



# **Charleton Church of England Academy Newsletter 2.10.20**

Dear Parents,

We have had a very busy week at Charleton packed with learning, laughter and a little rain! The children in Croft and Goodshelter class had a great first session of Forest and Beach with Pete. One of the first jobs was to help tidy up the adventure area which has become quite a jungle over the Summer! Our Caretaker Mrs Sitch has been busy rebuilding the outdoor mud kitchen and painting our climbing frame to further improve our outdoor space. This week the School Council has had its first meeting of the school year to discuss electing new class reps and working as a team to make sure pupil voice continues to be a central part of school life. I look forward to introducing you to our new school councillors soon. We will be writing to you soon with details of parent consultations and how to sign up for a meeting with your child's teacher.

We continue to follow the government guidelines within the school to ensure that our children and staff are kept safe. I am very grateful to have a wonderful team who ensure that the school day can run as smoothly as possible for the children whilst also keeping them safe. The staff are working extremely hard to do this including covering two or three playground/lunchtime duties to enable the bubbles to stay separate. Whilst it may look effortless to ensure the school runs smoothly, our team are working doubly hard to ensure the bubbles, cleaning and handwashing can all take place. We must continue to remember that we are still in the middle of a pandemic and that this year will look different to other years. We thank you for your patience and understanding with this.

Best Wishes,  
Miss Coombe

### **Remote Learning Plan: Guide for Parents**

Along with this letter, you will have also been sent our Remote Learning Guide for Parents. This sets out what we will provide for our children in the event of a bubble or local lockdown or if a child has to self isolate. Please take time to read the guide so that you understand what will happen in these events. EYFS children will need access to Tapestry so please ensure you have your child's log in details. Years 1 - 6 will need access to their Google Classroom. Teachers are currently teaching children how to learn and access this in school and are setting tasks to be completed at home so that the children are confident with using this platform. Please support your child to do this and let the class teacher know if you are experiencing any issues. This will be a new way of learning for everyone so there are bound to be a few bumps along the way!

# Highlights of the week

## Forest School is back



## Marvellous Maths

Goodshelter have been using Maths equipment to learn about place value.



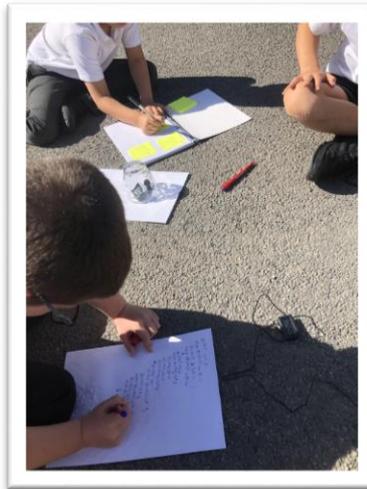
### Reading Heros

There are so many super home readers in Croft class! Here are just a few with their favourite reads.



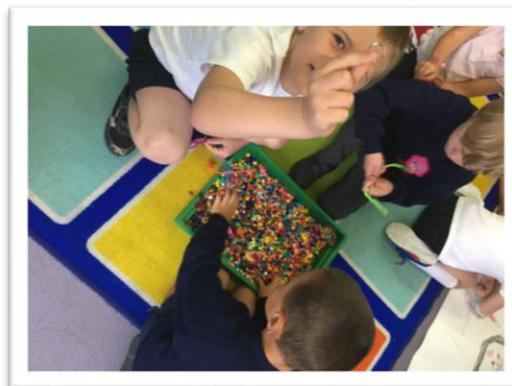
### Super Scientists

Goodshelter have been conducting experiments to learn about the greenhouse effect. They were astounded by the differences in temperature they found.



### Fine Motor Fun in Start Point

Great exercise for little fingers with beads to thread.



### Stars of the Week



Showing our school vision in everything we do....  
Holding hands, Striding forward, Flourishing together.



### **Charleton Primary School - 2021 Calendar Competition**

Coast & Country Cottages have invited 12 Primary Schools in the South Hams to help create a wonderful calendar to distribute locally to businesses, organisations and to their second home owners.

Each school has been assigned a month and within the school there will be a competition to design the illustration for that given month, with entries being judged by a panel of local artists. The design can be anything that portrays our given month, from South Devon scenery to your favourite seasonal activity.

