



CHARSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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School News – October 2020

Class 1

Firstly, we would like to welcome to our school community/family the new Early Years Reception children and their families. We have had a fabulous first half term, the children have settled in extremely well, not only into Class 1 but into the whole school way of life. The children have all become good friends and have made lots of new friends too. They are all very happy, keen learners, who are blossoming with each passing week.

All of the pupils in Class 1 have had a fantastic start to the term—They have settled in really well and have been keen and eager to learn. We have started learning about our new topic of castles and made decorations to transform our classroom. In maths, we have been focusing on place value and addition this term to make sure the children have a secure foundation before moving onto applying their knowledge through other topics.

In literacy, we have learnt about labels, captions, character descriptions and story writing. In history, the children have been learning about how and why castles were built, The Battle of Hastings and we have created a timeline of significant events of Framlingham Castle. We are looking forward to our trip there in November. In science, we have been exploring materials and their properties. We have conducted two experiments; one to test out waterproofness and one to test out absorbency.

The children have also had a lot of fun in Forest Schools on a Friday, baking mud pies, having a scavenger hunt, toasting marshmallows and making dens out of branches that have been chopped down on site.

We're really looking forward to next half term and all the fun that is to come. Hope you have a very restful holiday. Miss Sayer, Mrs Smith and Mrs Crane



Plant to Plate Competition

Charsfield would like to say a **HUGE "Thank you"** to all of our families, friends and neighbours that religiously saved an amazing 3,215 of the EADT / Evening Star Plant to Plate Tokens for us. Sadly we were not one of the top 3 collecting schools, however as a school that collected over 1,000 tokens we have earned ourselves a Suffolk Schools £100 gardening pack, which will arrive in Spring 2021. Well done all!!

Class 2

Class 2 have had a great start to the new term. In maths we have been recapping and extending our knowledge of place value and getting to grips with new calculation methods in addition and subtraction. We have been using songs to help us learn our times tables which has really helped us when we count in multiples of 3 and 4!

Our literacy this term is based on our class book, 'How to Train Your Dragon' by Cressida Cowell. We have designed and written descriptions of our own pet dragons and then used them to play a game of Top Tumps! We have explored the way in which similes and metaphors can add colour and description to our writing and tried to use them in our dragon poems.

In art the children have been focussing on the art of printing. They have designed and made prints of patterns typically found during the Viking era. The patterns were then used to help them create their very own Viking brooch!

As part of our topic on Vikings this term we visited the Anglo Saxon village at West-Stow. This was a great day out. We were able to go right inside the Anglo-Saxon houses and get a feel for what life was really like in the 5th century. Mrs Foster was able to tell us lots about the materials that were used in the construction of the houses and how they may have been modified over time.

Here are some photos of our day.

Have a super half term! - Mrs Merry



A typical Anglo-Saxon house made from timber, thatch and wattle and daub.



The Anglo-Saxon bread oven.



The Anglo-Saxon hall where people would gather to discuss matters of the day and to listen to stories whilst eating their evening meal.

After School Club

We have had lots of fun in After School Club this half term just a reminder that the themed days are:



Monday - Cookery Club
Tuesday - Film Club
Wednesday - Craft Club
Thursday - Construction Club
Friday - Computer Club



Craft club activities:

Wednesday 4th November - Firework salt paintings
Wednesday 11th November - Giacometti style models
Wednesday 18th November - Giacometti style models continued / Glass magnets
Wednesday 25th November - Christmas tree ornament
Wednesday 2nd December - Wooden snowman ornament
Wednesday 9th December - Snowman tree decoration
Wednesday 16th December - Santa sock craft



