



## CHARSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# School News – October 2021

### Class 1



What a great first half term back class one have had. We have welcomed 6 new children into reception who have all settled really quickly into Charsfield School life.

Our topic this term is 'Celebrations' and so far we have looked at birthdays and weddings from various religions and how they are celebrated differently. More recently we have been looking at our seasons with a particular focus on Autumn. The children have been creating their own books and characters based on the story 'Leaf man' using autumn items to make their characters, for

example using leaves and conkers. Once the characters had been made the children created their front covers, including a title and the author and then made a story plan to follow. The children have begun their story for each part, focusing on using adjectives to describe what is happening. As a class we have learnt various new words the children can use in their work and how to use them correctly.

In maths the children have been developing their number and place value knowledge, learning what a number looks like and it's visual representation. The Year 1 and 2 children have extended this knowledge by learning about part and whole methods and how to represent number before moving onto addition and subtraction sentences. After half term Year 1 and 2 will deepen their knowledge of multiplication and division along with shape and space. Reception have learnt their numbers 0-10 and how to order them. They too have looked at visual representation and what the number means. The children have also explored how to group and match items together and explaining their reasoning.



This term the children have enjoyed having Izzy the PAT dog in to hear them read, the children have loved having the company of a dog to read to. During our guided reading sessions the children have been listening to various adults across the school read Horrid Henry. The children have loved listening to all the trouble he gets into but highlighted very quickly that he is rude and naughty and that they should not do what he does. Throughout this term the adults have been supporting the children with improving their recall of stories and retelling them in order and predicting what they think is going to happen next. The children have also enjoyed looking at various photos during the week from Pobble 365. They have really started to develop their imagination and draw on experience from what they have read, seen, heard or completed themselves.

In science the children have been exploring different materials and their properties, such as hard/soft, transparent/opaque and waterproof/not-waterproof etc. The children have really enjoyed learning this topic, particularly when they had to make a waterproof umbrella for the Gingerbread Man.

We very much look forward to next term and carrying on with our topic.

Miss Sayer and Mrs Smith

## Class 2



Children in Class 2 have had an amazing start to the year! Our topic has been about the Romans and we were fortunate enough to be able to handle and study Roman artefacts from 2000 years ago! We had a lovely morning imagining ourselves as archaeologists as we 'unearthed' pieces of pottery used by soldiers in the Roman army. We tried on rings from the first century AD and were wowed by the intricate Roman brooches and bead necklaces from that period. Please visit our website photo gallery for photos of the morning. We learnt about the Roman army and why they were so successful in conquering other na-



tions including Britain. We wrote about Queen Boudicca and her revolt against the Romans which unfortunately for her, ended in her demise in a battle at St Albans. We imagined ourselves as slaves and wrote a diary entry describing our duties in preparation for an important banquet.

Our class trip to Colchester Castle was a huge success. In two groups, we followed instructions to make large models of a round house and a Roman villa. We worked well in our teams to erect each one. We were taken down into the vaults where we were able to see the original foundations on which the temple of Claudius once stood. Whilst we were there we were entertained by our museum guide who was most amusing as he told us the story of the Roman invasion of Britain and the Celtic revolt. We saw some amazing exhibits including a beautifully crafted mosaic floor and the most enormous amphorae (jugs) for storing wine. Many thanks to Tilly's mum for joining us on this trip.

In maths we have been learning about place value and getting to grips with the standard written method for addition and subtraction. We have also been hard at work learning our times tables. We have discovered some very interesting patterns which have helped us to recall them more quickly. This knowledge will help us when we embark on multiplication and division next term.

Wishing you a lovely half term break.—Mrs Merry



## Class 3

It's been a busy packed half term so far in Class 3! I have been so proud of how all the children have settled back into the routine of learning and all the children are proving to be good role models for the younger children in the school.

