



CHARSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY

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School News – July 2021



Class 1

Wow! What a year Class 1 has had. The children have been absolutely wonderful, enthusiastic and always positive no matter what the year threw at them. They all coped tremendously well with the Spring term home learning and then the transition back into school. Thank you to all the parents for their continued support during this challenging time.

This term, our topic has been about transport and machines, and learning how they support our everyday life. We have learnt about the Rainhill Trials and how George Stephenson and his son created The Rocket, which went on to win the Trials and shaped the future of trains. We also learnt about The Wright Brothers and the first aeroplane and flight, and how this has also shaped the past of aeroplanes. The children thoroughly enjoyed learning about these two vehicles and their history.

In Science the children have been broadening their knowledge of electricity and have learnt about how to make a complete circuit, and what is an insulator and a conductor of electricity. They have also learnt about who Thomas Edison was and what he invented. The children have loved learning about this topic.

This term we have been very lucky to have a school trip to both the Norwich Castle and then to the Norwich Cathedral to visit Dippy the Diplodocus. We had two brilliant sessions at the castle where the children got to see objects used back in the medieval era and even got to hold a child's version of chain mail which the knights would have worn. I think their faces say it all that it was really heavy! At the cathedral we visited Dippy the Diplodocus, who was huge! It was amazing to see a real-life version of the dinosaur. We learnt that:

- A Diplodocus is pronounced DIP-LOW-DOCK-US,
- He walked like an elephant,
- He ate all the time,

He had 292 bones.

We are looking forward to the last few days of term as we have planned ICT using the Lego We-Do, the leaver's assembly, water fight and our annual trip to the village recreational grounds.

We wish all the Year 2's the very best in Year 3 and everyone a wonderful summer holidays.

Miss Sayer & Mrs Smith



Class 2



The Summer term has really whizzed by for us in Class 2! Here are some of the things we have been up to...

The pupils have enjoyed taking part in our annual 'grow your own potatoes' competition involving them in a number of processes; chitting in February, planting out in bags, remembering to water them regularly and finally harvesting them in June. We then used our potato crops to carry out some maths. We estimated the weights of each crop by comparing them with a 500g bag of flour. The children then weighed them accurately using a set of

kitchen scales, first by reading the scale manually and then electronically to obtain an exact weight. Interestingly there was only a few grams difference between the different crops! Next year we aim to increase our crop by adding fertiliser! Once harvested, we then washed and cooked our potatoes to make a tasty potato salad which we all enjoyed eating! This project has linked in nicely with their Science lessons with Miss Sayer who has been teaching them about plants and conducting experiments to investigate the way in which water is transported within a plant.



In our History topic we have been looking at the differences between children in Victorian times with children today. We were surprised to discover that life at school wasn't in the least bit pleasant with punishments given for the smallest of misdemeanours! We learnt about life as a chimney sweep and as a trapper in the mines and all the dangers that involved.

In DT the children have enjoyed constructing wooden dragster cars with Mr Wilkins. This involved lots of precision work; measuring, cutting with saws, sanding, gluing and finally testing. The results were impressive!

I hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Mrs Merry

Treasure Island—KS2 Play

Mrs Merry and I are immensely proud of all of Key Stage 2. They worked really hard to put on a terrific performance of Treasure Island, complete with dancing, singing and some superb pirate accents "Arrrh"! Thank you to everyone who came along to watch and support us; it was great to be able to invite parents and family members to come into school to watch the play.

A big **THANK YOU:** to the parents for providing costumes, to Mrs Foster and Mrs Crane for the props and stage set, to Mrs Merry for the music, to the PTA for providing refreshments, and to Kat, Sarah and Roswyn for helping with the make-up – we had some super pirate beards! Well done to Harry J and Ava for the programme and to Keir and Phoebe for making sure all of the props were in the right places for each scene. It was a great Charsfield team effort!



Mrs Reeve



Class 3



Class 3 have had a busy term and are definitely ready for the summer break! Here are just a few of the things we have been getting up to this term.

