



# Charleston Church of England Academy

**31.3.21**

Dear Families

We have reached the end of yet another unprecedented term and I just wanted to take some time to reflect on how our truly amazing children have wowed us each and every day. Not only have they coped remarkably well during yet another lockdown, engaging in remote learning and showing resilience which is truly commendable; they then returned to school once more with so much positivity and enthusiasm. They are all superstars and you should all be so proud of them - as a team we have been blown away by them!

I would also like to thank you as parents and families for enabling the switch to remote learning so brilliantly, supporting your children with their learning, whilst for many of you, also working at home and juggling siblings with various learning platforms on top of all of the normal household chores you would normally do. You too have also been incredible and we are in awe of how you remained positive, upbeat and smiley throughout.

Finally, I would like to thank my staff: the teachers, teaching assistants, kitchen staff, cleaners and Mrs Jeffery in the office who seamlessly made the switch between remote learning provision and face-to-face teaching. I am so very grateful to have such a hard working team who worked tirelessly to ensure our children had continuity in their learning, remained close as friends and as a class, as well as ensuring everyone felt happy and secure upon their return to school.

After such a tumultuous term, I really have my fingers crossed that the Summer term runs smoothly, and that we remain open with lockdown restrictions being gradually lifted so that we can start to reunite with our family and friends.

I wish you all a very Happy Easter and hope that you all have the wonderful and relaxing break that you deserve!

Best wishes  
Miss Coombe



### Goodbye

Today we say goodbye to Mr Shea. Mr Shea has had many years of involvement with the school from a parent to a Computer Technician. We would like to thank Mr Shea for all of his help and support over the years and wish him all the best for the future.

### Easter Egg Hunt

This week all of the children enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt and should have (hopefully) all brought a lovely Easter Egg home to enjoy over the holidays. They loved painting their pebbles and searching for them in the adventure area! Huge thanks to the PTA and Sue Durant from Tesco for providing the eggs for the children and a special thank you to Mrs Mundy who filled her boot with them!



### Ken's Challenge!

Thank you to everyone that took part in Ken's Lent Challenge to care for the world around us. The winners received Easter Eggs kindly donated by Ken.

Our winners are **Genevieve** and **Zak**.

Genevieve has been very busy indeed making a bug hotel, bird feeders, sowing wild flower seeds and upcycling old wellies to clogs amongst other eco-friendly things.

Zak has been helping out with recycling at home, making sure to reduce and reuse whenever possible, upcycling books, ensuring his garden has minibeast friendly habitats like compost heaps and learning about the sustainable features on his boat.

Two very well deserved winners!



Plastic and cardboard is used as sparingly as possible but it's important to reduce, reuse, recycle whenever we can.

### **Easter Holiday Activities and Food Programme**

Below is a link which gives details of the Easter Holiday Activities Programme which is available for children in receipt of benefits-related Free School Meals

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/document/free-easter-holiday-activities-and-meals-for-children>.

### **After School Clubs**

Guidance from the Department for Education has relaxed slightly meaning we are now able to run after school clubs. We will share further details with you after the Easter break. Clubs are due to start week beginning 26.3.21.

### **COVID Reporting during the Easter Holidays**

As Easter approaches, we need to set out arrangements for reporting positive COVID-19 cases as required by the government. We need you to continue to do your bit to help keep our community safe at the start of the Easter break by continuing to alert school of positive COVID cases.

#### **What do you need to do?**

The Government has asked schools to play their part in continuing contact tracing if children or staff test positive within 6 days of school closing (until 6.4.21). This means that we do still ask all parents to contact us if a pupil tests positive for Coronavirus and has developed symptoms within 6 days of being in school.

Please email the school admin address or call the emergency number which is given as part of the school answerphone message. The school email address will be monitored daily during this period. On receiving this information, school staff will ensure appropriate contact tracing takes place just as you would expect during term time to keep your child's bubble informed and our families protected.

