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School News – July 2020 - The Lockdown Version

Class 1—Home and School Learning



What a year it has been, certainly one to remember! Firstly, I would like to thank all the children, parents, and staff for their hard work not only during lock down, but throughout the whole year. Without your ongoing support, we would not have achieved half of what we have, so from all of the Class 1 staff we would like to say a great big “Thank you!”



The children have been busy this term learning about Pirates and the Seaside and we have all had a lot of fun whether we have been at home or in school. We have had some fantastic boats made, which we will be testing out in September. I am very excited to see them in action. We had a very exciting and fun pirate day where we walked the plank, made ships, made parrots and had a treasure hunt. The children have also had fun making swords and then going out to have a battle with each other.

The children have been busy continuing with their maths and literacy at home and working extremely



hard. They have also been up to lots of extra-curricular learning such as learning to tie their shoelaces, baking lots of yummy food, keeping fit, gardening and many more wonderful activities.

We wish you all a really fun and enjoyable summer and look forward to seeing you in September. Miss Sayer



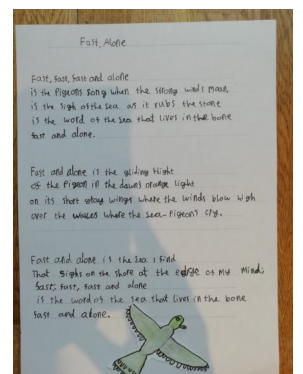
Class 3 Home Learning



All pupils have worked really hard when they were learning at home and I could not be prouder of them. Pupils have been using the Whiterose Maths website to help them with their maths learning and have looked at fractions, decimals, percentages, angles, and written methods. For literacy, the pupils have looked at poetry, Roald Dahl, Harry Potter and stories by Shaun Tan. The pupils have written some lovely poems and have got to grips with some tricky grammar too.

Pupils have also been cooking, doing artwork, history, geography and wellbeing activities that the pupils in school have been learning.

Mrs Reeve



Class 2—Home Learning

Congratulations to all the children in Class 2 for surviving lockdown!! You have all demonstrated

enormous creativity and resilience throughout the time you have been learning from home and we are all immensely proud of you! Not only have you worked hard on all your weekly tasks set for you by myself, you have, with the support of your parents and carers, also learnt new skills and tried out new techniques, some of which we can see in the



Thomas doing a kitchen science experiment at home

photos here.

Mrs Merry



Harry is designing a Greek vase using scratch art techniques.



Poppy is busy planting flowers in her green house.



Phoebe's Book in a Box - Can you guess the title?



Frankie and Ava use hammers to transfer plant dye onto fabric.

Sports Day with a Difference!



Owing to the current pandemic, we have been unable to hold our annual sports day this year. However, we didn't want the children to miss out, so we organised an afternoon of sports for the children instead.

We were able to hold our sports events simultaneously whilst being socially distant and Mr Hender, our sports coach from ETS, was able to lead some exciting events for the children such as running races, egg and spoon races (without the egg or spoon!), wellie throwing, space hopper races and a relay race. Each key stage was split into 3 teams who worked to achieve their own individual success but also worked as a team across the school. I can reveal that the results are as follows: in 1st place were Team three (Ace - KS 2 and Speedys - KS 1) with 113 points, in 2nd place: were Team Two (Kitty Kittens - KS 2 and The Racers - KS 1) with 110 points and in 3rd place were Team One (Chicken Cheeseballs - KS 2 and Great Sport Team - KS 1) with 106 points.

The children loved every minute of it and as you can see the results were remarkably close! Those still at home were also invited to take part and one Mum was very proud that she won the "Mummy race" at home this year!



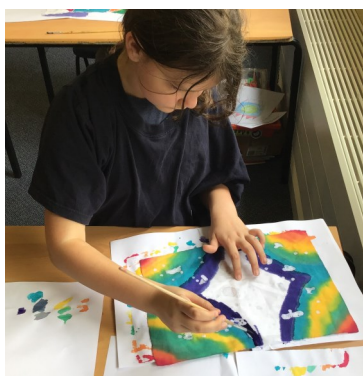
The Hope and Rainbow Bubbles - Learning in School

From 1st June, some of our pupils returned back to school from the Covid19 Lockdown, taught initially as one bubble, who named themselves the Rainbow Bubble and then later on the Hope Bubble was formed as we split the pupils into their key stages. Over the weeks the pupils have enjoyed many topics spanning the curriculum and some of these include the following.



