



School News – July 2019

CLASS ONE

Class One have had a very enjoyable term learning about rainforests. We have studied different layers of the forest, the animals that live there, animal habitats and their different locations around the world. We have been busy with our topic lessons too, learning new songs, new words and phrases in French, writing captions for pictures in literacy and practicing our maths.



Over the whole year, Class 1 has had some amazing experiences; the wedding in Autumn term, fire pit and toasting marshmallows, visiting the lambs, trips to Whitlingham, Easton Farm Park and Banham Zoo. Also the nativity play at Christmas, Easter Egg hunt and making the Easter gardens plus the Great Charsfield Bake Off are just to name a few.



We have had a lovely year and we wish the children leaving us and moving up into new classes or schools all the best.

CLASS TWO

It's been a super term and an emotional one at times as I personally say goodbye to all the children of Class Two. The summer term as usual has flown by. It was great to see all of Class Two captivated by our plastic pollution topic producing some excellent group projects and junk modelling different marine life from jellyfish to tiger sharks. Just some other highlights of the term include: Fitness, Whitlingham Broad, Country Dancing, Sports Day, Story time, Class Assemblies and Class Two challenges.



I am so grateful to every single member of the class for always giving 100% and buying into the culture I've tried to create of hard work, supporting each other but wherever possible to have as much joy in the classroom as possible; hopefully providing every child with a nurturing environment to thrive in an opportunity some children are not so fortunate to receive.

I will forever remember my time at Charsfield with great fondness and this is purely because of the children; for all their hard work and endeavour and the memories we have shared. To all those in Class Two keep striving to

better yourself and embrace mistakes as part of the journey. Finally a massive thank you to all the parents. It's been great getting to know you all, this relationship makes my job so much easier as class teacher and is a massive benefit of a small rural school. Wishing you all the very best for the future. Goodbye for now. Mr Harris.



CLASS THREE



Class 3 have worked incredibly hard this term learning all about the Tudor period. We have studied Shakespeare's Hamlet and have written a short narrative based upon one of the scenes in the play. Some pupils even managed to include some dialogue from the script. The children also learned about the Spanish Armada in preparation for when we travelled back in time to Tudor England (1588) at Kentwell Hall for the day. In order to be allowed in we had to tell the Gate Keeper how Charsfield was prepared to defend the country should the Ar-



mada get through! The children were fully immersed in the activities and interacted with the characters in a mature and sensible manner.



We were also lucky enough to be able to visit the Tower of London and see where Sir Walter Raleigh spent much of his time before being executed as a traitor! For some pupils it was their first time on the London Underground - I think some of them were shocked by how big it is!



We spent a day at Framlingham College taking part in some Maths problems – some very puzzling ones! The children also had a DT lesson where they made a rocket and a keyring. We had great fun with an air compressor seeing how far the rockets could fly. Finally, we took part in a robot programming lesson where the pupils had to use the computer to programme the robot around a course. We had a fantastic day and are grateful to the college for offering us the opportunity to take part.



Year 5 spent a day at Thomas Mills High School using Bunsen burners in the science labs and making magic wands in DT. This was all linked to a project that the high school run for a day based upon Harry Potter! The children were extremely well behaved and had a thoroughly enjoyable day. Well done!

Hoodwinked Performance



The performances of Hoodwinked by Key stage 2 were marvellously entertaining. Well done to all involved, I was very proud of all of you. Well done to the back stage crew: Ben, Findlay, Katherine, Harry C and Francis for keeping everything running smoothly behind the scenes. A particular thank-you to Findlay who was especially helpful in leading and training up the back stage crew this year.



Thank-you to Mrs Foster and Mrs Merry for their help with props; to Mrs Bradshaw, Mrs Jeffery and Mrs Coulter for their help with make-up, to the Friends (PTA) for providing (the very welcome) refreshments during the



interval and the Messenger family for providing the air conditioning units and fan to keep us cool! Well done everyone!
Mrs Reeve.





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	£11.00 per child	Matt Shepherd	Please complete the sign up letter from reception letter holder
Thursday	3.15pm to 5.15pm	Games 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 4.15pm	Sports Club	£4 per child	Education Through Sport	Please inform Mrs Butcher of your interest in this club
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 found the transfer over to 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 this please do speak to Mrs Butcher who will be able to help you.