In Literacy we started off with the poem of Macavity by T.S Eliot, and watched the scene from Cats the musical where this poem is performed as a song. We discussed how Macavity is such a naughty cat and this led on to several tales of family pets and the mischief they get up to! Using these ideas, we wrote our own stories about Macavity who never gets caught!

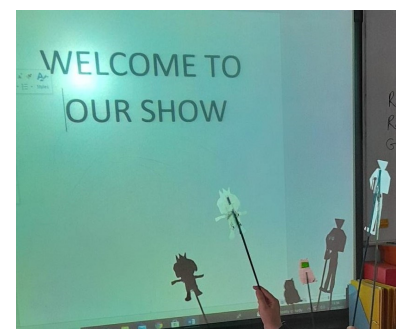
Our history topic this term is Victorian Britain and we've started by looking at the life of Charles Dickens, and how his childhood of poverty inspired many of his novels as he wanted to educate society about how harshly people were treated if they were poor. In Victorian society, if you were poor you were regarded as lazy! If they were incredibly unlucky, the poor ended up at the workhouse. Next half term Class 3 will travel back in time to Victorian England and visit the Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse Museum in Norfolk to experience life as a poor Victorian!

In geography we will be finding out where our stuff comes from and how the choices we make can have a massive impact on the environment. We will look at how we can reduce, reuse and recycle – particularly with things like clothes.

In art with Class 2, we have been printing our own mosaic designs which are coming along nicely and when these are finished I hope to be able to add them to a photo gallery on the school website.

For the half term holidays, Class 3 will be set some homework to do, but they should make sure that they have a good rest too! I look forward to hearing all about their half term adventures when we return to school in November.

Mrs Reeve



## PE in school and Cross Country Competition

This term the children have been learning various skills in their weekly PE lessons, Class 1 have been learning communication and team skills through team tasks to develop new relationships. Class 2 and 3 have been focusing on their ball skills, focusing on football. The children will move onto new topics next term. During this term KS2 have been having weekly swimming lessons at Framlingham College. The children in such a short space of time have increased their confidence, skill and self-belief. They are all swimming superbly and some have even overcome fears, which in itself is a huge achievement!



At the end of the half term the Class 2 and 3 all went to the Suffolk Sports cross country competition held at Framlingham College. The children showed great sportsmanship cheering on fellow pupils past and present, congratulating team members and children from other schools on their achievements as well. The children were phenomenal and all tried their very best and I would like to congratulate all the children that took part in the event, whether you ran or came to support your friends, you did amazingly well and all the adults are so proud of you all. We do have four children who qualified for the county final later in the year, gaining two 2<sup>nd</sup> places, a 3<sup>rd</sup> and a 4<sup>th</sup> place.

I can't wait for the next sporting fixtures next half term.

Miss Sayer— PE Co-Ordinator

## Sports Achievements

As PE co-ordinator of the school, I am always thrilled to hear all the achievements your children achieve outside of school. Your children regularly tell me of all the fun, exciting sports they are involved with and if they have received a certificate/medal.

I enjoy hearing about the sports children are involved with and I feel it is important that children get the opportunity to share their experiences and achievements. Therefore, I would like to invite children to bring any achievements to a Friday assembly. The children do not have to bring anything in with them, however if they have any certificates, medals etc. they would like to show it would be lovely for them to be shared. Any achievements the children share will be put onto our PE board in the corridor as well. If you have any photos of the children in their sports, please do email them in so we can print them off the board too.

Their achievement does not need to be in a sport that they regularly do, for example it could be that they have learnt to ride a bike, tried rock climbing for the first time etc.

I look forward to the children sharing their sporting achievements.

Kind regards,

Miss Sayer— PE Co-Ordinator

## A word from our Executive Head

### **Start to the Year**

It has been wonderful to welcome back our community and visitors into school since the start of term. It's always lovely to show parents a little bit of what is happening on a day-to-day basis and to meet face to face. The friends of school have done a sterling job in helping support the great start back by getting parents even more involved in school life and raising valuable funds. Going forward we hope to be able to keep access to the school open but will continue to take advice from the outside agencies, including Suffolk Local Authority, Public Health England and the Department for Education. The latest guidance regarding after half term will be issued separately before the return to school in November.



