



## **CHARSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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# **School News – April 2022**

### **CLASS 1**

Well, what a term Class One have had, we can't believe we are sat here writing this end of Spring term newsletter piece, this term has flown by.

The children have continued to work really hard, learning how to tell the time, fractions, shapes, writing sense and shape poems and writing a story based on farming. In foundation subjects the children have learnt about light and where it comes from, knowing some light is natural whereas some is man-made. The children explored light by making shadow puppets in the sun; the children really enjoyed this.

This term the children have started weekly swimming lessons. In the short time they have been swimming they have all made excellent progress. The children have a further 9 weeks swimming next term.

On 30th March the children went to Easton Farm Park. The children had a very enjoyable visit, which cemented their learning about 'farming and food'. The children started off with a model cow and learnt about how to milk a cow many years ago compared to the modern day. All the children had a go at milking the cow and at making butter, by shaking the milk in a jar. The children soon realised how hard work it was and stopped before it became butter. The children did make some very thick cream. They were enthralled with their creations!

In history the children have been learning about how farming has changed, and how farming used to be done. The children have learnt about the Suffolk Punch horse and how it helped farming in the past. At the park the children enjoyed getting up close to Lily the Suffolk Punch. The children were amazed at her size and got a true understanding of how these powerful creatures helped farming.

We have lots of exciting things coming up next term and we can't wait to tell you all!

Wishing you all a relaxing Easter holiday.

Miss Sayer and Mrs Smith



### **RED NOSE DAY UPDATE**



To raise money for Red Nose Day the children dressed as superheroes and took part in sponsored activities of reading, drawing, basketball hoops, skipping and hoola hooping. We're delighted to report that we raised a MASSIVE £413.78. What a fantastic achievement for such a small school. Thank you to everyone who donated.



## CLASS 2

Class 2 have had an extremely busy second half to our spring term.

The highlight of this term was singing at Snape Maltings where we performed in the main concert hall in front of a huge audience.

The performance included songs about the importance of recycling and how we can make the World a better place. Between each song, children recited poems highlighting their concerns about the world in which they live. We also participated in a gamelan workshop where we were given the rare opportunity to play some beautiful metallophones and some huge gongs. At the end of the concert we joined with several other schools to perform the finale song 'Find your Light'.

Parents praised the clarity and confidence of their singing. Mrs Merry and Mrs Reeve were immensely proud of all the children who took part.

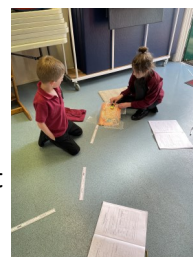
In maths we have been focusing on measurement. We have learnt how to measure length accurately in mm and cm and how to convert between different units. We have also been learning how to add and subtract money in pounds and pence including how to calculate the correct change from larger amounts.

In literacy, we have been busy learning about the features of news reports. We have written a report based on the kidnap of Sophie Dahl by the BFG and her brave escape by jumping into the local duck pond! The children enjoyed being news reporters interviewing a variety of witnesses about what happened. They used some of their quotes in their stories.

In geography, we have been using google maps to locate cities and towns in North and South America. We have learnt about the 16 point compass and how to use it to describe position on a map. We are using the internet to research about the characteristics of a specific city and its environment and then make comparisons with others.



In Science, we have been learning about 'Forces and Magnets'. We started off by understanding what a force was and where it was first thought about with Sir Issac Newton. We then went on to look at force meters and continued with experimenting using different materials on a ramp to send a car down, we measured the distance it travelled and discussed our findings, talking lots about the amount of friction something may create depending on the surface it is on.



We then explored magnets and what might be magnetic or non-magnetic, we

found it fascinating how magnets attract and repel each other and the force different magnets have.

Wishing you have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Merry

## Christina Johnston visit



Christina Johnston, a Colortura Soprano from Framlingham, took time away from her busy schedule to work with KS2 pupils for their music day at Snape. Christina who has sung for various heads of state and performed in operas, sung her latest song, 'A Million Tears'.

It was so fantastic that all the children were mesmerised.

We hope that Christina is able to come back and work with us again in the future.

If you are interested in hearing Christina, or going to any of her events, please do look for her on social media.



