



CHARSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School News – July 2022

CLASS 1

Class One have had a fantastic summer term. They have been learning about Rainforests, where we would find them in the world, the animals that live there and much, much more. We were lucky to go and visit Banham Zoo where the children got to meet some of the animals they would find in the rainforest. The children also got a hands on experience with a Zoo Keeper and got to see, feel and hold real life objects. They were surprised at how smooth the snake's skin was and learnt why the cockroach hissed.

This year the children were involved in the KS2 summer play. The children worked so hard to learn their lines and performed brilliantly. They thoroughly enjoyed performing a bigger play to their friends and family, as for some it was their first experience of it due to previous nativities being cancelled due to COVID.

KS1 children competed in the schools athletics competition where they ended up 8th overall. The children showed great sportsmanship through supporting their friends, cheering them on and congratulating each other, no matter their result. All the children in the class completed 11 weeks swimming lessons at Framlingham College Pool. They have all made great progress with most of the class either swimming independently or very near to. We look forward to going in the Autumn term with the whole school.

Miss Sayer

KS2 Camping

It was wonderful to be able to offer the opportunity of camping to the children again, usually this would be open to the children in Class 2, however because of Covid some had missed this so we decided to open it up to the whole of KS2.



With the weather on our side, once the day arrived there was a heightened feeling to excitement to be had around the school, apologies to the KS2 teachers for this. Then as soon as the bell rang it was



all systems go with setting up the tents and sorting out the bedding, then the children got ready for a water fight, which was very welcome (thank you to the adults who were able to help with the setting up of the tents). As the children were drying off it was time to think about tea, some of the children helped with getting a campfire burning, this was for the marshmallows later on, some helped with getting the food ready, thank you to Mrs Smith's husband, Phil, for cooking (many compliments given) and thank you to the Reynolds family for the loan of their BBQ. The evening consisted of music, dancing, whittling sticks for marshmallows, smores, video calling Mr Taylor, man-hunt in the dark and finally hot chocolate



before bed. The children did manage to get some sleep and awoke really bright-eyed ready for breakfast, after this it was packing away time. The children were so good with this that by the time the parents arrived most of the packing up was completed. All the children had a fantastic time and were so well behaved, we thoroughly enjoyed our camping 2022, looking forward to camping 2023.

Miss Sayer, Mrs Smith and Mrs Merry

CLASS 2

Class 2 have been extremely busy this term.

In maths we have been learning about the properties of shape including regular and irregular polygons. We have learnt how to identify lines of symmetry and how to identify and tell the difference between acute, right, obtuse and reflex angles. We have learnt how to identify a position on a grid using coordinates and practised this skill by playing battleships! We have continued to practise our written methods for the four rules of number, particularly focussing on times tables using TT Rockstars.

In literacy the children have been using extracts from the Iron Man by Ted Hughes to help make their writing more descriptive. They explored a range of literary devices such as onomatopoeia, personification, similes and 'wow' words to enable them to write more interesting and lengthy sentences.

In D.T. the children in both Class 2 and 3 have designed and created a drawstring bag. They used different techniques such as applique, embroidery, fabric pastels and pens, which gave their designs texture and interest. They all had a go at using a sewing machine to hem up the sides, and as you can see from the photos, the results were very pleasing!



The launch of our whole school reading award scheme earlier this term has really inspired children in Class 2 to pick up a book and read more often both at school and at home! Many children have been awarded certificates already, two from Class 2 having already reached the highest level and given the opportunity to choose the name of the next level. Please continue to read over the summer holidays!

In science the children this term the children were extending their knowledge on living things and their habitats. They learnt about the seven life processes using the acronym MRS GREN—Movement, Respiration, Sensitivity, Growth, Reproduction, Excretion, Nutrition. They then recapped the differences between a vertebrate and invertebrate, before learning that they also can be separated into further groups by their characteristics. This then helped the children learn how to group animals using classification grids, going onto creating their own grids. We then looked at the different habitats around us and what is needed to keep those habitats sustainable. All had a great time outside looking at the wide range of habitats we have just in our school grounds and local area.

Wishing you all a great summer.

Mrs Merry

Wind in the Willows



It was a big challenge to put on a whole school performance this summer term, and it was a massive team effort with staff and children working really hard. I'm sure you'll agree that the children did a fantastic performance (4 in total) of The Wind in the Willows and we are incredibly proud of them for working so hard to learn their lines, songs and dances. A big thank you to Mrs Crane, Mrs Foster, Jess Hood and Kat Jeffery who helped with props. Thank you to Jess, Kat, Sarah Coulter and Natalie Hind for doing the makeup; the children looked fantastic! Thank you to Mrs Smith and Miss Sayer for helping out back stage. Thank you to parents for the costumes and to everyone for coming along to watch the children. A big thank you to Mrs Merry for working with the children to learn the songs and for helping me with direction. Lastly, well done and thank you to the children: you were all brilliant!