Thanks, Terri

Class 3

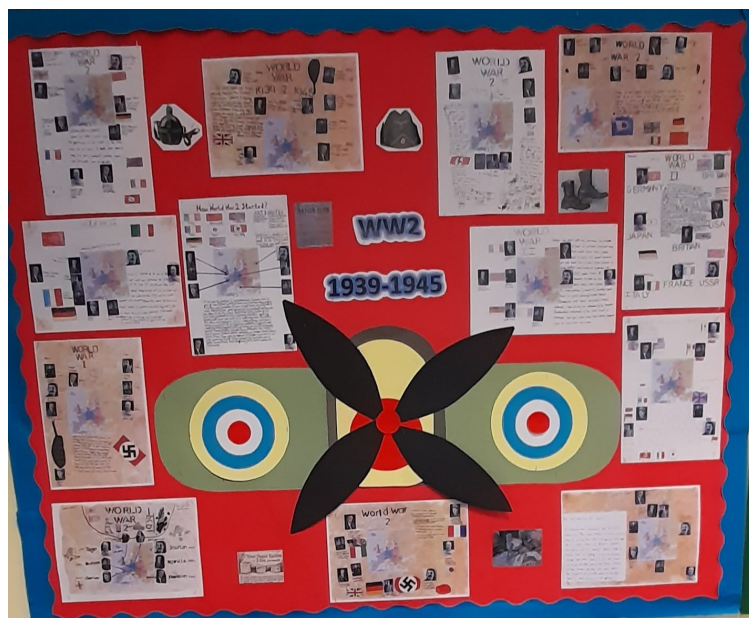
Class 3 have had a wonderful first half term back at school learning about World War Two. So far, the children have found out how the war started and they have explored what it was like to be an evacuee. I have been delighted with the writing they have produced in a letter, imagining they have recently been evacuated to the countryside to stay with a host family. We have also started reading (and watching) *Goodnight Mr Tom*, a story about a neglected and physically abused evacuee from London who goes to live with a rather gruff, but friendly and kind man (Tom) who becomes a caring father figure to him. Coincidentally in grammar we are reading a time travelling WW2 story and have looked at improving our sentence openers, using modal verbs and including extra information in our writing. We will continue with this story throughout this academic year. Next, we will look at rationing and the Blitz. I am looking forward to recreating the Blitz in the classroom (with sounds and blackouts) to help the children understand what it was like. From this, we will produce a piece of narrative writing set in the Blitz.

In maths, we have been looking at the written methods for all four operations and using our knowledge of these to solve reasoning problems. The children are getting to grips with this and the school has invested in the White Rose maths booklets for the children to work in.

During science lessons, the children have learned about life cycles of mammals, amphibians, insects and birds. We will also be looking at classification keys and how to group and sort different animals.

I have been very impressed with the positive and mature attitude of the pupils and I wish them (and you!) a restful half term break.

Mrs Reeve



Remote Learning

All pupils in school have been issued with a username and password for Google Classrooms. During the last couple of weeks we have been using Google Classrooms with the children and we will continue to use it for work in school and for some homework tasks. Google Classrooms can also be used in the event of a lockdown (national or local) or if your child is required to isolate due to Covid-19. Please do log on to this with your child during the half term holidays and report any problems to your child's class teacher through the school office.

Cookery Club News

On Monday Cookery Club the children have had a great time cooking lots of different things this half term. They have enjoyed making apple crumble, mini pizza, (some made ones with a chocolate topping), fruit scones and a favourite, flapjack, as well as other things.





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	Mrs Pearl Crane	With the club leader/school office on an ad-hoc basis
Monday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Cookery Club (Includes food to take home)	£6 per child	Miss Terri King / Mrs Pearl 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
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 After School 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	Please complete the sign up letter from reception letter holder

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

School Money Payment System

We do hope that you find the 'School Money' payment collection system seamless and 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 either logging on or paying your charges off, this please do speak to Mrs Butcher who will be able to help you.

Our next term's Values for Life themes are: Perseverance, Advent and Christmas



Friends of Charsfield School (FOCS) Update

Dear Parents and Guardians,

The FoCS would like to thank all our teachers and other staff for the tremendous efforts they have made to keep all the children safe while trying to keep things as normal as possible.

As a parent to Maria in Year 6, I am missing the school playground chats and it does mean that as most of the committee are parents with children in the older half of the school, we have not had an opportunity to meet some of the new parents – so welcome to you all!