We've really enjoyed learning about the Tudors, Henry VIII and his six wives. We also managed to study one of Shakespeare's plays: 'Hamlet' and from this we wrote our own narratives for the story.

In June Year 5 and 6 took part in Bikeability and learned how to ride their cycles safely on the road. Our two instructors were very impressed with the quality of cycling and the behaviour of the children. I am delighted to say that all the children passed their Level 2 certificate.

In DT with Mr Wilkins, the children have been making dragster cars using some exciting machinery; a scroll saw (sometimes called a jigsaw) and a pillar drill. During the making process we discussed how friction would impact the speed of the vehicles, so the children had to factor this in to their car designs. After they had finished assembling their vehicles, the children raced them on a slope to see whose could travel the fastest. The children enjoyed these lessons. Thank you to Mr Wilkins for giving up his time, we do hope that he will be able to come back and to work with us again soon.

Year 6 had their surprise trip on Tuesday 6th July. We went bowling at Martlesham and after lunch the children took part in climbing at Avid Climbing at Ransomes Euro Park. They had a fantastic time and were a delight to take out on their treat to celebrate their time at Charsfield.

Thank you for all of your support in what has been another challenging year. I wish you all a restful and relaxing summer break, and I look forward to seeing you all in September. - Mrs Reeve

Goodbye to the Leavers

Dear Parents,

Thank you all for everything you have done to help the school throughout this very challenging year. We truly value the wonderful support we have from our families, and I thank each of you, most sincerely, for the huge amounts of positive feedback and encouragement we have received.

Despite the many challenges the year presented, there have been some real successes and wonderful work produced. I understand how difficult it has been for our families and children throughout the pandemic and I hope that September will bring a little more normality to school life.

I wish our year 6 leavers well and every success for the future. The staff have loved having them at Charsfield Primary and are sorry that their time at our school has had to end, but we all feel they are ready for the challenges and opportunities high school has to offer.

Unfortunately, we are also saying goodbye to Mrs Francis, Miss King and Ms Turner. All of them have been extremely committed during their time at the school and the children have benefitted significantly from their encouraging and caring approach. We wish them all the best and every success for the future.

I end by thanking our amazing staff. Behind the scenes all the teachers and support staff have gone the extra mile to make the best of this year for the children. I could not be prouder of way they have coped with the numerous challenges and situations we have experienced as a school community since September.

I hope you have an enjoyable summer with your family.

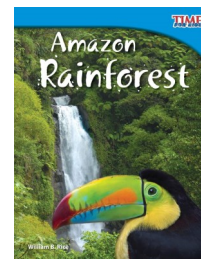
Mr Taylor (Executive Headteacher)



Class 2 and 3 PSHE Money Matters project.

In PSHE, Key Stage 2 pupils have been learning about money: how it can be acquired through jobs, benefits and gifts; how it can be spent using cash, debit cards and credit cards and very importantly, how to save it; in the bank or at home. To help them get to grips with the value of money they were set a group challenge of holding an event to raise funds for a charity. They had to divide themselves into teams to handle different aspects of the challenge;

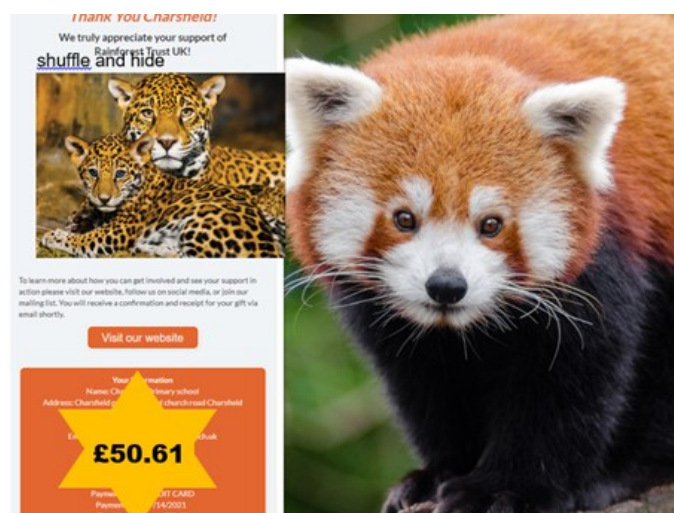
- Marketing team; in charge of promoting the event, posters and advertisements
- Creative team; to design craft items to sell
- Sales team; to decide on how to sell items and promotions to run on the day
- Management team; to oversee organisation, problem solving and run the votes.
- Finance team; to cost the resources and ingredients, organise funding (petition Mrs Reeve for the funds) and cash up at the end.