Our next term's Values for Life themes are: Hope and Generosity

PTA Update

Summer Term can seem like a roller coaster of a ride and it's difficult to keep up with all the trips and events that happen. I am very aware that we ask a lot of parents and are continually trying to raise money, but your support means a huge difference to our children and to the school and you consistently support us – thank you. Some of our events this year were:

- ◆ The Christmas Fayre
- ◆ Chars fest
- ◆ Mothers / Father's Day Gifts
- ◆ Sports day refreshments
- ◆ Second hand uniform sale
- ◆ Book sale
- ◆ School play refreshments
- ◆ Summer Disco
- ◆ Textile Collection



You may have noticed that we haven't held some of the events that had been planned - my personal favourite was the Colour Run but when the planned date fell a couple of days after sports day, we felt it was too much in one week. That is why some of the other events were not held too.

I'm also extremely impressed by the quantity of EADT vouchers you all collect! That's an amazing amount for a school of our size.

Please put the word out to anyone with a school age child - we have a lot to offer as a small school.

We like to feel that we are approachable and friendly and that if you have any questions, would like to join our merry band or have any ideas or complaints come and have a chat in the playground – we welcome them all!

We hope you have a really lovely summer and look forward to seeing you all in September.

Author Visit

The staff and pupils were delighted to be entertained by children's author and comedian James Campbell. James was highly amusing in sharing his anecdotes about how he became a writer and where he gets his ideas from. The children particularly enjoyed listening to excerpts from his book *The Funny Life of Pets* and *The Funny Life of Teachers*.



Year 6 SATS results

We are incredibly proud of all of our Year 6 pupils who worked very hard in their SATS tests. I am pleased to report that we have had an excellent set of results – the smiles on their faces when I told them their scores made my day! Well done to all of you.

Mrs Reeve

Quadkids

On Friday June 14th all KS1 children plus three Early Years children went to Hartismere High School, for an athletics event. They were competing against 8 other schools. The events consisted of a 50m sprint, a standing long jump, a vortex throw and a 300m race, also because time allowed they also had a 10x50m relay.



As none of the children had attend one of these events before, the nerves were high however as soon as the first event was completed they all had huge smiles on their faces. All the children gave their all to each and every event, they were very sporting, encouraging each other along especially with the 300m race. Even though we didn't get placed in this competition all the children said that they had a fantastic time and enjoyed taking part. I was very proud of them all for their effort and the way they represented Charsfield. Well done everybody!

Mrs Smith



Dates for your diary

- Autumn Term Starts: Wednesday 4th September
- Half Term: Monday 21st October 2019 to Friday 25th October
- Wednesday 18th December Last day for pupils in school
- Christmas Holiday: Thursday 19th December to Monday 6th January 2020
- Spring Term Starts: Tuesday 7th January 2020
- Half Term: Monday 17th February 2020 - Friday 21st February 2020
- Easter Holiday: Friday 3rd April 2020 to Monday 20th April 2020
- Summer Term Starts: Tuesday 21st April 2020
- Half Term: Monday 25th May 2020 to Friday 29th May 2020



CHARSFIELD 2019 SPORTS DAY

Blue skies and sunshine with a gentle breeze provided optimum conditions for Charsfield Sports Day 2019 as the three house teams: Aquila, Phoenix and Pavo kitted out in their respective colours were ready to compete for the school house cup!

All children were exceptionally well behaved with plenty of sporting prowess on show for our morning carousel of activities: javelin, obstacle course, netball, bean bag throw, tennis ball target, football target, bean bag slide, long jump, cricket stumps, and of course nobbly bobbly! It was great to see KS1 and KS2 competing on a level playing field with younger members of all teams highly valued with differentiated activities. At the half way stage things were very close with less than 100 points splitting the three teams.

Moving into the afternoon was the individual races, obstacle and the dress up race. All children competed exceptionally well with many examples of sportsmanship and teamwork cheered on by an impressive turnout from parents which made the day feel even more special. In the end the results were Aquila in 1st, Pavo 2nd and Phoenix just behind in 3rd place.

