



CHARSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY

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School News – May 2021



Class 1

It has been so nice to have everyone back for this term to learn about our new topic 'Transport and Machines'. The children all settled into school straight away as if they had never been away. Through our topic, we have learnt about various inventors, such as Thomas Edison and George Stephenson and found out how their inventions have shaped our past and will continue to shape our future. In science, we have been busy



learning about electrical safety, how electricity is made and what different types we can have to power items (battery or mains). The children have really enjoyed learning about this and next term we will continue with making and testing circuits and creating our own buzz wire game.

This term, we have been focusing on improving our handwriting; the children have made good progress with this. The Reception and Year 1 children have been strengthening their hands to improve their pencil and scissor control. The Year 2's have been focusing on making sure their letters are of the correct size to one another and some have begun to join their letters. The children have been practising their new skills in every piece of writing. Their work is looking really smart now and we are very proud of what they are producing. In literacy the children have been broadening their vocabulary word bank through describing characters, settings etc. We have then applied this new knowledge into writing stories from different settings. The children have produced some excellent pieces of writing.

In maths the children have been learning the days of the week, months of the year and learning to tell the time on a clock. Reception and Year 1 children know how to tell the time to the hour and half past and Year 2 children to every 5 minutes. We will continue to practise telling the time next half term to make sure the children are secure on this. It would be great if they could tell you the time at home; some children can even work out how long it will be until a certain time. For the last few weeks of this half term they have begun to learn about money. The children know all the coins and their values and have begun to recognise how much money they have in a piggy bank or how to find the right amount of money to buy an item.

This term the children have started swimming again - they have all been fantastic and shown a lot of progress in the few weeks we have been going. Last week when the Year 5 and 6 went off to Hilltop, Class 1 were so excited to hear of their challenges that they enjoyed a Hilltop adventure themes Forest Schools. They had various activities such as a tunnel, laser quest, climbing etc.

We hope that you all enjoyed your Half Term break – Miss Sayer and Mrs Smith



Class 3

Class 3 have been really busy this term learning all about Tudor life and why Henry VIII had so many wives! The children produced beautiful information pages about Henry's wives and what happened to them. Sadly two lost their heads, two were divorced (he thought one looked like a horse!), and one died. His last wife was the lucky one who outlived Henry, although sadly she died only a year later. We have also been learning about the fate of the Priests during the dissolution of the monasteries during Henry VIII's and Edward VI's reign and will continue with this after the half term break.

In Science we have learned all about what it's like to live with no gravity and how astronauts complete everyday tasks that we take for granted such as cleaning our teeth, eating a meal and washing our hair! Pupils have enjoyed this topic and are looking forward to learning about forces next half term.

In maths we have been looking at finding the perimeter and area of shapes. The children have also studied statistics and finding the average of a set of data as well as learning to read timetables and graphs showing various different information. We have also recapped our written methods and next half term will be looking at geometry, position and direction and ratio.

The first excitement of the term is that I've shared the KS 2 play with the children. We are going to be performing "Treasure Island" in July (hopefully to a live audience this year. We will keep you updated with this). The children will be coming home with a script, so it would be really helpful if you could help them learn their lines and develop a pirate accent "Arrrh!" during the half term break please.

The highlight of the term has to be our residential visit Hilltop! The children were brilliant and they challenged themselves whilst supporting their friends complete the activities. Hilltop is an outdoor adventure site set in woodland near Sheringham in Norfolk, and the activities offered encourage the children to challenge themselves to tackle activities that they wouldn't normally be able to do in the classroom. Just a few of the activities we took part in were: climbing wall, zip wire, jumping off a platform onto an inflatable air bag (Air Jump), assault course, mountain biking and Tree Top Trail (an adventurous course through the trees at various different heights and level of challenge). Of course, I mustn't forget the all-important Tuck Shop, which the children have to run themselves, adding up the total cost of goods, operating the till and working out the correct change to give to their customers! I can honestly say that this has been the best group I've taken to



Hilltop; all the children supported each other, realised that their challenges were different to each other's and celebrated everyone's achievements. The instructors commented that they were the best group they'd had too! I am super proud of them all and it was a delight to take them. This week we have been making scrap books of our Hilltop memories to keep and share with our families. A big thank-you to Mrs Smith and Miss Sayer who gave up their time to come along and help on this trip.

I hope that you all had a restful half term holiday.
Mrs Reeve

Class 2



Children in Class 2 have been very busy this term: We have been learning about the water cycle and the journey of a river as it meanders across the land from its source in the mountains to its mouth at the sea. We learnt about the processes of erosion and deposition which result in the formation of river features such as waterfalls, meanders, oxbow lakes and deltas. We then used our knowledge to design an information poster to include a number of those features.