Here at Charleton the month our children have been allocated is **APRIL**. I'm sure our children will have lots of Spring and Easter related ideas for their calendar design.

The winning design from each school will then be collated into one beautiful calendar, with the child's name, age and school included.

Every school that is involved will receive £100 of book tokens as a 'thank you', and each of the 12 winning children will also receive an age appropriate prize worth £30.

The main requirements are that only colouring pencils, pens or crayons are to be used, and for the purposes of reproduction we will require the entries to be flat with nothing stuck on. The bolder and brighter the entries are, the better!

**The deadline for us to receive your competition entries is Friday 6th November.**

Each child will have an entry form sent home which can either be returned to school or sent directly to Coast and Country Cottages.

We hope you feel inspired to get involved. Let's start looking ahead to a wonderful 2021, kick starting the year with an amazing community calendar!



### **Helping Your Child to Make a Great Start in School**

As schools returned in September teachers have been working hard to understand the next steps needed for each child. I thought it might be useful to share some top tips from the teachers on helping your child to make a great start to the school year.

#### **Miss Walker and Mrs Sanders Top Tips for Beesands Nursery**

- Please help your child by providing coats and shoes they can attempt to put on themselves, with the changing weather they need waterproofs and warm clothes so that we can take them outside.
- Please count with your child at any opportunity, up steps, counting toys, recognising numbers anywhere and looking at signs, ie supermarket, road signs, toilet signs etc.
- Please give your child vocabulary, telling them the word for things, animals, weather, sky, colours, positional language ie up, down, through, under, over and how to ask for help, will help them enormously.
- Please read to your child and share books and stories with them.
- When they do artwork, ask them to describe their picture as opposed to telling them what you think it is as their imagination may tell them it is something completely different and they use their vocabulary to explain to you which is a good skill.
- Praise and show you value what they do as praise gives them the confidence to do it again.
- We will be focussing on Animals and their babies for a few weeks, please reinforce this by asking them about it at home.
- Please talk to your children about where they live, their relatives and the area around them so that they can tell us in Nursery and we show interest and get to know them.

#### **Mrs Brown's Top Tips for Start Point**

- Spot numbers everywhere and anywhere! Can you see 5 petals on a flower? How many things can you see 1 of?
- Play counting games together. Hide and seek is great for counting forwards and timing how many times you can do something (e.g. jumping) is great for counting backwards. What's the time Mr Wolf is another favourite!
- Fine motor activities are great for developing letter formation and neat handwriting. Some ideas are: threading pasta on a string, making a paper chain, playing with play dough, using pegs to help hang out the washing or even colouring in.

- Practise sounds learnt at school. Reception have all learnt sounds on their book bags and Year 1 have a sound mat each. 5 minutes in the car on the way to school can make a big difference.

#### **Miss Alen's Top Tips for Good Shelter**

- Reading daily at home, making sure tricky words are spotted and broken down. Discussing what is happening in the book, what do you think might happen next? What do you like about the book? How is the character feeling?
- Reading lots of different texts together that you might spot around the house or when you're out and about.
- Handwriting practice, can you draw the letters in the air? Can you make the letters out of something. This you tube clip is great fun- you can dance to it and practice cursive handwriting!  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2NQ6uS8blwY&t=1s>
- Times tables, use times tables rockstars. Play quick fire, you could test each other? Using dominoes or dice is great to give you random times tables to practice
- Using maths around the house, when cooking, telling the time, paying for things. You could measure your height, how much have you grown? How much do you think you will grow in a year?

#### **Miss Wright's Top Tips for Croft Class**

- While you practise spellings, you can use this as an opportunity to also improve your handwriting. Take your time as this is the best way to write neatly.
- Read daily, this is so important to help you improve your comprehension skills and build up your vocabulary. Have you discovered new words? You could look them up in a dictionary. It also gives you lots of great ideas for something to write about in class.
- Talk about books with your friends. Have you read a really good story lately? Did it use really good language? How did the Author build the setting or create a character? Could you use that in your writing?
- Practise times tables to improve your number fluency. You can use Times Tables Rock Stars, or maybe you have another full proof method you could share with friends?
- Practise number bonds to 20. This really helps when you need to do addition and subtraction with larger numbers. Playing board games with 2 dice really helps with quickly adding single digit numbers.

