



Charleston Church of England Academy

Parent Updates Newsletter
6th November 2020

Dear Parents

The children have had a great first week back after the half term break enjoying the sunshine in the adventure area. Thank you for using Tapestry and Google Classrooms to share home learning. It's lovely to see all of the exciting learning happening at home, a highlight this week was the Caribbean recipes that Croft class have been creating at home as part of their learning about the Windrush generation.

Ginger cake home learning!!



**Inter Faith
Week**
11 - 18 November



Next week we will be celebrating Interfaith Week. We will be particularly focusing on shared values between faiths. The children will be exploring faiths through exhibitions, virtual tours and Art work. This is a great opportunity for our children to learn about our local faith communities as well as those in the wider world.



Rotary Club Competitions

Along with other schools in our local area we have been given the opportunity to take part in the annual Rotary Youth Competitions. These competitions are aimed at children aged 7-10 in Primary school as well as being offered to older year groups in Secondary School. This year the competitions are YOUNG WRITER and YOUNG PHOTOGRAPHER. The theme for Young Writer is 'My Happiest Day' and for Young Photographer is 'Wild Nature'. Shortlisted entries will be displayed in the Kingsbridge Library prior to the judging event, which will showcase the work of our school and children. The Rotary club are creating bespoke 'opportunity' prizes for the winners, who they hope will be announced at an award ceremony in January with teachers, children and parents invited. Winners at District and National level will receive other awards. Further information and entry forms are attached to the email along with this newsletter.



Children in Need

On Friday 13th November we will be supporting Children in Need. Children can come to school in their PJ's for a donation. Hopefully you have all been busy collecting sponsors for our sponsored run/jog/walk around the playground - 2 laps for Nursery, 5 laps for Start Point and 10 laps for Goodshelter and Croft! During the day children will also have fun decorating Pudsey biscuits.

Covid 19 Updates

As you will be aware, we have entered a second national lock down this week. On this occasion schools and nurseries will remain open. We continue to follow government guidance and update our risk assessments accordingly. As a result of these continual reviews, before half term, we asked parents to wear face masks at the beginning and end of the school day. Thank you for your continued support with this. Although it does appear that children are less affected by the virus, our staff are at risk and it is important that we keep them as safe and healthy as possible so that we can maintain continuity for the children and their education.

The guidance published this week did not include any major changes to the system of controls required in school. As a Trust and, in line with other Trusts, we have made the decision that staff will be able to wear masks outside of classrooms, such as in corridors and communal areas and where social distancing cannot easily be maintained. They will not wear a mask when working directly with children either in small groups or teaching classes. Most children are now used to seeing people wearing masks in shops or other public places so are unlikely to be phased by this. However, we would appreciate it if you could take some time to explain to your child over the weekend that this will be happening. Teachers will also carefully explain to children that they may see adults in school, as they already have in the case of visitors to school, wearing masks and that this is to keep them safe.

Teachers have started this half term by reminding children about the importance of handwashing and hygiene in keeping us all safe. Thank you all for your support in maintaining social distancing and wearing face masks at drop off and pick up times.

Have a great (hopefully sunny) weekend,
With best wishes, Miss Coombe

Next Week at Charleton

We have a busy week in school next week!

Monday 9th	Tuesday 10th	Wednesday 11th	Thursday 12th	Friday 13th
PE for all classes		Remembrance Day		Children in Need Day
Interfaith Week	Interfaith Week shared value - Respect	Interfaith Week shared value - Responsibility	Interfaith Week shared value - Humility	Interfaith Week shared value - Friendship

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School Christmas Cards

**Look out for your
child's design**

**Orders to Alison by
13th Nov**

**Pack of 12 cards £5
(£1.30 of that to school)**