Mrs Reeve



CLASS 3

Class Three have had a really busy summer term and definitely deserve a break! In our Literacy lessons we wrote a discussion piece about twin sisters who had been brought up on opposite sides of the world. Mia, from America, had a very different life to that of Alexandra in Norway. The children were fascinated by this true story and really enjoyed watching the documentary.

To celebrate the Queen's platinum Jubilee, we wrote Her Majesty The Queen letters congratulating her on achieving such a marvellous milestone. We had to learn the correct way to address Her Majesty and Mrs Reeve posted them off during the half term holidays. As yet, we've not had a reply, but we do understand that lots of people from all around the world will have written to the Queen! Perhaps we might hear in the autumn term. If we do, we'll let you all know!

In Geography we finished learning about the Alpine region in Europe and we learned how an avalanche is formed and what people can do to protect themselves from this danger.

In History we have been learning about the Ancient Greek civilisation and how mighty their army was! Pupils found out about daily life and how everyone had a different role to play. We learned about the Battle of Marathon and how many things we have today are thanks to the Ancient Greeks e.g. a marathon, democracy and theatre.

Well done Class Three for such a brilliant term. I hope that you all have a wonderful summer.

Mrs Reeve

Work Experience

At Charsfield we are always so pleased when we hear from the high schools saying that a pupil would like to come to us for work experience. This year was no exception we had 3 pupils who came for two weeks, who got lots of experience with prop making, supporting children with their learning, listening to readers, a bit of admin work and lots more. I think they are always surprised at how tired they are by the end of the two weeks. Two of them were put on the spot and took part in our 'share a story', being the good sports they were they were very brave and shared a story. Once they heard about our camping at the end of their second week, they asked if they could join in and help—gratefully received.



During the second of these weeks, we also had another pupil join us for the second year running as they enjoyed themselves so much the year before. All these were past pupils of Charsfield, and it is always wonderful to see them after a few years away from us. Thank you all for your help and support, and we really do hope you gained the experience you needed and it has helped you to understand the world of working and the other side to being in a primary school. We wish you all the best for your future.

Mrs Smith

FOREST SCHOOL

We have had a beautiful summer term with every child being able to take part in at least one Forest school session each week. They have created, explored, built, played and discovered which has helped them with so many skills such as perseverance, cooperation, tolerance and problem solving which they will be able to take into the class room and the wider world. We have also been able to run some small group work to help children improve confidence, social skills and build better mental health.

Mrs Foster



AN UPDATE ABOUT OUR CHURCH



We have had the pleasure of attending a couple of church services led by Rev Gary. The latter being the leavers service, which as always was a tearjerker. Both of these services have been enlightening and the children really enjoyed being involved.

On behalf of the Church, we would like to invite parents to join Jo every Friday morning, for coffee, cake and a chat, for a small donation.

RE FOR NEXT TERM

Below are the big questions we will be thinking about next term in our RE lessons.

EYFS—Christianity— Why is 'God' so important to Christians?/Why do Christians perform nativity plays at Christmas?

KS1—Christianity—Why is belonging to God and the church family important to Christians?/**Judaism**—Why is learning to do good deeds so important to Jewish people?

KS2—Christianity—How do Christians show that reconciliation with God and others is important?/**Islam**—How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?

If you have any questions about RE, please do speak with me.

Many thanks, Mrs Smith

Our next term's Values for Life themes are: A new year welcome back, Hope and Generosity



THE FRIENDS OF CHARFIELD SCHOOL (FoCS)

Wow!!! What a year it has been!

I want to start by thanking each and every one of you for all of your support at all of our events throughout the past school year. A huge thank you also goes to the FoCS PTA committee members for coming together with all of your hard work in making the events come together. (And for also keeping my wild, crazy & creative ideas under check!!!) It has been a bit of a mixed year with the Covid restrictions still being in place at the start and over parts of Winter, continuing in making fundraising and socialising difficult. But, thankfully, all of these were lifted in the Spring and it has been so lovely to be back socialising together in the school grounds and raising some funds for the school. Some of the funds this year have helped with taking the whole school to the Christmas Pantomime, cutting parental costs for school trips and providing free ice lollies for the whole school during the heatwave.



