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School Newsletter – March 2024



Easter Challenge !

Can you find the Easter Eggs hidden in the newsletter?

The first 3 families to email the office with the correct answer and locations will win a prize! Good luck!
(Doesn't include the 'Happy Easter' at the end of the last page.)



Rowan Class and Year 2

This term reception and KS1 have been learning all about The Great Fire of London in their history lessons. As part of this we were very lucky to receive a visit from Framlingham fire service. The children painted and decorated cardboard boxes and stuck them together to look like the houses and bakery on Pudding Lane where the fire began. The firemen set these on fire for us to demonstrate how and why the fire spread so quickly. The children had lots of fun watching the fire spread from house to house and particularly enjoyed using the fire hose to put it out.



In science we have been learning about the four seasons. The children have enjoyed observing the changes they have seen in their environment as winter has turned to spring. We have been looking at how the four seasons effect animals and their behaviour in terms of hibernation, migration, and life cycles.

We have also adopted 10 caterpillars which are giving us the opportunity to study a life cycle that begins every spring. The children also painted some beautiful pictures of migratory animals which they chose and researched themselves.



Wishing everyone a Happy Easter!

Miss Ward

KS2 Music



Children in key stage 2 have been working on a project run by the English National Opera which tasked us with the challenge to finish their composition 'Blue, Red, Yellow' with a colour of our choice. After some discussion, we decided on lime green. We began by creating a word bank. We came up with lots of ideas which we later referred to when writing our libretto. In groups we began to explore and experiment with small musical sounds that we felt represented our colour world. We then learnt how to record these sounds using small lines and scribbles called a graphic score. In order to create the desired effect, we had to consider several musical elements such as dynamics (volume), the tempo (speed), the timbre (character) and the pitch. We then rehearsed and recorded our compositions.

Mrs Merry



KS2 Science



Children in key stage 2 have been learning about states of matter. We have learnt about the difference in structure between solids, liquids and gases and have carried out experiments to demonstrate how materials will change state when heat is added or removed. We have compared solids, in terms of the rate at which they melt, and liquids, in terms of their relative viscosity. When conducting our experiments, we had to think carefully to ensure that each one was a fair test. To illustrate these processes further we have learnt about the water cycle and the changes that take place at each stage. Mrs Merry

Forest School

KS1 have had a lot of fun this term in forest school, exploring and discovering many things about the selves and the world around them. They created nests for the 'eggs' they had made and played at being protective parent birds defending the nests from the staff. Other highlights include whittling magic wands and making potions from sweet smelling herbs and cooking marshmallows over the fire. One group devised an ingenious rope system to help them climb trees. Amazing work all of you, I can't wait to see what you will achieve next time. Mrs Foster



PSHE



This term we have been looking at resilience, tolerance and friendship; learning that we all work in different ways. We took on group challenges to find out that we can learn to tolerate individuals' behaviour and learning styles or curtail our own, to work in a group and that the outcomes can be better for it. That giving people time and understanding help us to be better friends and we feel better about ourselves when we do. Failing can be the best way to learn to do something and to keep on trying to demonstrate this we had a go at learning to

juggle. Mrs Foster



Sports Events

This has been a very busy term for sporting events, with us attending some new events.

We started the term by taking a group of children to Debenham High School for Boccia. We were able to take 2 teams, who all played really well, with some children showing fantastic skills at this sport.



After that, we took 3 teams to Hartismere for Orienteering. This event really tested their teamwork and directional skills. It was another good event and all the children had a fantastic time.

Our next event was at Framlingham College for Netball. This year had the largest number of schools attending, and our team were up against some tall opponents, however, they played well and found ways to gain possession of the ball.

This was an enjoyable event.



Up next was Hockey at Harleston Magpies, this was our first time attending and again it was a very popular event. We took 2 teams and played 5 games each, with the teams improving with each game we saw some very good potential for future hockey stars. Although this was non-stop and very tiring by the end the children and adults were very



pleased with their performance.

We have one more event to attend this term, which is the swimming gala at Framlingham College. More about this in the next newsletter, we are also in the planning stages for future events in the Summer Term.

Over all the events attended we have taken all our Year 6, 5 and 4 children at least once, with a few Year 3 children coming too. All of whom volunteered to attend and have shown and gained invaluable skills in the process.

Well done to you all, and I'm looking forward to the Summer Terms events.

