



CHARSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY

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School News – February 2020

Class 2

Class 2 have been working very hard this term. I am continually impressed with their enthusiasm and how willing they are to do their very best!

We have enjoyed reading *The BFG* by Roald Dahl, using it as inspiration for our writing. We have written our own opening chapters to the story, created our own dreams for the Big Friendly Giant to blow into sleeping children's bedrooms, and written a news report about what happened to the main character!



In maths, we have been learning about fractions of numbers and relating them to their equivalent decimals.

Children are continuing to work hard at learning their times tables, with songs we have learnt in class and practicing online. Please keep encouraging your child to keep practising their times tables on TT Rockstars so that our class can win the Battle of the Bands against the Wrens Class at Dennington!

I am particularly looking forward to next term when we will be singing and playing our guitars at Snape Maltings on the Monday 2nd March. We hope that as many of you will be able to come as possible to support our children who have been working very hard to perfect their performance.

Mrs Merry

French Café

Pupils hosted a French themed Café for parents, relatives and members of the community on a cold January morning. Guests were treated to a choice of French style cuisine including croissants, along with a warming cup of tea, coffee or hot chocolate! Pupils across the school entertained everyone with French singing and to finish the event number bingo was played (in French of course!).

Our Languages Leader, Mrs Merry, who organised the event, said "We had a lovely atmosphere in the school hall complete with French



accordion music. This was a great way to give pupils an opportunity to practise their French as not many of our pupils have been able to go to café in France."

As a school, we have always offered a broad curriculum and if we can do this in an interesting way to involve parents, relatives and members of the community that is even better!

We look forward to welcoming more of you to our next coffee morning in the summer term!



Class 1



Class 1 have had a busy start to 2020 investigating straight away with our new topic 'Space'. We have had a lot of fun making the planets, learning facts about them and their order away from the sun. The children have really enjoyed learning about the topic so far. In literacy, the children are currently focusing on a space story based on a new exciting planet that they have designed. They have also been writing a sense poem, a recount of their French Café morning and a story.

In maths, the children have learnt about fractions and sharing quantity and shapes into equal parts. They have also been busy measuring items and objects. The younger children have been using non-standard measures (cubes, hand span, strides etc.) and the older pupils have been using a ruler accurately measuring to the nearest cm.

In our topic lessons, the children have been learning facts about space, some history about significant events and creating collages.

After half term, we will start swimming lessons every Friday afternoon at Framlingham College Pool and on Friday 6th March, we have organised a trip to see the Lambs again at Framlingham Farm. (More information will come out about this after half term.)

Have a great half term.

Miss Sayer



Class 3

Class 3 have had a busy half term finding out about where our food comes from. We discussed the benefits of buying Fairtrade where possible and looked at trying to be more environmentally friendly when buying new clothes and our food.

In Science, the pupils learned about how fossils are formed and how fossils can give us clues to how animals lived in the past. We have been looking at how animals adapt to survive in their environment and how we can help endangered species. The children have also discussed how humans can impact the environment and threaten different animals' habitats.

In Literacy, Class 3 have been learning about persuasive language and have designed our own persuasive leaflets to convince people to take a trip to Paris! In maths, we have been getting to grips with fractions and decimals, as well as perfecting the written methods.

During our art lessons with Class 2 we have studied the work of Clarice Cliff and have made our own clay pots using the coil method. We hope to put some pictures of them on the website, once they are decorated.

We are looking forward to performing at Snape Maltings in March and have been working hard to learn our songs for our section. The singing sounds beautiful and I am often sneaking in to hear them on a Monday afternoon!

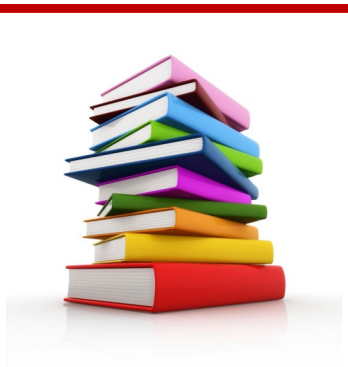
I hope everyone has a lovely half term holiday and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Mrs Reeve.



Half Term Reading Challenge

The Charsfield Reading Challenge is back! During the February Half Term, we'd like all of the children to take part in the reading challenge. They can read anything! This could be fiction, non-fiction, newspapers, comics or magazines. It really doesn't matter as long as they are reading, and more importantly enjoying what they're reading! We would like the children to read as many times as possible during the week (preferably each day, if at all possible). The children can read by themselves, be read to (bedtime stories count!) or they could read with another child or an adult. Every time your child has read, please sign the appropriate box in the table on the form coming home with your child today.



Forms should be returned to school on Monday 24th February to be able to earn 5 House Points and 5 buttons for the Buttonator! The scores are very close so every child's contribution counts.