In literacy we planned and wrote stories based on Stick Man by Julia Donaldson. The children produced some great narrative describing what happened to Stick Man as he met different characters along the river, how he felt as he travelled further away from his family tree and finally how he managed to get back home.

In maths the children have been working on telling the time digitally using am and pm and as a 24 hour clock time. We realised that telling the time in all its many different ways, including analogue time, can be quite tricky! We are coming on in leaps and bounds with our times tables and I'm pleased to report that we have now covered all our tables right up to the twelves!

In French the children have learnt to sing a song about the weather. They have learnt about some of the major cities and areas in France and what they are famous for. We have looked at countries that border France and located natural features such as rivers and mountain ranges.

We are now embarking on a new topic: Children now and in the past. We will be looking at toys from the past and would love to see any old fashioned toys parents or grandparents would be willing to send into school this half term.



Mrs Merry

Note from our Executive Head

I've had a really lovely first half term getting to know the parents and children in the school. I visited the Class 3 pupils at their residential at Hilltop last week and was delighted to witness all of the children displaying all of the qualities associated with the school. There was lots of fun, encouragement and care shown by the children and staff - Including making me jump off the tower.

I look forward to getting to know more of you in the last half term of this academic year and hope that we might be able to come together as a school community.

Have a lovely half term break.

Mr Taylor

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.

Friends of Charsfield School (FoCS) Update

Just a quick update from the (FoCS) we've struggled to do too much fundraising due to the Covid restrictions however did at Christmas manage to organise the amazing Charsfield Cook Books with all of your favourite recipes (thanks to all of those that offered their contributions,) and a Christmas Hamper raffle. The money raised from these has purchased some large sun parasols for the pupils to sit under whilst enjoying their lunches outside in the next half term.

We held our AGM on 27th May and I have pleasure in announcing the new incoming committee for you:

- Chairperson – Kat Jeffrey (Megan Yr. 6 and Harry Yr. 5's Mum)
- Vice Chair – Sarah Coulter (Harry Yr. 6 and Charlie Yr. 2's Mum)
- Treasurer – Lizzie Reynolds (Ozzy Yr. 2's Mum)
- Secretary – Pearl Crane (TA)
- School Representative – Kim Smith (HLTA Class 1)
- Other Committee Members – Annie Cox, Bianca Spitz, Elspeth Gilmour, Jess Hood and Natalie Hind



As my daughter is moving to high school this September I have stepped down, I thank all of the committee members that have worked with me over the last couple of years and all parents and families that have supported the FoCS in their fundraising for the good of all of our school children. I wish them every success in the future.

Kind regards and happy fundraising for the future —Roswyn Bradshaw (Maria Yr. 6's Mum)

Pupils Wear Green for the IDCS

A couple of weeks ago, pupils were invited to dress in a green item and to pay £1 to raise awareness for the Ipswich Deaf Children's Society, (IDCS). They chose green as this is adopted colour of the IDCS. Mrs Reeve ran an assembly on children that are partially or fully deaf and how this affects their lives. The pupils also learnt some simple British Sign Language. The IDCS is entirely managed by parents of deaf children and their professionals on a voluntary basis. As a charity, they rely on financial contributions to help them fund specialist equipment, family events and day outings, signed performances at the theatre, swimming lessons using British Sign Language and many other essential support needs.

We thank you all for allowing your child to partake in this, we managed to raise £30 for this worthy charity.

Water Bottles

With the warmer weather approaching please can every child have a named water bottle in school for the summer term. Whilst we can and do lend plastic cups to pupils who may have forgotten their bottle on the odd occasion, cups of water can cause damage to work and equipment if they get spilled in the classrooms.

Many thanks—Mrs Reeve.

Fond Farewells



We are sorry to say goodbye to Emily (Class 1) and Alfie (Class 2) whose family have made the difficult decision to join another school. We wish them all the best and know that they will keep in touch as they have made lots of lovely friends here at Charsfield.

Polite reminder

To help minimise the spread of Covid, school staff take twice weekly Lateral Flow Tests, wear face masks/shields and maintain a social distance at the school gate during drop off and pick up times, and we would politely remind parents to support us, by wearing a face mask/covering and maintaining a social distance at these times too please.

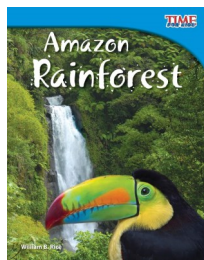
Thank-you for your support.

PSHE

In Class 1 this half terms' topic has been 'Social responsibility's' looking at how we can help people, the community and environment around us. I was very impressed when they told me how many jobs they do around the house and garden to help out their families. They are all very knowledgeable about how they can help the environment too and have enjoyed planting and making bug homes to help the mini beasts around the school. Next half term we will be Planting vegetables and looking at how this can help ourselves and the environment.

