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School News – December 2019

Class 1



We have had a wonderful half term with lots of fun activities. With our theme of Superheroes this term we have been learning that you do not need a cape to be a hero. We have been very lucky to have some lovely people into school to talk to the children about their jobs and lives. Jess was the first to come in and talk to the children about her disability and what resources and equipment she has needed to use to support her through her life. The children were very interested in her childhood and the different

types of equipment she had to and now uses. The children loved learning that Queenie, her canine partner, can help Jess with daily tasks such as loading the washing machine, picking her phone up off the floor and helping her to take her coat off.

Class 1 also had a visit from Rev. Brian who came and talked to the children about his job as a Vicar and his role as a school Governor. The children found out how many people Reverend Brian has in his parish to look after and support. They were very interested in how he helps the school.



The children asked many very good questions during both these visits and found out a lot of information and how they are all heroes in their own ways. We are organising more people from varying jobs to come in and talk to the children in the New Year to continue finding out how people are heroes in their own ways.

During this term, the children held their own Parent Assembly, which they thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you to all the parents who came and celebrated all their hard work. It was lovely that you stayed afterwards for games and stories with all the children. We also learnt about Remembrance and why we have a 1 minute silence at 11am. They all made their own crosses and poppies to remember the soldiers, animals and people involved in the war.

Recently the children have been learning their lines for their Christmas Nativity in the church, which was fantastic! I would like to take this opportunity thank all the children, parents and staff for all their hard work, support and generosity. We raised a fantastic amount of money to donate to the church. For the nativity, the children designed and made a cape as part of their DT topic. I think you'll all agree they looked fantastic in them dancing and singing to 'Rocking around the Christmas tree.'



Thank you to Mary for coming in and sewing the capes for the children.

From all of the staff in Class 1 we would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas and a wonderful New Year. We look forward to seeing you in the Spring term.

Miss Sayer & Mrs Smith





Class 2

Class 2 have had a very busy term! In maths, we have been working hard on cracking the four written calculation methods and we're now beginning to apply them to real life problems.

We have also been learning our times tables and I am pleased to report that we are all getting faster at recalling them! Keep practising on TT Rockstars folks!

We have also spent some very interesting lessons learning about Iceland and vulcanicity. This has linked in very well with their science lessons with Miss Sayer who has been teaching them about the three main rock types and their formation over millions of years.

Thank you to those of you who managed to make it to our class assembly. The children enjoyed presenting their science power points and telling us all about their amazing day at Hands on Heritage in Tunstall Forest. I was particularly proud of the way they performed and sang 'Just like a Roman!' I'm sure you'd agree they sounded and looked great in their togas!

I'd like to take this opportunity to wish you a very happy Christmas and I look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year!

Mrs Merry



Children In Need Bake Off

In November our pupils held "The Great Charsfield Bake Off" to raise money for BBC Children in Need. The children worked in small groups to make cakes and biscuits for our Bake Off judges, Mr "Hollywood" Wilkins and Mrs "Mary Berry" McArthur, to blind taste in front of the whole school and parents. There were many tasty treats on offer and the pupils excelled themselves with their decorations. Pupils worked hard in their groups weighing ingredients, following a recipe and working collaboratively to successfully complete their bakes. The children enjoyed themselves and were delighted to have two of our governors judge their bakes in a child-friendly way.

Cake Comp Winners were:

Best presentation – Ave, Frankie and Fifi then Logan, Charlie and Caleb

Best taste – Seb, Liam, Alfie then Maria and Jemimah

Best decoration – Poppy, Harry J and Phoebe

Afterwards Year 5 and 6 pupils helped to sell the goodies to raise an impressive £55.15 for the charity. The pupils were also able to dress up in a Children In Need theme and this raised a further £41.50 making an amazing total of £96.65.





Class 3

Class 3 have thoroughly enjoyed learning about the Victorians this term. They now know that life was very harsh if you were poor and experienced life as a poor Victorian in the workhouse on a visit to Gressenhall Workhouse in Norfolk. Pupils were “treated” to a Victorian style lesson and they had to work on the farm stone picking. Although Victorian children would have had to do this for 5 hours at a time, our pupils

only experienced it for 10 minutes! Some did say they enjoyed it, but I’m not sure they’d have said the same thing if it was for 5 hours!

As part of our literacy work we have written our own diary accounts of living as a child in the workhouse and from our Oliver Twist work we have designed a “Wanted” poster for the capture of Bob Fagin. Should you find him, there is a financial reward for his successful conviction, but beware, as he is friends with the notorious villain: Bill Sykes!



In maths we have been learning about prime numbers, factors and multiples. We have also learned about the order of operations within calculations and the importance of following the rule of BIDMAS to ensure we arrive at the correct answer.

