 2 weeks without needing to see a GP. The early symptom can be a high temperature, aches and pains, loss of appetite and generally feeling unwell, often before the spots appear. Once the spots appear, children need to stay away from school or nursery until all the spots have formed a scab. This is around 5 days after the spots appeared.

There is more information on the NHS website <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>.

Please remember that all children will walk through the hall and covered walkway to their classes. This will now be the normal drop-off for Autumn and Winter. The main school gates will now open just after 8.35am in the morning.

A polite reminder that coats and wellies are essential for this time of year! Please ensure that children wear a coat to school and have their wellies for Opal Play and Forest School.

Finally, there will be **no children in school on Monday** as it is a staff inset day.

I wish you a restful weekend and we will see you back at school Tuesday morning.

Miss Humphries

FRIENDLY
REMINDER
NO
SCHOOL
MONDAY

Meet Our Mental Health First Aiders



Mrs. Hebbes
(Mon- Fri)



Mrs. Alexander
(Thur- Fri)

Hello we are Mrs Hebbes and Mrs Alexander, your mental health first aiders. Mrs Hebbes is here Monday to Friday and works within Ducklings preschool. Mrs Alexander works Thursday and Friday as a teaching assistant in Badgers.

We are here to support the children, staff and families of Charing School. If you would ever like to speak to us, feel we can offer support to yourself or someone in your family, please come and find us on the playground or let the office know and we can arrange a time.

SEND SURGERY DROP-IN

*Do you have a question about your child's needs
or a concern about a Special Education Need?*

Pop in to talk to Mrs Hammond at the

SEN surgery drop-in.

No appointment needed.



This Term's dates

| | | |
|-----------|----------------|------------|
| Friday | 20th September | 1:30-3:30 |
| Tuesday | 1st October | 1:30-3:30 |
| Wednesday | 23rd October | 9:15-10:45 |

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This week in Worship

This week in our Worship we have been thinking about three people whose faith in God have made a difference and helped to change the world today. Our Bible passage was from Romans Chapter 12, verses 11 – 13.

First though, we were thinking about how people sometimes have dreams which give them determination to make the world a better place for everyone. Sometimes we have dreams for ourselves, but if we follow Jesus' commandment to love one another, we can really make the world a better place.

We looked at the life of George Cadbury, one of the creators of chocolate. His story began with his father who started selling drinking chocolate in the early 1800s. He moved into a big factory and was producing 16 types of cocoa. He was a Christian, a member of Quakers. George took over the business in 1861, it was hard at first but later, they found a way to make even better chocolate shaped in bars.

They needed a new factory as the business was so successful. George was a Christian, too. He built the factory on land near Birmingham, but turned it into a village. They employed lots of people and let them rent the houses there, cheaply. They built places to eat, parks and sporting grounds. George used profits from the business to make life much better for those around him, by being generous. I wonder what difference George made to those who worked for him.

The next person we talked about, who changed the world, was Martin Luther King. He grew up in Atlanta, Georgia in America, his dream began when he was six; he was taken to buy shoes, his father went to pay for them and was told he'd have to pay at the back of the shop as the till he was at was for white people only. Martin never forgot this; as he grew up he saw unfairness similar to this, everywhere. African-Americans had to sit at the back of a bus, drink from different water fountains than white people and use separate toilets. Martin had a strong faith and knew that Jesus stood up for the poor, outcasts and people who were not treated fairly. He became a Baptist Minister and became involved in the Civil Rights movement to make things fair for African-Americans. Gradually, laws changed and segregation laws were reduced. He organised a protest to which 250,000 people came. Martin Luther gave this speech; 'I have a Dream that my four children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the colour of their skin but by the content of their character.' Sadly, he was killed a few years later when making another speech. Martin Luther King turned a dream into action and made a fairer world.



The final person who we discussed was Cecil Jackson-Cole who saw a need and did something about it and helped make the world a better place. He was the man who started Oxfam charity shops. I wonder how this Bible verse might have inspired him. *'If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person? Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.'* 1 John 3:17 I wonder what this Bible verse might say to you about your life. I wonder where you could help or support others like Cecil did.

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Dear Father God

*Thank you for Martin Luther King and
for everything he did to make the world a
fairer, better place.*

*Thank you that we are all different and
all special.*

*Thank you that the world is full of
variety, which makes it wonderful.
Please help us all to stand up for the things
that are right and good.*

*Please help us to aim to make the world
better for everyone.*

Amen.



