

Charing CE Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 18th October 2024

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Attendance

Rabbits	Squirrels	Otters	Woodpeckers	Foxes	Badgers	Owls
						
88%	71%	91%	90%	93%	80%	91%
Whole School – 85%		Year to date – 92%			Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now fully into the flow of this year's school life and incredibly nearly at the end of the first term. After a couple of bumps in the road, I feel all the classes are settled, working really hard and making great progress. In my previous newsletters I have said this year has the potential to be the best school year yet and as I write I feel we are well on course to make this to happen.

I have to start my review of this week with the wonderful Harvest Festival that took place in the church on Monday. Thanks to all the parents who turned up to watch. The children were amazing and it was great to see every child take part; as Rev Sandra said in the service, that doesn't happen in every school and it is something I am very proud of. The children brought us all great joy on Monday and started the week off in such a positive way.

I was an incredibly proud Headteacher (once again!) on Wednesday when a School Improvement Advisor visited on Wednesday. Her focus was on the Christian Distinctiveness element of our school. She loved seeing the children interacting, playing with one another and using their imagination during lunchtime play; she was inspired by the singing from the children during sung worship (they were awesome!) and she was delighted with the teaching and learning in the RE lessons she visited. As you know we are always driving for improvement and fully intend our school to be the best it can be so it's nice, as a leader, to occasionally "come up to breathe" and reflect like this with an outsider! My message is well done to everyone and keep it up!

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Talking of "well-dones " a huge congratulations should go to our Year 3 and 4 children who took part in the Sport Frenzy's football tournament last Friday. They were led by coach Terrell and came second which is a great achievement and shows that the future is bright for our school's football team! Also, an individual well done should go to Obie- Dean who won the hardest kick competition out of all the players taking part! Sport Frenzy are hosting half term sport camps here during half term - please our Facebook page for more details.

It's been lovely to welcome parents in from Woodpeckers and Badgers during their well-attended parent events this week. It was also great to see everyone taking part in the activities put on by the class teachers. The children loved the fact that their parents were in school and I feel it's important for parents to experience at first-hand what their children have been learning about and to see them happy and involved in school. I look forward to joining in the remaining class events next week!

The weather has now turned fully autumnal, so children do need wellies to go on the school field at playtimes and lunchtimes. Please can you ensure your children have named wellies in school all week, otherwise they may miss out on some of the activities.

You should have received our term dates for the next academic year. If you have not please contact the office. I have also written to you about a holiday homework that I have set for all the children; helping the school decide the charity we will support as a school. If you have any questions about this, please feel free to catch me on the gate to discuss this.

I wish you all a wonderful weekend and look forward to our last week of the term next week.

Kind regards,

Thomas Bird

Head teacher



Please Note:

Chess Club: NO Chess club on 4th of November

Choir Club: NO Choir club on 4th of November

Lego Club: NO Lego club on 5th of November



Parents Evening is NOW LIVE!

Please log onto the MCAS app and book a time slot for your child/ children for Parents Evening which will be taking place on the 19th of November 2024.

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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.



Upcoming Dates

Wednesday	23rd October	9:15-10:45
Friday	8th November	1:30 - 3:30
Tuesday	19th November	During Parents Evening
Friday	29th November	9:30 - 11:00
Christmas SEN Coffee Morning - pop along to enjoy a festive treat		
Wednesday	18th December	9:15 - 10:45

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This week in Worship

The focus for our Worship this week has been, Harvest and Jesus' statement that he is the Bread of Life.

The week began with our Harvest Festival, which was a celebration, giving thanks to God for our food and all the gifts we have been given.

Each class contributed, either by singing, reading a poem, reading two passages from the Bible (The parable of the sower and the Feeding of the 5000) and through the final prayers.

We continued our Worship, during the remainder of the week, by looking closely at the Feeding of the 5000 from John's Gospel, Chapter 6 verses 32 – 35.

We read through the passage, which we know really well, concentrating on the following: why Jesus provided food for those who were following him, why Jesus performed a miracle, what do we think he wants us to do in response to this story. Jesus could have sent the crowds home as there was initially no food available.