I hope you all have a lovely half-term break and thank-you in advance for your support.—Mrs Reeve

Basketball Competition

On Wednesday 29th January, our school basketball team played in a tournament at Debenham Leisure Centre. The atmosphere was buzzing. We played four games winning two (3-2 & 19-1), and we drew two. We were runners up in Group A and had to play runners up from Group B in the final for third or fourth place. The game against Fressingfield was fast and they had some tall players. Our team handled the game well and won 23-7. Our Charsfield team achieved a 3rd place medal of which they are all very proud.

Steve Parry, who runs the competition, commented that during our game against Eye Primary, he saw the best skill and play of the tournament (in this game we drew 8-8.)

Quotes from our team about the tournament:

- *I liked the intensity of the game against Eye.*
- *There was good sportsmanship.*
- *We had a fun supportive team that played well together.*
- *Great getting a medal.*

Well done to everyone on the team!

Miss Sayer



A Mile a Day

As we're sure you're aware there has been a lot of press coverage about pupil fitness and mental health and wellbeing. As part of our daily routine pupils across the school have been taking part in fitness sessions. On most days (unless the weather is really grotty) we run around the path on the school field to help improve our fitness, stamina and mental wellbeing. Several pupils are now achieving at least one mile a day (we worked out that 11 laps of the path is equal to a mile). We will total the number of miles each child has achieved during the academic year and award certificates in the summer term.

Swimming Lessons

Mrs Reeve and Mrs Merry can report that Class 2 & 3 have really enjoyed their weekly swimming lessons and have made huge progress in the term and a half since September 2019. Class 1 pupils will start their weekly swimming lessons every Friday after half term at Framlingham College pool. Here at Charsfield School we believe that swimming is a life skill and we are proud of the fact that every pupil receives at least 1 term of swimming lessons every year.



Clubs/School Dinners



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	Kim (Our Midday Supervisor)	With the club leader/ school office on an ad-hoc basis
Monday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Computer After School Club (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	Miss Terri King	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
Wednesday	2.45pm to 3.15pm	Guitar Lessons	£9.00 per child	Matt Shepherd	Please complete the sign up letter to commit to the half term
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	Cookery Club (Includes food to take home & 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 Kim, 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.

Our next term's Values for Life themes are: Compassion, Peace & Service.

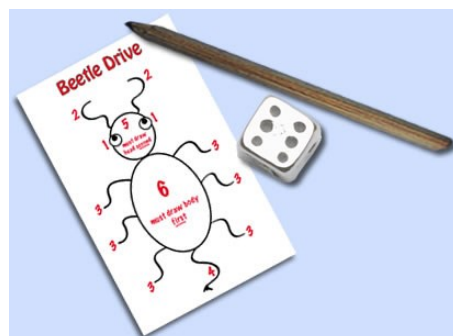
Friends of Charsfield School Update



Thanks to everyone for the support that you give to our events. We do hope those that stayed enjoyed the recent Stay and Play session.

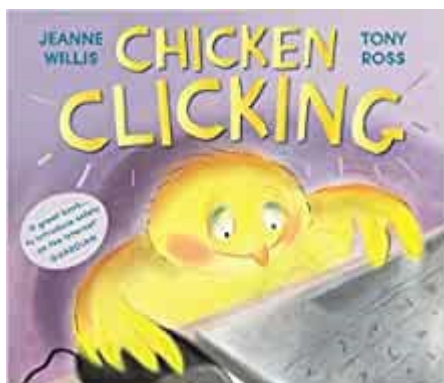
We will be holding a Beetle Drive in the near future (date to be decided). If you are unsure what this is please ask a committee member or a child from Class 2 or 3, as they all had great fun when they had a taster session with Mrs Crane.

Our AGM is on the Monday 9th March straight after school in the hall. Your child/children can go into After School Club (free of charge) with Terri during the meeting, however, you will need to PRE-BOOK and provide a snack please. Please come and support us, that way you will know who our committee members are and what we do. We will not sign you up unless you would like to join us on the committee. Helpers for events with no other ties to the committee are always very welcome.



Friends Of Charsfield School (PTA)

Safer Internet Day—Tuesday 11th February



To mark National Safer Internet Day, Mrs Merry led an assembly for all of the pupils about Safer Internet usage and, in particular, 'Chicken Clicking' and the dangers he came across with misusing the internet. This theme was followed up with further age specific Online Safety Sessions within each of the classes during the week.

Here is the link to Chicken Clicking, should you wish to re-read this with your child at home. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jFleB6QT4WY>
This is a book suitable for all ages.

Forest Schools and Outdoor Learning

Mrs Foster has recently attended her Forest Schools Qualification and during the next half term, Class 2 & 3 will be following a series of Forest School sessions on a Friday morning. Our first session will be on Friday 28th February.

The concept behind Forest Schools is to allow children to learn in a holistic manner that encourages growth of confidence, self-esteem and independence. They will have the opportunity to take part in a variety of activities and tool work that will hopefully give them skills that they can put into use in other aspects of life and learning - building on their problem solving skills and improving both gross and fine motor skills.

It would be great to have some volunteers to join us, as this would enable us to run more activities. If you or any member of your family is interested in helping out, please ask Mrs Butcher for details.