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COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Liana

Oli

Ned

Roman

Ted

Millie G

Isabelle

Brielle

Jessica

Bonnie L

Fletcher

Elliot

Daisy

Tommy H

Lijah

Luchiana



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INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is **HOW TO MANAGE WHAT YOUR CHILDREN WATCH ON TV** 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



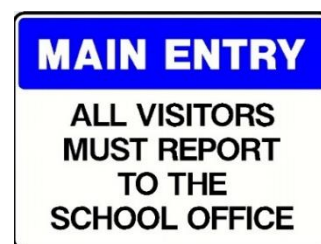
If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone or leave a message on our answer phone. Can we please request that all attendance related emails are sent to the following:

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.



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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 (IF REQUIRED)*, 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



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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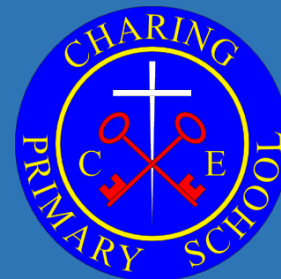
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Dates for your Diary



| Date | Event |
|----------------------|---|
| TERM 1 | |
| 7 th Oct | Staff Inset Day (<i>NO Students in School</i>)  |
| 9 th Oct | Owls class event 2:20pm at the Church |
| 14 th Oct | Harvest Festival 2:10pm-3:00pm |
| 15 th Oct | Badgers class event 2:30pm – 3:00pm |
| 16 th Oct | Woodpeckers class event 2:30pm – 3:00pm |
| 18 th Oct | Otters class event 2:15pm – 2:45pm |
| 21 st Oct | Squirrels class event 2:30pm to 3:00pm |
| 23 rd Oct | Ducklings class event 2:15pm – 3:00pm Foxes class event 2:30pm to 3:15pm |
| 5 th Nov | YR 2025 school tours (<i>morning</i>) 9:30am to 10:30am  |
| 6 th Nov | National Child Measurement Programme (NCHM)- YR and Y6 ONLY 9am – 1pm |
| 11 th Nov | Flu Immunizations YR to Y6 – (please remember to opt out if you do not wish your child to receive the flu immunization) www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms |
| 13 th Nov | YR 2025 school tours (<i>afternoon</i>) 1:30pm to 2:30pm  |
| 20 th Nov | Parents Evening 3:30pm to 7:30pm |
| 27 th Nov | YR 2025 school tours (<i>evening</i>) 5pm to 6pm  |

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Charing CE Primary School

Open Day

For Reception intake
September 2025



If your child is starting school in September 2025, please come along to our Open Day!

Discover the benefits of sending your child to a growing, vibrant Church of England School.

Before and After School Care on-site

Come and meet our staff and find out more about our amazing school and outstanding Early Years environment. We'd love to show you around!

5th November
9.30am-10:30am
Tuesday

13th November
1.30pm-2.30pm
Wednesday

27th November
5pm-6pm
Wednesday

Telephone: 01233 712277 Email: office@charing.kent.sch.uk



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Free half term activity

Suitable for ages 7-13



Come along to a fun and interactive workshop.

'Brilliant Bats'

Learn bat facts, make your own wooden decoration,
complete a fun fact trail and make your own
mini bat piñata!

Wednesday 30th October 10am to 11.30am

Singleton Environment Centre

Please note, parents/carers are required to stay on
site. Places need to be booked in advance:
01622 692383 or midkentmind.org.uk/youth-services



Mid Kent

Registered charity number: 1167328



Ashford Indoor Bowls Centre

Victoria Park, Ashford, Kent.



Open Day

Sunday 13th October 10am – 3pm

Come along on the day and give the game a try

Like to ask us something?

Telephone: 01233 650 760 or find us on



'Ashford indoor bowls'

Equipment
provided

Qualified
coaches

Accessible
facilities

Friendly

Sociable
game

Makes
you think

Great
exercise

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Nearly New Sale

ENTRY £2
CASH
EVENT

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market
NEARLY NEW SALES

Saturday

5 OCTOBER 2024

1 - 3pm

Singleton Village Hall

ASHFORD

TN23 5LB



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SATURDAY 12 OCTOBER
11AM - 4PM

ADULT ENTRY £8 (INCLUDES GARDEN ADMISSION)
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ASHFORD, KENT TN23 3BP



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Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
Sat 5th & Sun 6th October 2024, 10am-5pm

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ADULT (16+): £8
CHILD(5-15): £3 FAMILY: £21

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Thanks to the internet, there are now many ways for your children to watch TV, both the old fashioned way on a big screen and via the internet with on-demand programming. Restricting and controlling what your kids can watch is harder than ever, but with our help you can make TV safer for your kids and limit the amount that they can watch.

