

#### CHARSFIELD CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

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# **School News - October 2019**

# CLASS 1







Class 1 have had a fantastic start to term studying our new topic

'Superheroes'. All the children have settled back into school really well and have all worked very hard, especially Riley who we would like to welcome to Class 1 and has settled in fantastically.

Class 1 have been working very hard. In Maths, they have been learning numbers, place value and addition. In Literacy, the children began the term learning about labels and captions before moving onto autumn focused work. In

class, we read the story 'Leaf Man', which is a very fun story about a man made of leaves. In the story, he is blown

away changing into various other animals and objects. The children have created their own Leaf Man books based on this story, which they proudly presented in this week's Parent Assembly.

Alongside this, the children have been making their own comic strips. The children planned their stories and then took photos of themselves in poses, with the help of their parents on share day. The children have completed their comic strips and again have showed them to parents during Parent Assembly.

In RE the children have been learning about 'Believing' and how Zoe (a fictional Jew-

ish girl) lives and learns about her religion. They have learnt that 'Ziz' needed to find the hardest word, which was 'sorry' and how

we all can learn to forgive. They have also learnt about 'Jonah and the Whale', making their own peg whales to help recall the story.



In Art, the children have been working very hard on repeating patterns. The children have now made their polystyrene tiles to create a repeating pattern print. They are all looking fantastic and we can't wait to see their final piece. In Science, we have been learning about keeping healthy and why this is important. We have focused on a balanced diet, why we need to exercise. We will be focusing on why we brush our teeth and wash our hands after half term.

In ICT, we have been learning about Online Safety. The children have been learning about keeping personal information safe, using apps on their tablets/phones and what to do if they 'get an uh-oh feeling in their tummy'.

On Tuesday 8th October, Class 1 invited parents and family into school for a 'Share Day' all about our topic. The day was a huge success and the children really enjoyed sharing their learning with their parents. May we say a huge thank you to all of the parents that came in for the whole or part of the day, and we hope to

see you again at our next one.

After half term the children will carry on with the topic. As we near Christmas, the children will begin to learn their nativity roles and lines. The nativity is on Monday 9th December at 2pm and on the same day in the evening at 6pm. We hope many friends and family will come and watch. During the next half term we are planning to hold another film evening after school – a date for this will be out after half term.

Miss Sayer and Mrs Smith



# **CLASS 2**

As part of our Roman topic this term, Class 2 visited Hands on Heritage, an activity centre based in Tunstall Forest near Snape. In small groups, we took part in several workshops including weaving sheep's wool on looms to create Roman bracelets, making and cooking flat breads on an open fire and smelting pewter to make our very own Roman amulets. The highlight was being real life archaeologists when we helped excavate a Roman villa. We cleared away loose sand and earth to reveal all sorts of Roman artefacts ranging from pieces of pottery, oyster shells, animal bones and roof tiles. The most exciting find was the mosaic floor and the painted fresco on the wall of the bath house. Here are some photos of the day.



Making and cooking flatbreads from grinding our own flour.



Eating our flat breads spread with a little honey.



Melting pewter to our into our face moulds



Weaving on a loom to make our very own bracelets.



Excavating a Roman villa and finding many interesting Roman artefacts.

We've had a lovely term so far and I look forward to seeing the children after the half term holidays Mrs Merry

### **CLASS 3**

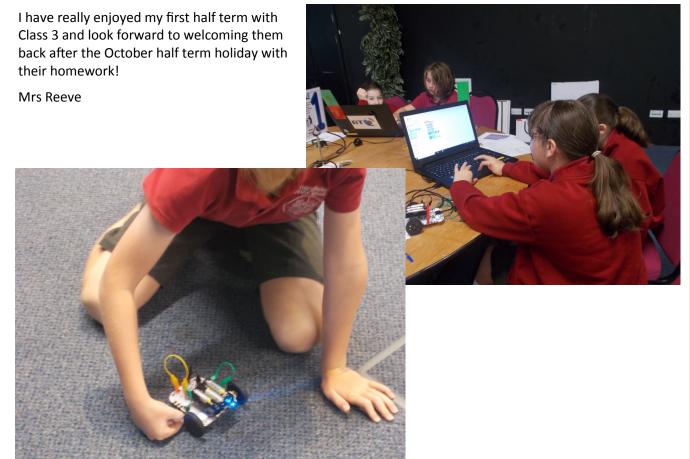
Class 3 have had a busy half term. In maths lessons the children have been improving their written methods for the four operations and a number of them are finally starting to get to grips with long multiplication and division! We are also playing TTRockstars and pupils can access this at home too. I can't stress enough how much knowing timetable facts will help pupils enormously in their maths lessons.

In English, we have enjoyed reading T. S Eliot's poem "Macavity" and watching scenes from the musical "Cats". From this we have been inspired to write stories imagining that Macavity has committed a crime, but he always has an alibi to prove his innocence!

Our History topic this term is The Victorians and we will be basing our work on Charles Dickens and in particular Oliver Twist and the Victorian workhouses. The children have had great fun researching Dickens and are writing biographies about his childhood and how he became a writer. After half term, we will be visiting Gressenhall Farm and Workhouse to experience life as a poor Victorian child who had no other choice but to enter the workhouse. The children will take part in an Activity Day where they are given clues to help them solve a crime. During the day pupils will experience a school lesson, work on the farm and laundry.

Our fitness sessions are proving to be a real success. When possible we are taking the children outside in the school grounds to run their "laps" around our school path. All participants are managing at least half a mile each day. Thank-you to the parent who suggested Joe Wick's workouts for rainy days, they're proving very popular too (but are hard work; as I'm finding out!).