School email address - [charleton@lapsw.org](mailto:charleton@lapsw.org)

School telephone number - 01548 531275

## SEND Support for Parents

### Think behaviour, think language. I wonder if....

#### Communication and Interaction Team Social, Emotional and Mental Health Team

A free, informal workshop for parents and carers to consider the links between behaviour and speech, language and communication needs. This event will be held virtually on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> June 2021, 10am – 12pm

Does your child have difficulty with:

- Listening?
- Attention?
- Communication?
- Friendships?
- Literacy?

The session will aim to raise awareness of speech, language and communication needs (SLCN) and consider the impact on a child's social, emotional and mental health (SEMH). SLCN can become apparent through a child's behaviour in a variety of ways and we shall provide further insight into these complex links.

The session provides an opportunity to share ideas about what works for you and a chance to discuss and learn from other parents/carers.

There will also be an opportunity for questions to the Advisory Teachers and Family Worker from the Communication and Interaction Team and the Social, Emotional and Mental Health team.

To book your free place, please contact: Sue Vanstone  
(01392)287355 [sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com](mailto:sue.vanstone@babcockinternational.com)



## Cygnets Parent Autism Awareness Programme May-June 2021

The programme is for parents/carers of Devon school children aged between 7 and 18 pre or post diagnosis. We are excited to announce that we have negotiated and agreed access for families of CYP who are currently on the autism assessment pathway, in addition to families of CYP who have received an autism diagnosis. So here at Babcock LDP as licensed trainers we will be offering access to this programme during this Autumn Term period, as hosting our usual parent autism awareness programme is not physically possible at this time due to CV19 restrictions.

Is this course for me?

During and after a diagnosis parents and carers can have a lot of questions about autism and may feel isolated in managing their child's needs. Children's needs also change over time, and information and advice received when a child is younger may need to be updated to be relevant for the child/young person today.

Attending the Cygnet programme gives parents and carers an opportunity to develop their understanding of autism and look at practical solutions to managing social communication and behaviour difficulties.

6 weekly sessions (approx. 2hrs each) related to the following topic/themes:

Introduction - Mon 10 May

Autism overview - Mon 17 May

Sensory - Mon 24 May

Communication - Mon 14 June

Understanding behaviour - Mon 21 June

Supporting behaviour - Mon 28 June

How do I accept and access the programme?

Simply email [LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com) to indicate you would like to accept the programme access offer (using the same email you wish weekly web link sending to). You will be asked to complete a Reply Slip to confirm details.

On Mon 10 May you will receive the 1st weeks' web link from us. Feel free to share this email with other families you know who would also welcome access. They will then also receive full access to the programme through us.

Once engaged in the programme we will maintain contact on a weekly basis to invite any questions you may have related to programme topics and signpost you to additional resources and themes to support your learning.

This online access may be limited to the CV19 period only, so we would highly recommend access and completion if the programme is right for you? The main benefit of online access is the ability to access on any day and time that fits with your own family life.

Apply direct by email to: [LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com](mailto:LDP-LearnerSupport@babcockinternational.com)

### **Reminder Summer Dates**

As mentioned last week, we have tentatively booked a few dates in the diary for some end of term/year events. How these events will look and whether we will be able to invite parents in will depend on the Government guidance at this time, however we are hopeful that we will be able to finally welcome parents for these events - fingers crossed!



Non Pupil Day	1st April
Bank Holiday	2nd April
First Day of Summer Term	19th April
Arts Week	W/B Monday 28th June
Year 6 Activities Week	W/B Monday 5th July
Summer Play Dates	TBC
Sports Day	Friday 9th July
Year 6 Leavers' Service	Thursday 22nd July

### **Staff Vacancies**

**Learning Academy Partnership Thurlestone All Saints C of E Academy Learning Support Assistant (LSA) NJC Grade C 3 - 4 (£9.62 - £9.81 per hour) Permanent - 26 Hours Per Week /39 Weeks Per Year Required as soon as possible**

For further details please contact Juliet Brodie - telephone - 01548 560 494 or email – [thurlestone@lapsw.org](mailto:thurlestone@lapsw.org) to arrange an telephone or video call. For an application pack, please contact the Trust HR Team, [hr@lapsw.org](mailto:hr@lapsw.org) or call the Trust HR Team – 01626 248801.

The closing date for applications is Monday 29th March 2021 (9am) with interviews to take place soon after.

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