KS2 ; have been studying 'Money Matters' how money is gained and used, skills needed to get job and a project to raise money for charity. This last one is ongoing and there will be an After School Sale next half term where they hope to raise their money. (Please see next item.)

Mrs Foster



Amazon Rainforest Fundraising

To Parents,

We are writing to inform you that we will be holding a sale to raise money for the Amazon Rainforest on 17th of June from 3:00pm to 3:30pm. We will be holding it at the front of class 3, there will be unique fridge magnets, beautifully hand crafted key rings and delicious, scrumptious homemade cookies. We expect everyone to follow the current covid-19 guidelines to help everyone to stay safe, cookies will be wrapped

packs to make sure everything is hygienic.

KS2 Marketing Team



June Is Bike Month

Riding is awesome! Join Bike Month - 2021 and let's get more people enjoying the freedom of two wheels. More info here: <https://www.lovetoride.net/suffolk?ic=8c5f98f8>



Forest Schools

This term KS2 have been improving their tool use and crafting skills. They have made swords, crowns, cars and many other items but they were most inspired by whittling a piece of wood and sanding it to get the smoothest finish. This was a beautifully therapeutic and sociable activity.

Class 1 have been enjoying spending time in nature and exploring the outdoor environment. Last week they were inspired by Class 3 going to Hilltop to build an assault course. They had some great ideas for challenges and enjoyed building them as much as taking part.

This week both classes have enjoyed a big cook up out on the open fire to celebrate their last forest school session for this year.

Mrs Foster





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	Miss Terri King / Mrs Crane	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	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 5.15pm	Construction Club (Includes a snack)	£6 per child	Miss Terri King	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	Miss Terri King	With the club leader/ school office on an ad-hoc basis

Booking For Clubs

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

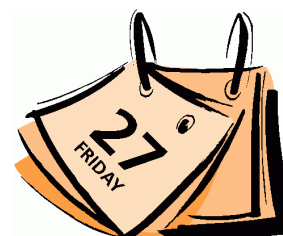
We do hope that you have find the new Arbor Parent Payment system fairly easy. Dinner are added to the system daily. Any clubs are added to the system the week following the clubs being taken. Other payments for trips / uniform are added on as and when taken.

Could we politely ask you to intermittently log on and keep your outstanding balance down to a minimum as this helps 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

- Monday 7th June—Tempest School Photo Orders in to the office
- Wednesday 23rd June—Class 3 Enrichment Day at Thomas Mills High School
- Monday 28th June—Yr. 6 Intake Day at Farlingaye High School
- Monday 28th / Tuesday 29th June—Yr. 5 Bikeability Course (More details to come out 7.6.21)
- Wednesday 30th June / Thursday 1st July—Yr. 6 Bikeability Course (More details to come out 7.6.21)
- Week Comm. Monday 5th July—Parents Consultations with Teachers
- Thursday 8th July—Sports Day
- Monday 12th July—Yr. 6 Intake Day at Thomas Mills High School
- Tuesday 13th July—Class 1 Trip to Norwich / KS2 Play Dress Rehearsal 1.30 and Public Performance 6pm
- Wednesday 14th July - KS2 Play Public Performance 1.30 & 6pm
- Thursday 15th July—Reserve Sports Day
- Monday 19th July—Yr. 6 Leavers Assembly—9.30am (Hopefully with parents)
- Tuesday 20th July—Pupils' Last Day at School
- Wednesday 1st / Thursday 2nd September—PD Days for staff
- Thursday 3rd September—Pupils return back into school



After School Club



Here are the After School Club themes for this next half term:

- Monday - Cooking Club (Starts Mon 7th June)
- Tuesday - Film Club
- Wednesday - Craft Club
- Thursday - Outside Games (weather permitting) / Construction Club
- Friday - Computer Club



Craft Club Activities:

- Wednesday 9th June - Keyrings
- Wednesday 16th June - Father's Day presents
- Wednesday 23rd June - Pop up paper toy
- Wednesday 30th June - Magic Pictures
- Wednesday 7th July - Magnets
- Wednesday 14th July - DIY Monster feet

Have a fab half term holiday! - Terri

Cookery Club

We've had a lovely half term cooking, with some new pupils joining us too. So far this term we have made bread rolls filled with yummy ingredients, Suffolk Rusks, oatmeal raisin cookies, peach cobbler and Banana bread. I think you'll agree it looks delicious- everyone thought so too after having a little taster! Terri and Mrs Crane look forward to seeing you all again after half term.

Our next term's Values for Life themes are: Trust & Responsibility.