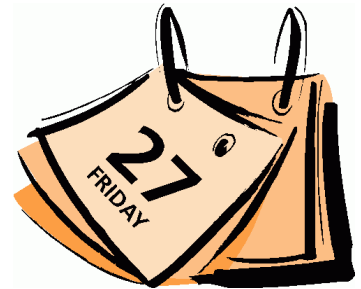
Pupils will need warm clothing, trousers, long sleeves, waterproofs and a pair of wellies in school to be able to take part in these sessions.

Find out more information at their website: www.forestschoollassociation.org



Dates for your diary

- Monday 17th—Friday 21st February—Half Term Holiday
- Monday 24th February—Pupils return to school
- Friday 28th February—Class 1 start weekly swimming lessons at Framlingham College Pool / Class 2 & 3 start their Forest School Sessions (Please see note overleaf for clothing required.)
- Monday 2nd March—Class 2 & 3 Celebration of Music at Snape Maltings with performance at 7pm
- Thursday 5th March—World Book Day with optional dressing up as your child's favourite book character
- Monday 9th March—Friends of Charsfield (PTA) AGM 3.30pm in the hall
- Friday 20th March—Friends of Charsfield Mother's Day Secret Shop after school
- Wednesday 25th March—Parent Assembly run by Class 1 followed by games and a café
- Tuesday 31st March—School Class Photographs taken by Tempest photography
- Wednesday 1st April—Easter Service in the church 9.05am / KS2 Swimming Gala at Framlingham College
- Thursday 2nd April—Friends of Charsfield Easter Themed Disco with food 5-6.30pm
- Friday 3rd April—Pupils last day at school before the Easter Holidays
- Monday 20th April—PD Day
- Tuesday 21st April—Pupils return to school
- Thursday 23rd April—High 5's Netball Competition
- Thursday 30th April—Key Stage 1 Orienteering Competition
- **Friday 8th May**—May Early Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 20th May—Parent Assembly run by Class 2 followed by games and a café
- Monday 25th—Friday 29th May—May Half Term Holiday



After School Club

Reminder of the themed clubs:
 Monday - Computer Games Club
 Tuesday - Film Club with Popcorn
 Wednesday - Craft Club
 Thursday - Cooking Club
 Friday - Computer Club

Pre-booking for Craft Club is essential for Terri to prepare resources.

Don't forget we also offer a Sports After School Club on Thursdays for an hour – Next half term is Gymnastics.

This terms Craft Clubs topics are as follows:

Wednesday 26th February - Sun Catchers
 Wednesday 4th March - DIY Floating Ball
 Wednesday 11th March - Mother's Day Gift
 Wednesday 18th March - Mother's Day Gift Continued
 Wednesday 25th March - God's Eye
 Wednesday 1st April - Easter Chick



Plant to Plate Vouchers

The school is taking part in the Plant to Plate promotion with a chance to share in £10,000 worth of equipment. Every school that collects more than 1,000 will win a gardening pack worth £130. This will help the school create gardens and grow their own vegetables. The six schools collecting the most (as an average per pupil) will win £1,000 of gardening equipment, plus invaluable advice from Enjoy Gardening More's head gardener, Peter McDermott. Please could we ask that you, your family and friends collect the coupons that are being published daily (with double tokens on Saturdays) in the East Anglian Daily Times and the Ipswich Star until Friday 3rd April. Simply drop them into the box in the corridor outside the school office or call Mrs Butcher in the office on Tel 01473 737347 should you need yours collecting.

Thank you in advance for your help in this.



Fond Farewells

Sadly, we have to say "Goodbye" to two of our pupils and their family who have moved further away and have made the difficult decision to move to another school closer to home. Therefore, all of the pupils and staff here at Charsfield School wish Seth and Fifi all the best in their new school. However, we are sure that we will stay in touch with them!



Young Art East Anglia

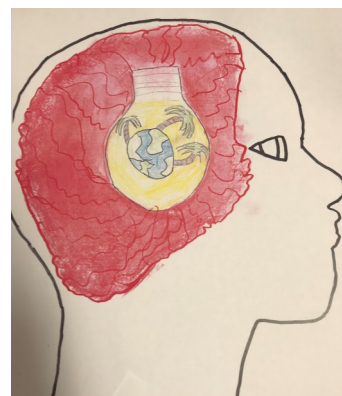
Well done to all of those children who had their artwork entered into the Young Art East Anglia competition based on "A Moment in Time". We have just been informed that of all of the entries, we have three artist's work that will be exhibited on the weekend of Fri 13th – Sun 15th March at The Peter Pears Gallery just off the Aldeburgh High Street. Congratulations to:



Ava in Year 4



Maria in Year 5



Harry in Year 5

Please feel free to visit the exhibition, entrance to the gallery is £2 for adults and free for children, all money raised will go to Cancer Research UK.

Christmas Panto

The whole school had a fantastic time watching Aladdin at the Wolsey Theatre. We had front row seats so had the perfect view of all the action! A big thank you to our PTA who kindly paid for the tickets so everyone could enjoy this Christmas treat!