Looking back over the year it has been so wonderful to organise some new fun events for everyone, such as the Halloween Trail, the Cafe, the Fete Games and of course the Platinum Jubilee afternoon. I really hope you have all enjoyed attending these as much as I have in being part of the team organising them. I am hoping that the committee



and I can organise some more new fun events for the coming school year too. Although both my children, Megan & Harry, have now moved onto High School, I feel both proud and honoured to have been voted back on to carry on as Chair of 'The Friends' PTA and continue to be involved in the wonderful family of Charsfield School.

Kat Jeffrey—FoCS Chair



Goodbye Year 6

I have been incredibly lucky to work with such a wonderful bunch of children. I am so proud of all that our year 6 pupils have achieved from singing solo parts and learning lots of lines for *The Wind in the Willows*, to working hard in their SATS tests in May. I know I speak for all the staff when I say we'll miss them greatly, but know that they are all going to be wonderful at high school. Please do keep in touch with us; we love to hear how past pupils are doing.

Mrs Reeve



Volunteers needed—we need you!



Do you or anyone you know, have a few spare hours a week to help us at Charsfield Primary school. We are so lucky to have such extensive grounds, however, it can be a bit hard to keep on top of. We are looking for someone to come and do some gardening/weed, sweep up our ever falling leaves and generally help to keep the school grounds looking tidy. The hedges and grass are all maintained by Suffolk County Council, so wouldn't need doing. If you are able to offer some of your time and would be willing to help us in any way, please contact the school office on 01473 737347, we look forward to hearing from you. Thank you!

Sports Equipment for Schools tokens



Just a reminder that we are still collecting these tokens, could we please ask that any tokens you or your family members have collected be sent into school by **Wednesday 7th September.** This will enable us to have a count up and submit the number collected by the deadline date.

As always we really appreciate all the support that you give with these campaigns. Thank you!

Dates for your diary

- Thursday 1st September—PD Day
- Friday 2nd September—Pupils return to school for Autumn Term
- Wednesday 14th September—Whittingham Trip
- Tuesday 27th September—Open Morning 9-30—12.00
- Wednesday 12th October—Open Morning 9.30 – 12.00
- Half Term Holiday—24th October—28th October
- Monday 31st October—Pupils return back into school
- Monday 21st November—Open Morning 9.30—12.00
- Thursday 15th December—Last Day of school
- Friday 16th December—P D Day
- Monday 19th December—Monday 2nd January—Christmas Holiday
- Tuesday 3rd January—P D Day
- Wednesday 4th January—Pupils return to school for Spring Term



Important changes to the school day

Finishing time of the school day

Thank you to those parents who sent their feedback for the consultation of the extending school day by 10 minutes. Following on from the consultation, the preferred option was to extend the school day at the end. Therefore, from Friday 2nd September the school day will start at 8:55am and finish at 3:25pm. Afterschool club will still finish at 5:15pm Monday – Thursday and at 4:30pm on a Friday

Drop off and pick up arrangements

As a school we are keen to move back to pre-covid arrangements for drop off and pick up. The school gate (at the FRONT) will be open for parents and pupils to enter the playground in the mornings and a member of staff will be on duty from 8:50am. The bell will ring at 8:55am and pupils should line up on the playground in their class groups, where they will be greeted by their class teacher to go into school. At the end of the school day (3:25pm), pupils should be collected from the playground where staff will hand pupils over to parents. Parents should enter the school the same way as the morning, and wait on the playground. For safeguarding purposes, if you are asking someone else to pick up your child e.g. grandparents, family friend or another parent, please inform the office of this. We are not able to let a child go with anyone else, without permission from a parent.

YouTube Channel

On here you will find videos of what we've been getting up to. Please do take a look and share with anyone you know who may be interested in what we have been doing in school, please also share with anyone you know who may be looking for schooling in the area.

The link to our page is :-<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCNPXZPzUIJb11iSk9ZQGoA>

AFTER SCHOOL AND BREAKFAST CLUBS

What a lovely term we have had creating lots of tasty treats and fun crafts with the children.

In cookery the children have all enjoyed trying their culinary delights and sharing them with family. A few things we have made this term are waffles, sausage rolls, pepperoni pizza twists and Victoria sponge.



In craft we have made our own play dough, made our own paint using flour and also made marble paint pictures.



Breakfast club will start on Friday 2nd September at 8am as normal. Please come to the front porch (servery door), where Mrs Crane will greet you and your child. **Please note there will be NO after school club on the first day back (Friday 2nd September).** After school club with Mrs Hood will start on MONDAY 5th September. We will send out after school club information on Thursday 1st September with details of which club is on which day, how to book and collection arrangements.