## CLASS 3

### Class Three News

This has been a really busy term for class 3 and they are all ready for a break, as are Mrs Crane and I!

In our Literacy we have been studying informal and formal letter writing, noting the differences between the two. We have used our work from our geography topic to imagine that we had moved to Norway and we wrote an informal letter to a friend, describing what it was like to live in Norway. Hopefully they will be able to tell you some interesting facts about what Norway is like in June! We have been sharing a wonderful book by Anthony Horowitz called *The French Confection* where two brothers, Nick and Tim Diamond, win a holiday in Paris where everything goes wrong from the moment they board the Eurostar! We imagined that we were Tim and wrote a letter of complaint about the terrible holiday experience; from poor room service to being chased by the locals!

In geography, as well as learning about Norway, we have been learning about the Alps and how mountains are formed over millions of years. The pupils had great fun making their own mountains from salt dough!

In maths we have been revising our written methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division as well as recapping our fraction, decimal and percentage knowledge. Pupils have learned about perimeter, area and converting between measures. We have looked at imperial and metric measures and converting between those. Next term we will be learning about angles; how to measure and calculate them.

In computing we are learning how to make our own 3D maze games complete with baddies chasing us! We look forward to finishing these off next term and the children being able to share these with you at home on their Purple Mash learning platform.

For our science topic this term we have enjoyed learning about how different animals and plants adapt to suit their environments and why they must adapt to survive. We also enjoyed sharing family photos and creating our own family trees. Thank you so much for sending the children into school with their family photos – the children had great fun discussing their relatives and spotting likenesses!

Many thanks for your continued support. I hope that you all have a wonderful Easter break and look forward to seeing you in the summer term.

Mrs Reeve



## FOREST SCHOOL



The whole school have been able to enjoy some Forest school activities on a Thursday afternoon this spring term, the new improved mud kitchen has been as always very popular and we have been treated to such delights as chocolate mud brownies, flower petal flapjacks and the ever popular hot chocolate served in a flower pot. A few weeks ago we looked at signs of spring and particularly nest and who builds them as well as how and why they are built. The children then had a go at designing and building their own nests complete with pine cone eggs it was lovely to see the care and attention they put into the nests and how they wanted to make their eggs comfortable.

Check out the video on our YouTube page.

We are looking forwards to an adventurous summer term with lots of great weather.

Mrs Foster

## A WORD FROM OUR EXECUTIVE HEAD

Dear Parents,

Thank you again for your support this term, particularly during the COVID outbreak and your patience whilst we recruited to the office admin post. On both counts we have successfully moved forward and I'm very pleased with the way Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Wylie are getting to grips with the office tasks.



### SNAPE

A real highlight this term was the visit to Snape and seeing the wonderful performance by the children in front of hundreds of people. By chance, I was fortunate to receive feedback from parents of children attending other schools and they thought the Charsfield recital was one of the highlights of the evening.

### LIBRARY

You may have heard from your children that the library is fully operational, and staff have put a lot of work into sorting books and organising resources. However, there are still things that need doing, so if anyone can spare some regular time during the week please speak to Mrs Reeve.

### CURRICULUM FEEDBACK

Thank you for your feedback on the curriculum. The staff have been looking in detail at what we deliver now, and in the future, and I believe we can cover all the fundamental elements suggested by parents in our new curriculum, ensuring all the children receive a good breadth and balance to their learning.

### PTA

The PTA have been busy, and it is pleasing to see parents attending events on the school grounds again. I know more occasions are planned so please feel free to attend, as it is as much about bringing people together as raising money.

### WORKING PARTIES

Next term we will be organising some work parties to help make the outside spaces even more appealing and functional. There are plans for 2 large sheds to be constructed along with 3 small wooden storage units. The staff need help giving the outside areas a face lift and there are some groundworks that needs doing - digging, and clearing raised beds etc. Our first session will be held after school on Tuesday 3rd May. If you are able to spare a couple of hours, it will be much appreciated.

I hope you have an enjoyable Easter.