The small boy shared his 5 small loaves and 2 fishes which appeared far too small to feed for 5000 people – Jesus performed a miracle, in order that all in the crowd were fed. The miracle revealed to us Jesus' true identity as the Son of God and provides evidence of his power. The Bible repeats the truth that God will provide all that we need. It also reminds us that we should be thankful for all that we have. I wonder why Jesus would want his people to share with others. It is what Jesus always did.

How could you be like the boy in the story, how could you help to sustain others like the boy did?



Dear Father God

*Thank you for the food we enjoy every day.
Please help us to remember those who have very little to eat.*

*Thank you that you can satisfy all our needs.
Thank you that you can fill us with joy.*

Amen.



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COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Johnny-James

Szymon

Hugo

Darcy T

Margot

Bear

Adrie

Ilhan

Dre

Harry H

Jack K

Lilly-Rose

Reuben

Isabelle

Grant

Freya

Gracie

Jezreel



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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [WHAT PARENTS AND EDUCATORS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT HORROR FILMS AND AGE RATINGS](#) 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.

MAIN ENTRY

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



We would politely ask all parents/carers to park sensibly when dropping and while picking children off at school.

Please be considerate that the school setting is within a neighbourhood area so please be mindful of village residents.

Don't forget!

Please don't forget to order your child's photograph if you haven't already done so.

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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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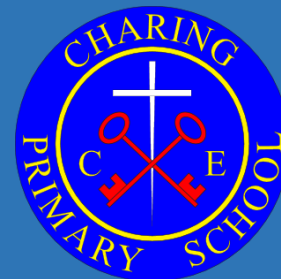
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event
TERM 1	
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
15 th Nov	Children in Need Day
19 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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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

A poster for a Halloween Craft Fair. It has a textured, light brown background. At the top, there's a large orange full moon with several black bats flying around it. The title 'Halloween Craft Fair' is written in large, bold, orange letters. Below the title, it says 'Adults £2', 'Kids £1', and 'under 3s free'. The event details are '12:00 - 3:00' and '27th October 2024'. The location is 'Swan center, Turner close'. Below this, it lists activities: 'Crafts', 'Baking', 'Fun and games', and 'Food and drink'. At the bottom, it provides contact information: 'Contact us:', 'Email- swanyoungfarmers22@hotmail.co.uk', 'Phone - 07592610321', and 'Facebook- SWAN YFC'. There are also some orange leaves and a small pumpkin illustration.

Did you know Ashford Designer Outlet now offer sensory backpacks for anyone who might find the environment a bit overwhelming.

They're available to borrow from the guest experience team, free of charge, with just a refundable deposit. It's great to see more places taking steps to make their spaces more accessible for everyone. Great work Ashford Designer Outlet 🍪🍪

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FRIDAY NIGHT FOOTBALL

OPEN TO KIDS AGES 5-13

FUN, CHALLENGING AND ENGAGING SESSIONS

EVERY FRIDAY 5:30 - 6:30 CONTACT LIAM ON
@ THE NORTH 07845811004
SCHOOL, ASHFORD lfriender1988@outlook.com

£20 PER DAY

SPORT FRENZY ASHFORD

HALF TERM FOOTBALL CAMP

29th & 30th OCTOBER 2024 10 AM - 3 PM
CHARING PRIMARY SCHOOL

- Skills & ball techniques
- FA Qualified Coaches
- First Aid & Safeguard Trained Coaches
- Fun games & matches

CONTACT LIAM TO BOOK:
• 07845811004
• lfriender1988@outlook.com

ALL ABILITIES WELCOME



GODINTON HOUSE AND GARDENS



OCTOBER HALF TERM FAMILY WORKSHOPS 2024

WEDNESDAY 30TH - MUSHROOMS AND MICE

Discover some of nature's autumnal activities at Godinton, including an outdoor scavenger hunt.

THURSDAY 31ST - PUMPKIN PARTY

Join artist Becky Vincer for a spooktacular pumpkin-themed Halloween crafting party.