This term we have learned about light and shadows in our science lessons. We made some puppets and performed some shows to the class to demonstrate our understanding of making shadows larger and smaller. During the last few weeks, we have been looking at electricity and have had fun making different circuits to see if we can get a bulb, motor or buzzer to work. The children have also learned about and revised the symbols for circuits; drawing and making them in our lessons.



On Monday afternoons, pupils in KS 2 have been learning to play the guitar with Mr Butcher from Suffolk County Music Services, as part of their curriculum entitlement. We are planning to take part in a performance at Snape Maltings in March (details will be sent to you next term) and pupils have been learning pieces to sing and play at the performance with Mr Butcher in these lessons. So far, progress is going well and the pupils are working hard in their lessons and enjoying this opportunity – I often hear lots of enthusiastic singing and superb guitar playing around the school on a Monday afternoon!

Class 3 (along with Class 2) have been making flags in our DT lessons on a Friday. The children have learned how to use batik, an iron safely and they have all had the opportunity to use a sewing machine to hem their work. We have used fabric dye to make our flags colourful and some pupils have added some detailed embroidery to their work to highlight features. We hope to display them in school after Christmas before the pupils take them home later on in the year. After Christmas, we will be focussing on art and we will be studying Clarice Cliff.

I hope that all of class 3 have a lovely Christmas and look forward to seeing them in the New Year on 7th January.

Mrs Reeve.

SEND Co Update

Miss Sayer is currently taking the National SENDCo Qualification and after Christmas she will be the school’s named SENDCo where she will work alongside Mr Williams whilst learning the role.



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 4.30pm	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)	£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



Dear Parents and Carers,
This half term we have had our Halloween Stay and Play - our group of Friends are very keen on Halloween! At the beginning of December, we held the Christmas Fair, which raised a fantastic £344. My most favourite part being the Secret Shop – where parents are guaranteed a surprise on Christmas Day!



It's a really busy time of year for the school as well and we know that we ask a lot of you, so thank you for all your support. I'd also like to thank the two people who have expressed an interest in the Treasurer's role, watch this space for their appointment.

We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Enjoy the break and have a rest!

Roswyn (Chair of the Friends of Charsfield School)

Christmas Card Competition and Fund Raising

A BIG THANK YOU to everyone that ordered Christmas cards this year. The children enjoyed making them; we have some amazing creative artists in school. The cards were judged by someone who had never seen them before and the winners were: Isabelle from Class 1, Harry from Class 2 and Megan from Class 3.

We raised £80 which will be split equally between our two charities: Over the Rainbow Children's Charity and Assistance Dogs.

Mrs Crane

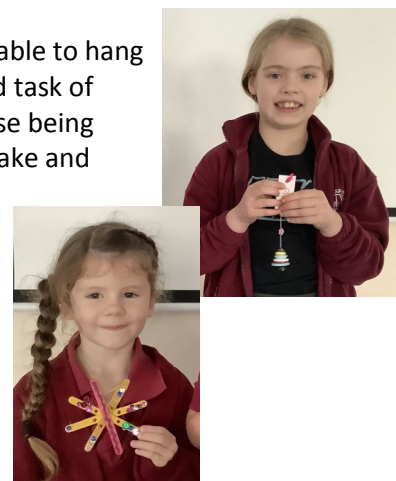


Christmas Decoration Competition



The pupils were invited to make a Christmas Decoration suitable to hang on a Christmas tree and Mrs Butcher was given the very hard task of choosing the top 3. We had some amazing entries, with those being picked out being Maisie's Snowman, Emily's Colourful Snowflake and Phoebe's Button Christmas Tree. All pupils that entered gained a house point for their house and the top 3 gained 5 each.

A special mention and 3 house points were given to Thomas for his amazing Advent Calendar that was all cut and sewn by himself, although Mrs Butcher felt that her tree want quite big enough to hang this on!
Huge congratulations to all who joined in.



Forest Schools



Next term we hope to continue making good use of our outside space and extend the children's forest schools experiences. So we are asking for any old, spare hats, gloves, scarves and waterproof trousers so we can build up a store of keep warm clothes for them to use.

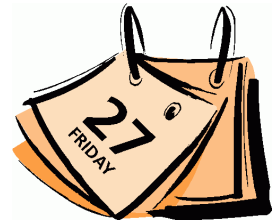
We will inform you the children nearer the time when they will be going out and the activities they will be taking part in so that they can bring a change of clothes and their own over clothes.

We would also like volunteers for our forest school times. If you would like more information please talk to Mrs Foster.