### **Looking Forward**

The staff have been very busy showing prospective children and parents round the school, and we have received very positive feedback, particularly regarding how friendly and welcoming everyone is. A main aim of the school is to grow the school whilst making sure the unique culture of Charsfield Primary is maintained, and the future looks very positive in this respect.

### **Governance**

The governing committee is still looking for a couple of governors. The role can be very rewarding and is essential in making sure the school is successful going forward. Recently, governors have been carrying out health and safety audits and helping provide evidence for a bid to replace the boiler and improve fencing around the school. All schools need great governors and I urge anyone interested in making the school an even better place for the children to express their interest to Mrs Butcher in the office.

I wish you all a safe and happy half term.

Mr Taylor

## Forest School

This half term we have had the amazing opportunity for the whole of the school to take part in Forest School sessions on a Friday morning. It has been great to see all year groups working and playing together. They have managed to overcome many challenges and gain new skills both physical and mental, we have seen improvements in perseverance and patience, which the children can carry with them and use in the class room. There has been some great co-operative learning, such as when a group decided they wanted a zip wire, they spent an hour trying to get a rope up in the tree and make it work but they succeeded and had a lot of fun helping each other use it. We are all looking forward to seeing them rise to more challenges in their next sessions.



Over the Summer holidays we ran four Forest School days which gave the children the opportunity to spend a whole day in the Forest school environment. We were able to undertake bigger activities like building the bamboo den, which took nearly 3 days and a lot of work but is still standing and we have plans to strengthen it to make it a permanent feature. Thank you to those pupils that came and joined us for the Forest School Summer Club days, we all had a fabulous time and the children were all very well behaved and welcoming to some of our attendees that were not from our school. You were all a pleasure to work with.

Lynn Foster - TA and Forest Schools Instructor

### Half Term Reading Challenge



Coming home this half term is the Charsfield Half Term Reading Challenge! We would like all the children to take part in this to earn themselves House Points. Pupils can read by themselves, to an adult/older sibling or be read to (bedtime stories do count towards this), but we'd like each child to be involved in reading for at least 5 – 10 minutes each day. More details are explained in the letter being sent home with the children. Thank-you in advance for your support with this.

### Church services this term

In past years, the school had regular church services with Rev. Brian who would base his sessions on the current collective worship theme. Unfortunately these had to stop last year because of Covid, but we are now in a position to offer these again to the pupils and their families.

We are delighted to report that we will be holding a church service led by Lay Elder Jo Reed, who is also our Foundation Governor, on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> November at 9:20am. The theme of the Collective worship will be "Friendship." All are most welcome to attend. Although it's still a little time away, we would like to invite you all to a carol service on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December starting at 9:05am.



### Equipment

Just a reminder that all pupils need to bring a coat to school with them every day. We do go out in all weathers, unless it's torrential rain! ALL pupils should have a pair of named wellies in school please (ideally they should be able to leave them here so they're in school when we need them). Class 2 and 3 pupils can bring in a pair of old trainers (to leave in school please) for their daily running and outdoor PE lessons.

As we are still having the windows and doors open to encourage good ventilation throughout the school, I'd also suggest that all pupils bring in with them/wear an extra layer please, as some of the pupils are feeling the cold and that's not very conducive to great learning.

Many thanks for your help.



