



# Charleton Church of England Academy

Parent Updates Newsletter  
20th November 2020

Dear Parents,

The children have had great fun at Forest School this week toasting marshmallows. Despite the very rainy weekend and damp wood, they still managed to get the fire going! On Tuesday, along with Miss Garside our Executive Head, I had the pleasure of having a socially distanced chat with children from all three classes about their learning. They were brimming over with enthusiasm particularly about their Science and Geography learning this term. As always, their class novels were a highlight of our discussion Floella Benjamin's 'Coming to England' and 'Orphans of the Tide' by Murray Struan have certainly captured their imaginations!

Below are some updates on our plans for the festive season in school as well as some news on what the teachers have been up to.

Have a great weekend,  
With best wishes,

Miss Coombe

## **How our teachers are working across our Trust and beyond!**

Mrs Brown, Miss Alen and Miss Wright have not let the pandemic slow down their professional learning! Here's a snapshot of what they've been up to this term so far.

### **Mrs Brown**

Mrs Brown has been working hard as part of our RHE (Relationships and Health Education) Team across the Trust. Together they have been investigating our curriculum and planning a new approach that will support our children as they continue to grow and flourish.





**Miss Alen**

Miss Alen is part of a Maths Mastery research group led by the Jurassic Maths Hub bringing together mathematics education professionals across the south west, in a collaborative network to develop and spread excellent practice. She is excited to bring new ideas to the classrooms at Charleton making Maths learning in our school better than ever.



**Miss Wright**

Miss Wright meets regularly online with her fellow year 6 teachers across our Trust. Over the course of the year they share ideas, visit each other's classrooms and build on their subject knowledge across the curriculum. Miss Wright's favourite bit is always learning about creative ways to teach English grammar!

**Competition Results**

Thank you to all our children for taking part in the Coast and Country Cottages calendar competition. We had many fantastic entries! As a thank you to the school we were awarded £100 in book tokens which the children will decide how to spend. The winner of the competition was Laila who has a lovely prize and a book token as a reward. Well done Laila!



**Christmas is Coming!**

We are busy making plans for a very special (if a little different) festive season at Charleton.

Here are some of the dates and highlights for your diary.

Date	Event
7.12.20	Christmas Tree and Deck the Halls.

11.12.20	Christmas Jumper Day
15.12.20	Christmas Lunch day. Children can come to school dressed in party clothes! As per the letter sent out this week, please order your child's Christmas lunch online via Eduspot before the 1 <sup>st</sup> December so that the Kitchen can order the correct amount of food.
18.12.20	Christmas Party Day. Our Lovely PTA are providing treats for the children.
14.12.20 - 18.12.20	Sustainable Christmas Crafts and Cracker making
TBC	Christingle Service with our Church family and our friends at West Alvington Academy and our local church community. We will be making Chirstingles and joining in a special virtual service.
TBC	Start Point + Year 2 Nativity
December - all month long	Experience Advent. Throughout the Advent period children will stop to reflect on the meaning of Advent using video clips created by our local church family.

Whilst we are sadly, still not able to welcome parents into school to join our festive celebrations due to Covid restrictions, we will share the celebrations with you via live video and social media: @CharletonLAP

Many thanks to our PTA who are supporting us with treats for our party and raising funds for the school during the festive period.

### **Support for Families**

New coronavirus winter support package

The government has announced a Winter Grant Scheme to support vulnerable households in England during the pandemic. The grants will be administered by local councils to provide support with food and bills to vulnerable families to the end of March 2021 and enable councils to provide food for children in low income families over the school holidays.

The Government has also said it will:

- fund a Holiday Activities and Food programme across England during Easter, Summer and Christmas in 2021
- increase Healthy Start scheme payments (which apply in England and Wales) from £3.10 to £4.25 a week from April 2021
- provide funding for food distribution charities

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## Children in Need

Many thanks for all your support on Children in Need day. The Children looked great in their PJs and enjoyed their running challenge!

They also loved decorating the Pudsey biscuits made by our Trust Catering Manager Linda.

We raised a fantastic £1206.05!!!!!!

Special mention to:

Louis

Millie

Nelly & Jamie

Arthur & Anna

Laila & Ollie

George

Abi

Lola

Zak

Who raised over £750

between them!