They all rose to the occasion magnificently, even though there were some tricky aspects to overcome. Votes had to be held on which charity to support and what to sell. Costings worked out and the pricings, using an excel spread sheet, to ensure a profit was made. Posters and an article for the newsletter had to be designed and written. As well as the designing and producing the key rings and fridge magnets.

On the day of the sale, a mass of cookies needed to be produced and the sale laid out bunting and all. When it got to 3 O'clock and the customers started queuing it was all hands to the deck to get them served, work out the cost of their purchases and how much change to give. By 3.45pm all the cookies and most of the crafts had been sold, all the customers satisfied and most of the washing up done. The Finance team counted up the money, taking out the float and expenses. Then announced to the group they had made a profit of £50.61 to go to the Guardians of the Rain Forest Trust and an equally big thankyou to all those that came along to support their sale. We are all immensely proud of the time, effort and enthusiasm they put into the project and of how well they have taken on board the lessons learnt from this whole topic and hope that this will aid them to be more advised when handling money matters in the future.

Mrs Foster



Handford House Nursing Home

In June, the children of Charsfield Primary School have been making cards for the gentlemen of Handford House Nursing Home, who would not otherwise be receiving anything on father's day. They have been building links with the nursing home over the last year since the country went into lockdown, helping to spread a little joy into other people's lives. The children get a lot of satisfaction out of being able to give a little back to the community and enjoy the correspondences they have with the residents. They have, wrote to them to introduce themselves, Christmas Cards, OOPs Book, Mother's Day, and in return we have been sent correspondence back and some lovely bee friendly seeds to sow.

This is a lovely link for the pupils that we will continue to nurture over the next year.



Sports Day

We were so very happy to be able to invite our parents in to join us for Sports Day this year. Even though it was different with social distancing, this didn't dampen the pupil's enthusiasm or the encouragement of the parents that managed to come and watch. The pupils gave it their all as they completed in both activities in the morning, and races in the afternoon within their Key Stage house groups, something that they all seemed to prefer rather than in their Year Groups. Their behaviour during the day was exemplary showing true sportsmanship and humility towards each other. The weather was kind to us and we just managed the through the day before the heavens opened.



A huge thank you to our fabulous Friends of Charsfield School (FoCS) who provided scrumptious refreshments and a tempting hamper raffle for the parents and ice pops for the pupils.

Charsfield Governor Vacancy

The Local Governing Body (LGB) of Charsfield C of E Primary School are currently looking for a governor. The Governing Body help to shape the school that your child attends, this gives the opportunity for you to actually have an input into your child's school. The LGB generally meet once a term and looks at the finances, resources, policies and the effectiveness of the teaching in the school. Full training would be given to the successful candidate.

If you may be interested in joining us, please contact Mrs Butcher in the school office who will put you in contact with Mr Steve Lovett, (our Vice Chairman) who will gladly have an informal chat with you regarding the role and commitment required.

The Friends of Charsfield School (FoCS)

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Chair of FoCS PTA. I am Kat Jeffery, mum to Megan and Harry in Class 3. I would also like to thank Roswyn for the fantastic job she done as Chair over the past few years. I hope I can follow on her amazing work.

It has been an incredibly tough 18 months with all the lockdowns and restrictions that have happened. I would like to say a massive thank you to all the staff for the tremendous work you have done keeping everybody safe and on track, whilst also maintaining as much normality and as fun as possible.