**Our next term's Values for Life themes are: Friendship & Advent**



## Available Clubs



Days / Dates	Times	Name of club	Session Cost	Club Leader	How to book in
Daily (Mon-Fri)	8am to 9am	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	£2.50 for the first child — £2.25 for additional siblings	Mrs Crane	With the club leader/ school office on an ad-hoc basis
Monday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Cookery Club</b> (Includes food to take home & a snack)	£6 per child	Mrs Hood and Mrs Crane	Please sign up for the half term with the relevant form from reception
Tuesday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Film After School Club</b> (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	Mrs Hood	With the club leader/ school office on an ad-hoc basis
Wednesday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Crafts After School Club</b> (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	Mrs Hood	With the club leader/ school office on an ad-hoc basis
Thursday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Sports Club</b> (No food is provided please send children with a snack / drink)	FREE to all pupils as funded by our PE Premium	Education Through Sport (Our PE Company)	With the school office on an ad-hoc basis
Friday	3.15pm to 4.30pm	<b>Archery Club</b> - (No food is provided please send children with a snack / drink)	FREE to all pupils as funded by our PE Premium	Premier Sport	With the school office for the full 4 weeks

### Booking For Clubs

To book in for Breakfast or After School Clubs please speak to Mrs Crane or Mrs Butcher in the office. Please try to book ahead where at all possible as this helps with organising resources for the clubs. We are aware that situations do happen that necessitate adding your child at late notice. Please do let us know if anyone other than normal guardians are due to collect your child from a club.

### Arbor Parent Payment System

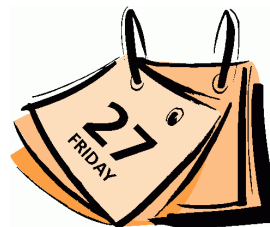
We do hope that you have find the new Arbor Parent Payment system fairly easy. Dinner are added to the system daily. Any clubs are added to the system the week following the clubs being taken. Other payments for trips / uniform are added on as and when taken.

**Could we politely ask you to log into the Arbor system and clear your child's payment during October.**

If you have any issues with logging in, please do speak to Mrs Butcher who will be able to help you.

## Dates for your diary

- Monday 1st November—Pupils' first day back in school
- Friday 5th November—Archery Club after school starts  
Class 1 Tri-Golf and Class 2 & 3 Lacrosse sessions
- Monday 8th November—Tempest Individual and Sibling photographs
- Tuesday 9th November—9.20am Collective Worship in church—All most welcome
- Wednesday 10th November—Open Morning for external potential parents to view the school
- Thursday 11th November—PTA Bags2School Recycle Clothing Collection
- Wednesday 17th November—Flu immunisations
- Thursday 18th November—Class 3 Gressenhall Farm & Museum Trip
- Friday 19th November—Children In Need
- Monday 29th November—Reports out to parents
- Wednesday 1st December—Class 2 & 3 Parents' Evening
- Thursday 2nd December—Class 1 Parents' Evening
- Tuesday 7th December—Whole school trip to Panto at Wolsey Theatre
- Monday 13th December—Class 1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal to school
- Tuesday 14th December—Class 1 Nativity to parents 2pm & 6pm
- Wednesday 15th December—Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch
- Thursday 16th December—Pupils' last day in school
- Tuesday 4th January 2022—PD Day
- Wednesday 5th January 2022—Pupils' first day back in school



## After School Club

We have had a great first half term in After School Club - In Cookery Club on Monday's we have cooked lots of yummy things including bread and butter pudding, octopus pizza, flatbreads, cheese whirls and jam buns.

In Wednesday's Craft Club we have enjoyed making lots of autumnal things and relaxing watching some fabulous films whilst enjoying our popcorn on Tuesdays. These are the crafts that we have planned for the next half term. Please do book in ahead of time; where possible; for the sessions that your child might like to allow us to source the resources.



Wed 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov – Conker Snails

Wed 10<sup>th</sup> Nov – Hedgehog Leaf Pictures

Wed 17<sup>th</sup> Nov – Decorated Clay Dishes

Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Nov – Stone Painting

Wed 1<sup>st</sup> Dec – Christmas Hand Wreaths

Wed 8<sup>th</sup> Dec – Christmas Tree Plates

Wed 15<sup>th</sup> Dec – Snow Globes

Wishing you a great half term holiday.

Mrs Hood and Mrs Crane