Mr Taylor (Executive Head teacher - Charsfield and Fressingfield C of E Primary Schools)

### Snow in March

There was a lot of excitement on the 31st of March when we had a brief shower of snow. The children made the most of it in their break time and even managed to make a few small snowmen



### YouTube Channel

**We now have a 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/UCNPXZPzUIJb11iISk9ZQGoA>



### AN UPDATE ABOUT OUR CHURCH

It has been wonderful to be able to have some of our Collective Worships held in the church again. These are led by Jo Reed and we are lucky enough to have the organ for us played by Jill. Our last service was our Easter service, and it was lovely to have parents there too.

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**— What makes every single person unique and precious?/How can we care for our wonderful world?

**KS1—Christianity**—Why do Christians trust and follow Jesus?/**Judaism**—Why is the Torah such a joy for the Jewish community?

**LKS2—Christianity**—Why do Christians believe they are people on a mission?/ **Sikhism**—How do Sikhs put their beliefs about equality into practise?

**UKS2—Christianity**—Should believing in the resurrection change how Christians view life and death?/

**Humanism**— Why do Humanists say happiness is the goal of life?

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: Courage, Thankfulness and Wisdom**



### THE FRIENDS OF CHARFIELD SCHOOL (FoCS)

Hi Everyone,

It has been great to get back with the FoCS PTA committee and to being able to organise some fun fundraising events to happen over the next few months.

It was so lovely to be able to hold the Mothers Day café the other week. It really felt like old times with parents, teachers and children all socialising together in the school playground after school. Thank you to all the parents who helped in making some yummy cakes & biscuits. We are so lucky in having some fantastic bakers within the school community. The Mothers Day events of Daffodil sales and the Café raised £100.94.

I am hopeful that we can plan/hold a few more afternoons like this soon, especially with the summer coming.



Thank you to everyone who supported our fun Easter events, which consisted of a raffle, Easter biscuits sale and a 'Hunt The Golden Egg' game.

Congratulations to the winners for the raffle who were—1st Prize Mrs Merry, 2nd Prize Reynolds family, 3rd Prize Corston-Petrie family, 4th Prize Barker family and 5th Prize Reynolds family. The winner of the 'Hunt The Golden Egg' game was the Webb family. A rough total so far for these events is £186.

The next FoCS meeting will be held on 28th April to continue in the planning for some summer events, so please do come along, we are currently in discussion with school to plan an exciting event for the Platinum Jubilee, plus we will also be looking ahead for Fathers Day, Sports Day and possibly a Summer Disco.

I know times are hard at the moment but I want to thank you all for supporting our events, raffles and sales. All the money raised goes towards helping with school trips, play equipment and other items which our school needs.

I hope you all have a really lovely Easter Break.

Kat Jeffery - FoCS PTA Chair



## READING CHALLENGE AND LIBRARY UPDATE



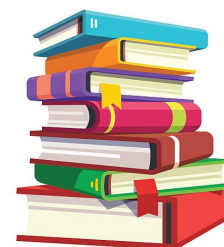
We are pleased to announce that the library re-fit is almost complete with a few things still needing to be sorted. It has been a real pleasure to hear the squeals of delight when pupils go into the library to choose their books! We are going to be appointing library monitors and all children will have the opportunity to go into the library, on a weekly basis, to choose a book to read/share at



home. We have a system set up, where the book choices will be recorded electronically and written in a library record book, so we can track the books the children are choosing.

We've been so pleased with the amount of reading taking place for the Reading Challenge, so far, even staff are joining in marking off any reading they do at home too. The enthusiasm that the children are showing towards their reading is fantastic and we have got children reaching 100 reads already.

Thank-you so much for your support in listening to the children read at home, it makes a huge difference to their progress. Did you know that listening to your child read and reading to your child has many benefits? Some benefits include: an increase in fluency, it can help to improve concentration, improve vocabulary, help to strengthen the understanding between spoken and written language, helps to strengthen skills in writing and provides enjoyment.



Any reading can be included in the Reading Challenge, could we please remind you to record whatever you are able to do in your child's Jungle Reading Record (Class 1) or Yellow Reading Record (Class 2 and 3), as we have children telling us they have read, but not having it marked in their record books.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Reeve

## A WARM WELCOME



We, at Charsfield Primary school, would like to give a warm welcome to Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Wylie, who are joining the Charsfield family working in the office. We wish them both a smooth transition into school life and we are sure they will soon get to know how supportive the Charsfield community can be.