Thank you to all those involved for making this such a great day. Finally, a special thanks to the P.T.A for a super healthy raffle and your hard work throughout the day.

Mr Harris

Pavo (Left) Aquila (Centre and champions) and Phoenix (Right)



GOODBYES

Sadly we say goodbye to our seven Year 6 pupils who go on to their high schools in September, we wish them all the best in their continued education.



We also say goodbye to Mr Harris who is moving on to set up his own company, specialising in delivering PE in other schools. We wish him every success and thank him for the time and patience that he has put into our school and pupils in the 2½ years that he has been with us.



Youthful Charsfield Side Runners Up at Kwik Cricket Tournament.

On Wednesday 19th of June Charsfield took part in the annual Kwik Cricket tournament at Worlingworth Cricket Club, very kindly supported by a number of parents. Despite a mixed weather forecast, the tournament was on and after lots of hard work in training and dressed in our brand new sports kit; Charsfield were ready to take to the field!

Captain Francis won rock, paper, and scissors and elected to bowl first which turned out to be a trend for the rest of the afternoon. Our first game was against Worlingworth B. Some super bowling from Harry C and Maria got Charsfield off to a strong start keeping Worlingworth B down to an achievable target of 237. After a steady batting performance and some excellent running between the wickets by Keir and Francis Charsfield ended up winning by 9 runs.

Next match was against Worlingworth A. Charsfield were keen to show they were up to the task of beating the stronger team. Some super fielding, backing up and team spirit restricted Worlingworth A to a total of 239 off their 8 overs.

(Teams start on 200 runs losing 5 runs for each wicket, batting in pairs for two overs each.) Charsfield needed five runs off the last two balls to win. Our captain stepped up to the challenge well supported by Keir punishing the final two balls of the match to the mid-wicket boundary to win by 3 runs!

Our final game was against a strong looking Gislingham side. Charsfield were superb keeping the game very competitive for three quarters of the match with some super wicket keeping and bowling. Unfortunately trying to keep up with the run rate a number of wickets went down and Charsfield ended up losing by 39 runs. This left us as runners up in our group and unfortunately, we just missed out on run rate by one place to make it into the finals. Huge congratulations to the team pictured below.

Finally on a personal note it has been an absolute pleasure to coach numerous different sporting teams at Charsfield with a large degree of success in what will be my final Suffolk School Games event. A huge thank-you to all parents for your support with transport and cheering on the team. I wish all of you every success in all your future sporting endeavours both at home and at school.

Mr Harris



After School Club

Reminder of the themed clubs:

- Monday - Computer games
- Tuesday - Film night w/ Popcorn
- Wednesday - Craft Club
- Thursday - Outside Play *weather permitting Friday - Computer club



This terms Craft Clubs are as follows:

- Wednesday 4th September: Pom Pom pencil toppers
- Wednesday 11th September: Protractor art
- Wednesday 18th September: Agamograph's
- Wednesday 25th September: No sew pencil case
- Wednesday 2nd October: Tie Dye
- Wednesday 9th October: Marble runs
- Wednesday 16th October: Clay Pens

Have a great Summer break, see you all in September 2019!

Terri



Recorder Club

Starting in September on Wednesdays, Mrs Merry will be running a recorder club at lunchtimes for those children from KS2 who want to come and have a go!



Lego Prize Success

A huge thank you to everyone who collected and donated their EADT / Evening Star Lego Vouchers to us. We are excited to say that we reached 2nd place and gained an outstanding 197 tokens per each one of our 49 pupils.

Mrs Reeve is currently busy choosing items with the £1000 2nd prize and the additional £50 for more collecting more than 1,000 tokens. **THANK YOU!**



Whitlingham Broads Visit

On Monday 24th June the whole school visited Whitlingham Broads in Norfolk for some fun, water-based activities. Key Stage 1 enjoyed taking part in archery and climbing before climbing aboard a KataKanu and paddling out onto the water. Key Stage 2 took part in two of three activities from: paddle boarding, raft building and kayaking. The children were well looked after by the experienced staff at the Broads and had a great time participating in the activities. We finished the morning with a picnic before heading back to school very tired but having enjoyed ourselves.