Mrs Smith

Afterschool Club with Mrs Hood

What a lovely term we've had! For Mother's day crafts, we have made foldable flowers and Easter cards among lots of other things.

In cookery we have made dough balls, cupcakes and Easter chocolate nests. All of which have proved very popular with the children, as you can imagine!

In Pick n Mix we have been clearing the garden ready for planting after the Easter holidays. We hope to grow tomatoes, courgettes, onions, cucumbers, strawberries, raspberries, spring onions, rhubarb and beetroot! Hopefully we can use these to make some delicious food in the summer term.

If you have any questions about the afterschool clubs, feel free to ask!

Hope you all have a lovely Easter break.

Mrs Hood.



School Council

Meet our... Teaching Assistant, Mrs Foster

1. **How long have you worked at Charsfield school?** 9.5 years!
2. **What do you like about your job?** I like doing fun and diverse lessons with the children and seeing them rise.
3. **What other jobs have you done?** All sorts! Pet shop manager, zookeeper, catering assistant, farm labourer, secretary, petrol station assistant. And others!
4. **What was your favourite job and why?** Dairy farm worker because I like cows.
5. **What pets do you have?** 3 tortoises, 6 guinea pigs, 2 cats, 2 hamsters, 2 chinchillas, a budgie, an African parrot and a dog.
6. **Where would you like to go on holiday and why?** Scotland for the mountains.
7. **Is there a pet that you would like to have and why?** A pet cow because I like them.



Comic Relief



Thank you to everyone who donated and bought a joke book in aid of Comic Relief.

We really hope you all enjoyed reading them and had a giggle!

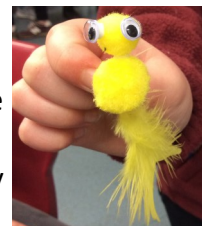
Together we raised **£108** which is a fantastic effort for our small school!



The Friends of Charsfield School PTA (FoCS)



Hi everyone, it has been a great term for "The Friends" PTFA. I have sadly had to miss a few months due to a family illness & bereavement but I would like to say a massive Thank You to the team for being amazing and working together to achieve some lovely events. Most recently the Mothers Day Waffle Cafe &



The Easter Basket Workshop Afternoon.

It is coming to the time again that we will soon be holding our AGM, please keep a look out for further information. The PTFA are an amazing group of people, who work incredibly hard to plan, organise & run some awesome fun events to help build & maintain the close family social aspect of our school & to raise for funds to help enrich the children's learning, friendships & also to just have some fun!!! We are always pleased when more Parents or Friends of the school join us and help to contribute to some new & fresh ideas. We will be having a planning meeting after Easter, ready for the last Term before summer - please come along and see what we are all about.

Hope you all have a lovely Easter & enjoy the break.

Kat Jeffery

Chair of Charsfield Friends PTFA



Church Update

Our Coffee Morning in the church is still going every Friday from 9am, open to all parents and carers. Why not pop in for a friendly welcome and home made cake. Everybody is welcome!

Social Media

Please follow us on our social media pages and share posts if you can. It really helps us get our wonderful school out there! We have Instagram, Facebook and Youtube accounts.



Dates for your diary

April

- Monday 15th—First day back at school (no celebration collective worship)
- Wednesday 16th—Year 3 to the Suffolk School Farm & Country Fair (see letter)
- Monday 22nd—Celebration collective worship re-starts, parents welcome
- Tuesday 23rd—Church service, tbc
- Tuesday 30th—Whole school, class & leavers photos

May

- Monday 13th—Year 6 SATS week
- Tuesday 21st—Church service, tbc
- Friday 24th—Reading café, 9am
- Monday 27th to Friday 31st—Half term

June

- Monday 3rd—First day back to school
- Tuesday 25th—Year 5 Enrichment day at Thomas Mills, details to follow
- Friday 28th—Sports Day

July

- Friday 5th—Reserve Sports Day
- Monday 8th—Parents evening drop-in to discuss annual report, if required
- Tuesday 9th—KS2 play performance, details to follow
- Friday 12th—Reading café, 9am
- Tuesday 16th—Year 6 Bikeability course, details to follow
- Wednesday 17th—Year 6 leavers trip, tbc
- Thursday 18th—Leavers' service in the church
- Friday 19th—Last day of term.

More dates to follow in due course.



HAPPY EASTER