The children have been learning about pollution and how it effects the sea. In art on a Thursday afternoon they decorated the outdoor classroom by making fish, jellyfish, sea horses, starfish, and other sea creatures. They recycled plastic to make the jellyfish and sea. The children have shared many facts that they have learnt with us and had great fun pretending to snorkel and dive in the sea.

The pupils harvested potatoes that were grown by each class in the spring, they dug out, washed and used their maths in weighing and comparing their potatoes. They then chose an individual recipe to cook and take home to eat.



The Key Stage 2 pupils have been learning about Africa, learning about the Kingdom of Benin, the trade between Africa and Europe and how this great kingdom was eventually destroyed by the British Empire. They also located the different countries of Africa on a map and found out about the different climates and biomes of Africa. In their art sessions they used bold African patterns and colours to inspire them to make a piece of fabric art using dyes and batik.



In Science, the pupils have been doing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenges. They chose two challenges— the first being making a bridge to cross a 30cm gap, it needed to be strong, to hold a lot of weight and they strongest held several kg before it broke! The second task was to create a sequence of events from one initial movement. The children had great fun trying to get ping pong balls into cups!

On a Friday, children across the school have been taking part in forest school sessions, making bird feeders, building dens, making fencing and bug hunting. In their last session they had a campfire and toasted marshmallows on the fire to eat - delicious!

In literacy, key stage 2 pupils have been reading “The Ickabog” by JK Rowling as she uploads the daily chapters onto her website. This has been a huge success both with the children and adults alike! The pupils draw their Ickabog and have all entered a competition to have their artwork published in the book in November later this year. Here are some of the entries...



World Book Day



Before we broke up for the Covid19 Lockdown in March 2020, most of the pupils and all of the staff enjoyed the opportunity to come to school dressed as their favourite book character.

To celebrate World Book Day the children then circulated around each

member of staff who shared with them parts of their favourite book. Hopefully inspiring pupils to perhaps try reading something a little different for them.



VE Day:

On Friday 8th May, the children from Charsfield Primary School celebrated Victory in Europe Day at home in a number of exciting ways from making and putting up bunting, baking fancy cakes, painting pictures and dressing up. Here are some of their photos:



Fond Farewells

We are sad to say goodbye to our wonderful Year six pupils: Katherine, Tilly, and Francis. We wish them all the best at high school and know they will work really hard and make lots of new friends.

Sadly, at the end of term we are also saying goodbye to Luca and Max in Class 1. We will miss you all lots! Therefore, all of the pupils and staff here at Charsfield

School wish all of the above all the best in their new school. However, we are sure that we will stay in touch with them!





Mental Health & Wellbeing



New for this term in school was to spend time on a Monday afternoon looking at what helps us stay happy and healthy in our minds and bodies. We used the 5 ways to mental wellbeing idea to explore how we can look after ourselves. We have looked at several types of meditation and mindfulness activities, chocolate meditation was particularly well received! The Rainbow Bubble wrote a group letter to the children who were not back at school and were thrilled to get replies from some of them.

We found the 'Suffolk Says Thanks' website which encourages schools to link with a local care home. To communicate through the difficult lockdown period This led us to connecting with Handford House Nursing Home, where the children have been able to find out a little about dementia and how they could help the residents. They made posters and wrote a group letter to the residence telling them about what school has been like over these last few months. We hope to receive some replies from them. We are very much hoping to continue to build on this link in the new term, as it is so good for the children and the residents to have the opportunity to connect and give something to others.

Last week we had a 'hobbies afternoon' where the children were able to come dressed in clothes that they wear to do their hobby and tell others about it. Here is Bella showing us her ballet. We then explored how aspects of the hobbies help with wellbeing.

The children have all enjoyed these sessions and have been amazingly receptive to the ideas and so willing and thoughtful when it came to communicating with Handford House. It has been a real pleasure to take these sessions.

Mrs Foster



Forest Schools



This term our Forest School started off as a small bubble of 11 pupils which grew into two larger key stage bubbles, and throughout, our goal has been to encourage wellbeing by connecting with nature to improve self-confidence and independence in an environment where the children feel safe, comfortable and relaxed. During the start of the sessions the children built a bird feeder and we were able to mount a trail cam to record the visitors while we were not at school. The children were very excited to see the host of birds that visited and to be able to observe their behaviour, as well as a cheeky squirrel and quite surprisingly, late



one night, a dog that had escaped in the village, visited and ran off with one of the log feeders!