Class 3 recently visited BT at Adastral Park where we spent a day programming robots called "Crumblebots". The children had to programme the Crumblebots to flash its light (twinkles) and move, as well as programming it to following a black line course. Once the children had mastered this, we competed against each other in Class 3 to choose the best two Cumblebots to represent our school. The two Crumblebots that won our Class 3 competition were: Tilly and Megan's, and Harry and Keir's. Then we competed against the other schools to a race and I am delighted to report that Harry and Keir's Crumblebot won the overall competition! It was a super day and the children learned a lot about programming and the work that BT do.





# **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 popcorn)	£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 from reception letter holder
Thursday	3.15pm to 4.15pm	Sports After School Club	£4 per child	Education Through Sport	Please complete the sign up letter from reception letter holder
Thursday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Cookery Club (Includes food to take home)	£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 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: Respect, Reverence and Friendship

#### FRIENDS OF CHARSFIELD SCHOOL UPDATE

Thank you to those pupils that decided to dress up for our Autumn Colours day we raised about £25 from this, if you have yet to pay please could you drop this into Mrs Butcher ASAP.

We have lots of exciting activities planned for the next school year – please do pop them in your diaries

**30th October - Halloween Stay and Play** £2 - straight after school - to include snack and drink and Halloween games.

**6th December - Christmas Fair -** 2.30pm with secret shop and stalls. Any donations to the Christmas secret shop and raffle would be much appreciated - we had some fantastic donations last year - thank you. Also, we like to have some stall holders so that visitors can buy Christmas gifts. It's open to parents first, but if

you know of someone who would like a table, please let me know. Parents, grandparents and friends are also very welcome.



24th January - Beetle Drive and Fish n Chip Evening - 5-7pm

**2nd March - Friends of Charsfield AGM -** 3.30pm. All very welcome.

20th March - Mother's Day Secret Shop after school

**2nd April - Easter Disco** with food. 5-6.30pm

12th June - Father's Day Secret Shop after school

Also, if you have any unwanted school uniform that we can sell, please either drop it in to Mrs Butcher or pass to me in the playground.

A reminder that our textile bank takes unwanted clothes, shoes, etc. and raises money for the school. We also receive donations from the village.

As always, if you have a brilliant idea, want to plan an event yourself, or just want to help out - we always welcome your input!

Thanks everyone!

Roswyn

Chair of Friends of Charsfield School

#### **AFTER SCHOOL CLUB**



#### Just a reminder of the themed clubs:

Monday's - Computer Games Tuesday's - Film Night with Popcorn Wednesday's - Craft Club Thursday's - Cookery Club Friday's - Computer Club

#### This terms Craft Clubs are as follows:

Wednesday 30th October: Halloween Lanterns Wednesday 6th November: Clay Models Wednesday 13th November: Slime

Wednesday 20th November: Elf Yourself Ornaments

Wednesday 27th November: DIY Santa Initials Wednesday 4th December: Christmas Wreaths Wednesday 11th December: Santa Ornament

Wednesday 18th December: Edible Snowman Jar

Thanks — Terri



The school's Local Governing Body (LGB) have recently reviewed the Admissions Policy for the school. Although this really only applies if were oversubscribed, they feel that it should go out for parental consultation. Therefore, please find attached to this email our policy, should you have any comments, please email them back to the school's office email address signed FAO Mr Williams before Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November 2019.

Many thanks

Your Local
Governing Body



### Dates for your diary

- Monday 28th October Pupils Return to school
- Year 6 Pupils to Crucial Crew afternoon
- Tuesday 29th October—Class 3 Gressenhall Farm Trip—(Pupils need to be in s school by 8.10am please)



- Wednesday 30th October—Friends of Charsfield Spooky Halloween Stay and Play 3.15-5pm
- Thursday 31st October—KS2 Cross Country Competition at Framlingham College 1-3pm
- Friday 1st November—KS2 Swimming every Friday at Framlingham College until 29th November
- Tuesday 5th November—Open Morning 9.30-11.30am—All parents of pupils starting school in September 2020 welcome—Please spread the word again—Thank you!
- Wednesday 6th November—KS2 Football Competition at Hartismere School 12.15-3pm
- Monday 11th November—Parent / Community Coffee Morning 9.05-11am
- Remembrance Day Thoughts 11am
- Tuesday 12th November—Children In Need Great Charsfield Bake Off Competition and cake sale after school



- Wednesday 13th November—KS2 Tag Rugby Competition 12.15-3pm at TMHS
- Friday 15th November—Children In Need Dress Up Day
- Thursday 21st November—Tempest photography in to do individual and sibling photographs from 8.30am
- Friday 6th December—Friends of Charsfield Christmas Fair with Secret Shop, Raffle and stalls from 2.30pm
- Monday 9th December—Class 1 Nativity Play at 2pm and 6pm in the church
- Tuesday 10th December—Class 1 Reserve Nativity Play at 2pm and 6pm in the church
- Wednesday 11th December—Parent assembly led by Class 2 and Reading Café 9.05-10.30am— All parents welcome
- Thursday 12th December—Parents Consultations (Class 1 from 1pm, Class 2 / 3 from 3.30pm)
- Monday 16th December—Making Christingles in school
- Tuesday 17th December—Whole School Trip to The Rock and Roll Panto at Wolsey Theatre (Details to follow next term)
- Wed 18th December—Pupils last day in school
- Carols Service in the church 9.15-10.15am
- Special Visitor into school and Class Parties
- Thursday 19th December—PD Day—No Pupils in school
- Christmas Holidays Friday 20th December—Sunday 5th January 2020
- Monday 6th January—PD Day—No pupils in school
- Tuesday 7th January—Pupils first day back in school