I think it's worth saying again that if anyone has a super fundraising idea, especially given the limitations at the moment, we would be very happy to hear from you. Also, if you would like to join our little group, then please do let us know—Introduce yourself to Sarah (Charlie in Class 1s Mummy) as she is normally at the front gate.

During lockdown, some of the parents put together a group on What's App and we shared some photos and news. We would like to make sure that anyone who wants to be on this group can be added – it will also be a very useful way of sending FoCS event reminders or of course you can join the Charsfield Primary School Facebook page for general parent information. If you are not on the What's App group and would like to join, please send a message to myself (Roswyn) on 07846 279 326 and you can be added to the group.

Autumn Dress Up Day – Thank you to those of you whose children dressed up in autumn colours this week, they all looked very colourful and managed to raise £29 for the FoCS fund.

Halloween Hamper Draw – This was extremely well supported and raised an amazing £62! Huge congratulations to the Webb Family who were thrilled to be drawn out as the winner of the large hamper and to the Andrew-Smith family who were just as pleased. We hope that you enjoy them over the next week or so.

Pumpkin Carving Competition - Send in a picture of your carved pumpkin over half term and have a chance of winning a prize! Please send all pictures to the Charsfield Parent's WhatsApp group, or email it to Mrs Butcher on the office email address.

Takeaway Hot Chocolate - We hope to provide hot chocolate to take away after school during the second half of the term – Date TBC

Charsfield School Covid Cookbook– In the run up to Christmas, we will be asking for your donations of recipes on A4 paper from families, including grandparents. The FoCS last published a cookbook in 2008 and it has some delightful pictures drawn by the children of their favourite recipes! Parents will have an opportunity to pre-order books for themselves and, hopefully, as Christmas presents.

A Christmas Hampers and Draw - look out for this event.

Grant Funding - any parent is willing to take this on, please let either Mrs Butcher know or myself.

We hope you have a restful half term and look forward to seeing you soon.

Roswyn Bradshaw
Chair of FoCS





Dates for your diary

- Monday 2nd November—Pupils return to school
- Friday 6th November—Flu Immunisations for all pupils
- Tuesday 10th November—Open Morning for any non-current parents to view the school—Appointments need to be made in advance
- Monday 16th November—Tempest photography in to do individual school photographs
- Tuesday 17th November—Class 1 Trip to Framlingham Castle (more information to come next half term)
- Friday 11th December—Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day
- Friday 11th December—Virtual Pantomime Cinderella coming to school
- Thursday 17th December—Pupils' last day in school
- Friday 18th December—PD Day
- Please look out for more dates next term.

Open Morning

On Tuesday 10th November we have our second Open Morning for outside parents to come in and see what we can offer them and their child. Due to Covid restrictions we are asking that all interested call to make a booking with Mrs Butcher prior to the day. Please feel free to inform any friends / neighbours of this date.

Virtual Cross Country



Normally at this time of year KS2 would be joining many other schools in the annual cross-country competition, however, this was accomplished with a few differences. Firstly, Early Years and KS1 were able to compete and secondly, this was a virtual event. This meant we set-up the different distances around the Recreation ground in the village, we took the children up for a walk-through, a few days before. Then on Friday 16th



October, we all headed to the recreation ground, on what turned out to be a dry, warm afternoon. We all started off with cheering on the Early Years children, who were fantastic and gave all the other children a great insight into what they needed to do. Next up were Year's 1 and 2, again they did fantastically, whilst being cheered on by the rest of the school. Lastly, it was the turn of Year's 3, 4, 5 and 6, with great gusto and perseverance they all completed the course in good time. All of the children had their times written down, which are being sent off to be put together with the other schools who took part. We also decided to turn this into a house competition with everyone earning points for their houses depending on where they came.

We have had such good comments from the children about this event, that we may even consider making this a yearly event. Maybe next year we could have parents along to support as well.

We would like to say a big thankyou to all who made this possible, to you parents for supporting us with sending in the appropriate clothing etc. and mostly to the children for making a memorable afternoon.

Miss Sayer and Mrs Smith