TICKET PRICE: £3 PER CHILD

For more information and to purchase tickets please visit www.godintonhouse.co.uk

The Godinton House Preservation Trust - Charity No. 1002278

GODINTON HOUSE, GODINTON LANE,
ASHFORD, KENT TN23 3BP



GUITAR LESSONS

AT CHARING PRIMARY SCHOOL

Free Taster Lesson!
Contact Sean at bandskills@hotmail.com



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What Parents & Educators Need to Know about HORROR FILMS & AGE RATINGS

The 'on-demand' availability of streaming platforms in many homes creates extra possibilities for young viewers to be exposed to age-inappropriate content. Material which features horror or violence can cause anxiety and nightmares for children, especially since it can be hard for young ones to grasp that what they're watching isn't real.

CLASSIFICATION BREAKDOWN

The British Board of Film Classification has the following age ratings:

U: Suitable for all ages

PG: For children aged 8 and above; this content shouldn't unsettle them

12A: Children under the age of 12 should not watch without an adult; this content potentially features bad language, nudity or sexual references

15: Suitable only for 15-year-olds and above

18: Exclusively for an adult audience, with potentially explicit themes of violence, nudity or sex

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

STREAMING IS EVERYWHERE

Modern mobile devices make it very easy for children to watch streamed films without the need for a TV. The availability of inappropriate content has risen significantly on streaming platforms, almost all of which host 18-rated content. If not restricted by parental controls, this could be viewed by children who aren't quite ready for such adult themes, concepts and imagery.

FACT VS. FICTION

Many children have no trouble separating fact from fiction. However, with modern day technology making pretend violence and horror look ever more realistic, it's becoming harder for youngsters to tell the difference. For instance, consider remakes of older films, where dated special effects (making it easy to discern that something wasn't real) have been replaced by far more convincing monsters and gore.

PEER PRESSURE

Friends encouraging each other to watch the latest film featuring violence or horror can lead to children consuming content that they're not ready for. As 18+ content is available on many streaming platforms, youngsters can watch these together – potentially without their parents' or carers' knowledge.

CHILDREN SCARE DIFFERENTLY

It can be difficult to decide what content is appropriate for children. What's fine for one child could be extremely frightening for another. As many children admit to not sharing or discussing the content they watch with their parents, encouraging an open dialogue around the kind of media that young people consume can help avoid exposing them to any inappropriate content.

PSYCHOLOGICAL IMPACTS

Horror prides itself on its ability to startle or induce genuine fear in the viewer – so it's no surprise that this genre isn't usually intended for children. A natural side-effect of this is that 'jump scares' or a creepy, suspenseful atmosphere can have lasting effects on younger minds. The resulting anxiety can impact a child's sleeping patterns or eating habits.

Advice for Parents & Educators

WATCH THE FILM FIRST

If you're concerned that a film might be unsuitable for children (whether it's their first dive into the horror genre or a step up in age classification), then take a look for yourself. There's no better way to judge whether this content is something you'd deem appropriate for a child – and if a parent, for example, has actually seen the film (or at least a portion of it), they can construct a far more credible case if they decide it's inappropriate.

REMEMBER – IT'S NOT REAL

Emphasise to children that the content they're viewing is entirely fictional and has no chance of affecting them in real life. If a child is upset after watching a film, try to understand what exactly has unsettled them: this can help you approach the topic in a healthy and informative manner, to dispel any fears or anxieties they may have.

DISCUSS THE CONTENT OF FILMS

If a child has seen a film that you think may have exposed them to potentially uncomfortable themes and ideas, don't shy away from talking about it, and answer any questions they may have. This is especially important if they watched the film without an adult present. Ask them to summarise the story for you, as this will give you an understanding of what they've learned from watching it.

USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Most streaming platforms have the option to put age ranges on children's accounts. This means that films and shows that are inappropriate for children won't be advertised while they're browsing and won't even appear if a child specifically searches for them. This can be changed any time at parents' discretion, but it's wise to protect these settings with a password, so a child can't alter anything on their own.

Meet Our Expert

John Insley is an assistant principal at a secondary school. He has been involved with e-safety in schools for over 10 years, writing policies and supporting various schools in developing their e-safety provision. John has introduced a range of strategies at multiple schools aimed at helping parents to better support their child in the ever-changing digital world.



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Source: See full reference list on guide page at: <https://nationalcollege.com/guides/horror-films-and-age-ratings>