Please do bear with us, as both Mrs Reynolds and Mrs Wylie learn their way around the school office.

## Dates for your diary

- Thursday 7th April—Pupils last day in school
- Friday 8th April PD Day
- Mon 11th April—Friday 22nd April—Easter Holidays
- Monday 25th April—pupils return back into school
- Friday 29th April—Class 1 continue swimming
- Monday 2nd May—May Bank Holiday
- Thursday 26th May—Jubilee Afternoon Tea (School and FoCS event) - More details to follow
- Friday 27th May—pupils last day in school
- Monday 30th May—Friday 3rd June—May Half Term
- Monday 6th June—pupils return back into school
- Wednesday 15th June—Class, whole school and Year 6 Photographs in school
- Thursday 21st July—Pupils last day in school



### SHARE A STORY

During the lockdowns we started 'Share a story, have a biscuit'. This was a time that all the teachers were able to share a story with the children via zoom. We felt that this was such a lovely time to share together and to share the love of reading, that we have now started this again, we have decided to do this on a Friday at 3pm, with all the children gathering in the school hall. We felt that this was the perfect time to gather as a school at the end of a busy week and have time to relax with a story. These stories are being read by any adults and children and I'm pleased to say that I have a long list of children who have bravely volunteered to read a story. We have had four stories so far, these were read by Mrs Crane, Eddie and Thomas, Maisie and Harry and Phoebe, it has been great to see what story they chosen, after the story we have a little discussion about the story. Whilst the story is being read the children all get to enjoy a biscuit too!

We then have the chance to say 'goodbye' and wish each other a lovely weekend. Thank you to those who have read so far and I look forward to the stories to come.

Mrs Smith



### MOTHER'S DAY

We hope you managed to purchase a copy of the Ipswich Star and found your Mother's Day message from your child. The children do enjoy having the opportunity to express their gratitude to their mums

### HANFORD HOUSE

We have been keeping our contacts going with Hanford House Care Home this term starting with the children making beautiful spring time cards for the residents without children to have on mother's day.

### AFTER SCHOOL AND BREAKFAST CLUBS

Once again all our clubs have been very popular, breakfast club can include breakfast should your child require it, followed by various activities.

#### COOKERY CLUBS

The children and I have really enjoyed making different meals and sweet treats this term. We have made sausage rolls, cookies, chicken curry and marble cake to name a few. The children have enjoyed learning new skills and learning where our food comes from and how its grown.



#### CRAFT CLUB

In Tuesday's Craft Club we have enjoyed making lots of fabulous things, keep an eye on the craft club posters, around the school grounds, to see what we will be getting up to week by week.



Wishing you a great Easter holiday — Mrs Hood (After School Club Leader)

Please do look at the clubs page to see how to book for any of the clubs.



## Available Clubs



Days / Dates	Times	Name of club	Session Cost	Club Leader	How to book in
Daily (Mon-Fri)	8am to 8.55am	<b>Breakfast Club</b>	£2.50 per child	Mrs Crane	* Via Arbor
Monday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Cookery Club</b> (Includes food to take home & a snack)	£6.50 per child	Mrs Hood and Mrs Crane	* Via Arbor
Tuesday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Crafts After School Club</b> (Includes a snack)	£6.50 per child	Mrs Hood	* Via Arbor
Wednesday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	<b>Cookery Club</b> (Includes food to take home & a snack)	£6.50 per child	Mrs Hood and Mrs Smith	* Via Arbor
Thursday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Basketball Club (No food is provided please send children with a snack / drink)	FREE to all pupils as funded by our PE Premium	Premier Sport	* Via Arbor
Friday	3.15pm to 4.30pm	Dodgeball Club - (No food is provided please send children with a snack / drink)	FREE to all pupils as funded by our PE Premium	Premier Sport	* Via Arbor

### Booking For Clubs

**\* Please see an email sent 19/04/22 about booking clubs for the start of the summer term.**

Effective 3rd May 2022—All clubs need to be booked via Arbor.

Cookery club needs to be booked for the half term, as ingredients need to be bought. All other clubs should be booked a day in advance at the latest. All clubs have number limits and places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### Arbor Parent Payment System

We do hope that you have find the new Arbor Parent Payment system fairly easy. Dinners 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 the Half Term break.**

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