We have recently put a new pond into our nature area and the local wildlife have been enjoying it. Some of our children have also kindly bought in some young frogs that they had reared from tadpoles and they have been made at home in the pond too.

One of the best lessons was defiantly building a pedal operated hand washing station. Very Covid19 Apt! The children were given an assortment of resources and a brief lesson in leavers and then left to build. It took several attempts and some slightly soggy children, but they achieved the goal and spent the rest of the lesson taking it in turns washing their hands. They did discover that if you lifted your foot off of the pedal too quickly,

you could get a soaking. Armed with this information, they invited Mr Williams to have a go at washing his hands and explained to him exactly how best to work it; it is a good job a very soggy Mr Williams was not going to any meetings afterwards!

There have been many other activities along the way; den building, bug hunting and making hobby horses to name a few, but we finished the term off with an all-time favourite of toasting marshmallows around the fire.

Mrs Foster





School Clubs Available



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	Miss Terri King / Mrs Crane	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Tuesday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Film After School Club (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	Miss Terri King	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	Miss Terri King	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Thursday	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports After School Club	£4 per child	Education Through Sport	Please complete the sign up letter to commit to the half term
Thursday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Construction Club (Inc. Lego, Warhammer and Kinex and includes a snack)	£6 per child	Miss Terri King	Please complete the sign up letter to commit to the half term
Friday	3.15pm to 4.30pm	Computing Club - No food is provided please send children with a snack / drink	£4 per child	Miss Terri King	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis

To book in for Breakfast or After School Clubs please speak to Mrs Crane, Terri or Mrs Butcher in the office.

School Money Payment System

We do hope that you have find the 'School Money' payment collection system fairly easy. Could we politely ask you to intermittently log on and keep your outstanding balance down to a minimum to help with the cash flow of the school. If you have any issues with this please do speak to Mrs Butcher who will be able to help you.

Dates for your diary

- Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September—PD Days for staff
- Thursday 3rd September—Years 1-6 Return back into school
- Friday 4th September—New Reception Year starts in school
- Wednesday 21st October—Open Morning for Prospective Reception Pupils for Sept 2021
9.30am—11.45am - All would be most welcome, please help us spread the word
- Monday 26th—Friday 30th October—Autumn Half Term
- Monday 2nd November—Pupils return back into school
- Monday 9th November—Open Morning for Prospective Reception Pupils for Sept 2021
9.30am—11.45am - All would be most welcome, please help us spread the word
- Thursday 17th December—Pupils last day in school
- Friday 18th December—PD Day for staff



Goodbye Kim!



After being part of the school team for 18 yrs. as both a midday supervisor and giving the pupils a lovely start to the day running our Breakfast Club. Sadly for the school, Kim has decided to leave us and spend more time with her family.

We thank her very much for her valuable time with us and wish her all the best in the future and hope to see her around the village still to stay in touch.

Thank You Dawn!

We would like to say a huge thank you and goodbye also to Dawn Gill. Dawn has had both of her daughters come through Charsfield School, firstly Hannah and currently Katherine in Yr. 6 who leaves us this year. Dawn has been a very active part of our PTA here for many years and has more recently been our treasurer. We hope that you'll enjoy a bit more free time Dawn and that you'll stay in touch.



After School Club

We are extremely excited to start After School Club again in September and look forward to welcoming you all back! (Please note some clubs have changed days.)



- Monday - Cooking Club (Starts on 15.9.20)
- Tuesday - Film Club
- Wednesday - Craft Club
- Thursday - Construction Club
- Friday - Computer Club

Craft Club Activities:

- 9th September - Twirligig's
- 16th September - Junk Modelling
- 23rd September - Coffee Filter Butterflies-Monsters
- 30th September - Foil Art
- 7th October - Frog Fly Catchers
- 14th October - Mobiles
- 21st October - Shrinkies

Have a fab summer holiday! - Terri



Marathon Runner in School!

You may know that all of the pupils in school do daily laps around the school field as part of the Daily Mile fitness scheme, aiming to keep the pupils fit and build stamina. Year 1 pupil Caleb, has run an amazing 1154 laps of the path in the last school year. This is the equivalent to 104 miles!

Well Done Caleb!!



Our next term's Values for Life themes are: Hope, generosity and perseverance.