Dates for your diary

- Monday 6th January—PD Day—No pupils in school
- Tuesday 7th January—Pupils first day back in school
- Friday 17th January—Class 2 & 3 start swimming at Framlingham College
- Friday 24th January—PTA Beetle Drive and Fish n Chips evening
- Wednesday 29th January —KS2 Basketball Competition
- Wednesday 12th February—Parent Assembly run by Class 3 followed by games and a Reading Café
- Monday 17th—Friday 21st February—Half Term Holiday
- Monday 2nd March—Class 2 & 3 Celebration of Music at Snape Maltings (Details to follow.)
- Friday 20th March—Friends of Charsfield Mother’s Day Secret Shop
- Wednesday 25th March—Parent Assembly run by Class 1 followed by games and a Reading Café
- Tuesday 31st March—School Class Photographs taken by Tempest photography
- Wednesday 1st April—Easter Service in the church / KS2 Swimming Gala at Framlingham College
- Thursday 2nd April—Friends of Charsfield Easter Themed Disco with food
- Friday 3rd April—Pupils last day at school for the Easter Holidays
- Monday 20th April—PD Day
- Tuesday 21st April—Pupils return to school



After School Club

We have had lots of fun in After School Club this half term. The children have particularly liked the reintroduction of cookery club where Mrs Crane and I have enjoyed helping the children make many things including hedgehog rolls and yummy pizza, which the children said was very tasty.

We have some amazing cooks in school and look forward to next half term’s creations. If your child would like to sign up to this, please ask Mrs Butcher for a letter.

Here is a reminder of the themed clubs:

Monday’s - Computer games

Tuesday’s - Film night with Popcorn

Wednesday’s - Craft Club

Thursday’s - Cooking club

Friday’s - Computer club



This terms Craft Clubs are as follows:

Wednesday 8th January - ‘ Hug a book’ bookmarks

Wednesday 15th January - DIY stampers

Wednesday 22nd January - Catapult target game

Wednesday 29th January - Magic picture

Wednesday 5th February - DIY photo holder

Wednesday 12th February - Fishing game



Have a fabulous Christmas break—Terri

Remembrance Day Coffee Morning

Pupils, staff and parents marked Remembrance Day at Charsfield with a coffee morning and crafts. The children made their own crosses complete with poppies, which was used for a Remembrance display in the school grounds. A minute of silence was held at 11am to remember those who had fallen in conflict, and the morning concluded with pupils singing "Remember" to everyone.

Mrs Reeve feels that its important that pupils have an understanding of Remembrance and why we wear poppies this time of year. To be able to invite parents and the community into school was a lovely way to conclude our learning. The school's next coffee morning will be a French themed Café and will take place on Tuesday 21st

January between 9.15am and 10.30am - all are welcome to attend.



School Sport in Autumn

The children have had a fantastic term with their sporting achievements this term. All KS2 children ran at the cross-country race at Framlingham College. They were all brilliant and received good placings, with 3 pupils qualifying for the finals. Well done to Eddie, Alfie and Eva-Rose.

The Football tournament was up next at Hartismere High School. It was a chilly day but all the children played brilliantly drawing on their first three matches and scoring closely to the other teams in their final three matches ending up in 4th place.

Finally, this term we attended the rugby tournament held at Thomas Mills High School. We had a small team and had to rotate every half a match. We only had two girls, Maria and Jemimah, who under the rules had to play every match; a total of 7 games! They all played brilliantly together showing great teamwork and skills to win every match to take 2nd place. This was a fantastic achievement as a lot of the other school who we competed against were much larger schools.

All the children at all the events showed great teamwork, friendship and support. I was incredibly proud of all the children at every event. Well done to everyone who took part.

Miss Sayer



Odd Socks Day – Anti Bullying Week



To mark the start of Anti-Bullying Week (11th – 15th November), pupils and staff donned their odd socks to show that we are all different and unique. In school assemblies, pupils are learning about the theme of “Friendship” and will be learning important social skills to include others in games and the impact that unkindness can have on a child’s life. Mrs Reeve feels that it’s important to address bullying early on and as a school we have a clear message to our pupils that bullying shouldn’t be a part of growing-up and that it is important to speak out. As a general rule, we are very lucky that our pupils in all year groups get along remarkably well and this is often something that is commented on by visitors. However, the pupils know that if they are a victim of, or witness any unkind behaviour to report it immediately.

Save the Children Woolly Pullies Day

On Friday 13th December the pupils had a day where they could wear a Christmas themed top / jumper and pay a £1 to raise money for the Save the Children charity. There was an amazing array of these and we managed to raise £38.00.



Class 2 & 3 Wellie Reminder

We do need all of the pupils in the school to have a named pair of wellies. Please could we ask parents of all Class 2 & 3 pupils to ensure that they all have a pair of wellies on the wellies racks at the beginning of term. Without these the children bring lots of mud into the school and are not allowed onto the field on wetter days to play. We thank you for your co-operation in this.

Mrs Reeve