I would like to thank you for all of your amazing support during our recent fundraising events. It has been so lovely to see all of you. The recent refreshments, raffle and games at Sports Day raised an incredible £249! THANK YOU ALL. All the funds that we raise go towards helping the school with items that are required or school trips. We recently purchased parasols for the picnic benches, contributed towards the Class 1 Norwich trip and paid for the Year 6 Leavers surprise day out.

Our next challenge is to fill Smarties tubes with coins over the Summer Holidays, returning them back to school in September. These, along with future fundraising events, will be going towards replacing some of the outdoor play equipment, a new PE shed, new playground drainage and school trips.

I hope you have an amazing Summer Holiday and I look forward to seeing you all in September. Please keep an eye on the Parent's WhatsApp Group as we may organise a couple of meet ups during the 6 weeks holidays. If you are not on this group but would like to join please talk to Sarah (Harry & Charlie's mum, FoCS PTA Vice Chair), Jess (Luna's mum) or myself.



Kat Jeffery (FoCS Chair)



Available Clubs



Days / Dates	Times	Name of club	Session Cost	Club Leader	How to book in
Daily (Mon-Fri)	8am to 9am	Breakfast Club	£2.50 for the first child — £2.25 for additional siblings	Mrs Crane (Teaching Assistant)	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Monday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Cookery Club (Includes food to take home & a snack)	£6 per child	To be appointed	Please sign up for the half term with the relevant form from reception
Tuesday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Film After School Club (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	To be appointed	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Wednesday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Crafts After School Club (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	To be appointed	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Thursday	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports Club	FREE to all pupils as funded by our PE Premium	Education Through Sport (Our PE Company)	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Friday	3.15pm to 4.30pm	Computing Club - (No food is provided please send children with a snack / drink)	£4 per child	To be appointed	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis

Booking For Clubs

Please note that once we have appointed our After School Club Leader the themes of the clubs may change. We will inform you of these ASAP. 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.

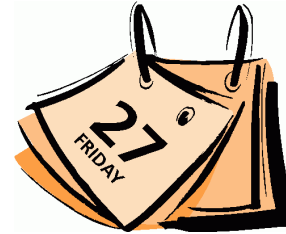
Arbor Parent Payment System

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 July as the schools financial year ends in August.

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 19th July—Water Fight on the School Field, all pupils to come to school in uniform but bring in shoes that can get wet, and then also a change of clothes to change into after the fun. A water pistol or similar if they have too would be great please. Sun hats and sun cream already applied are a must please.
- Tuesday 20th July—Last day of school for the pupils— Children to come in their own clothes but these need to be suitable for some fun time over the recreation ground please. Sun hats and Cream another must.
- Wednesday 21st July—First day of the summer holiday
- Pre-Booked Forest School sessions—Run on Wednesday 4th, Thursday 12th, Tuesday 17th and Monday 23rd August. We do still have some spaces for the middle 2 dates. Please contact Mrs Butcher **before 9am on Tuesday 20th July** if your child, or a non-pupil of Charsfield friend of theirs would like a space.
- Wednesday 1st / Thursday 2nd September— PD Days for staff
- Friday 3rd September—Pupils return back into school
- Monday 27th September—Open Morning for external potential parents to view the school
- Tuesday 19th October—Open Afternoon for external potential parents to view the school
- Monday 25th—Friday 29th October—Autumn Half Term
- Tuesday 9th November—Tempest Individual and Sibling photographs
- Wednesday 10th November—Open Morning for external potential parents to view the school
- Thursday 16th December—Pupils’ last day in school
- Wednesday 5th January 2022—Pupils’ first day back in school

After School Club

Please see page 6 for the timings of our After School Clubs. Please note that once we have appointed our After School Club Leader the themes of the clubs may change. We will inform you of these ASAP.



To book your child into any club, please speak to the club leader or contact Mrs Butcher in the office.

Just a little message to say a massive THANK YOU to everyone who’s joined me in After School Club over the 5 years, I shall miss cooking, crafting, constructing, computer-ing and film watching with you!! I hope you all have a lovely summer and wishing you all the best for the new school year.
Terri



Our next term’s Values for Life themes are: Creativity, Respect and Reverence