How to manage what your children WATCH ON TV

TRADITIONAL TV

Traditional TV covers programmes broadcast directly to your TV without having to use the internet. This is the standard way that most of us watch television programmes.

BROADCAST TV

Free-to-air broadcast television is delivered via an aerial or satellite to your TV directly or through a PVR that also handles recordings. Most modern TVs and PVRs sold in the last few years will have parental controls, which restrict the content available, requiring a PIN for unsuitable programmes. The exact settings vary by manufacturer, so check your TV or PVRs manual for full details. Parental locks work by checking the rating of a programme as it's broadcast. If a show is unrated or has an incorrect rating, some content may not be blocked.

SKY TV

The version of Sky that you have defines the options available to you. If you have a Sky+ HD box, you'll need to press the Services button and select Parental Control & PIN. From here, you can turn on the Family Setting, which gives you the option to remove Adult Channels and content, and requires a PIN to be entered to buy anything or for pre-watershed playback. More granular control allows you to block specific channels, either completely or only after 8pm, requiring a PIN to watch. You can also block programmes based on ratings, although this feature only works for programmes with correct ratings, so some shows may slip through. Sky Q owners have the more powerful Kids Safe Mode, which locks the system to show only kid-safe material. This includes locking the list of viewable channels and filtering recordings to only those suitable for children. Kids Safe Mode can be enabled either on the main box or on the Sky Q Mini boxes that you might have elsewhere in your home.

INTERNET TV

There are plenty of ways to watch TV online, whether that's via the likes of iPlayer or with streaming video services, such as Netflix and Amazon Prime Instant video. Here, we'll show you how to control each.

AMAZON PRIME VIDEO

Amazon Prime Video has Parental Controls available in the Settings section of the Prime Video website. The settings let you set the age range of content that can be watched without entering a PIN: U, PG, 12, 15 and 18. Settings apply to all devices (bar the Xbox 360, Wii U and Fire TV, which have their own settings), but you can opt-out devices of your choosing in the settings.

For example, you may not want to have any restrictions on your iPad, which only you use. PINs can also be used to block purchases.

NETFLIX

Netflix lets you create profiles for everyone in your house. On the Netflix home screen, if you select Manage Profiles, you can change each one to show different content, defined by age group. Children should be encouraged to use their profiles only, particularly as there's no way to PIN protect adult profiles. However, you can PIN-protect content globally, so if a child does use your profile, they're blocked from watching inappropriate content. Go to Netflix, select Account from the drop-down menu by your name and select Parental Controls. You'll be prompted to enter a PIN, but then can select which content is PIN protected by age range: Toddlers, Older Children, Teens and Adults. You can also PIN protect specific programmes by typing their name in, which could be handy if you feel a programme is unsuitable or a child has been watching it too much.

ON-DEMAND PLAYERS

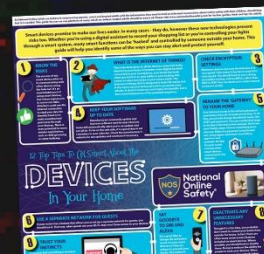
If your children are watching content from on-demand services, such as BBC iPlayer or All 4, you can turn on parental controls for each via the main websites. Controls work across all devices signed into your account. Controls vary by platform. With BBC iPlayer, the parental lock requires a PIN for anything marked as requiring Guidance by the BBC. ITV Hub parental controls let you PIN protect for content with a G-rating (a guidance rating). For All 4, you can choose to protect programmes rated 16+ or 18+. If you use My5, you can set up a PIN to protect against anyone watching G-rated content. For UKTV Play, you can add a PIN to restrict content selecting one of two levels: all content that's rated 15+ or all content that's rated 18+.

HOW CAN PARENTS MANAGE THEIR CHILDREN'S TV TIME?

Particularly with on-demand content, it can be hard to restrict how much viewing time a child has. However, you can restrict internet time with parental control software, restricting how much time a child can spend online, whether they're using the internet or watching TV shows. Parental control software will generally only work on laptops, computer, tablets and phones. However, if you have parental control software that runs on the router, you can manage other devices, such as a child's smart TV and games console, and restrict time usage on these, too.

Meet our expert

This guide has been written by David Ludlow. David has been a technology journalist for more than 20 years, covering everything from internet security to the latest computing trends and the smart home. A father of two (a nine-year-old and a six-year-old), he's had to control and manage how his children access online services and use apps.



You may also be interested in our smart home devices guide!