



Charleston Church of England Academy

19.3.21

Dear Parents,

We've had a fantastic week in school and enjoying the sunny weather outdoors. The children welcomed back Miss Steer, our visiting PE teacher from Spires Academy. Start Point especially enjoyed practising their skills balancing a ball on a racket in preparation for the Red Nose Day ping pong ball challenge!

With another fabulous week completed the children have continued to settle back into the rhythms of school beautifully. This week the teachers have started to ease the children back into the routine of regular lessons whilst still ensuring that there has been plenty of time to look after the children's well being as well as continuing to focus on the reestablishing of relationships with their friends.

Yet again, the whole school has been filled with a buzz of learning and laughter - the music to every teachers' ears!

Have a lovely weekend.

Miss Coombe



Lockdown Anniversary Day of Reflection: 23 March



The Church of England has teamed up with the Marie Curie charity to organise a Day of Reflection to mark the anniversary of the first lockdown on 23 March and acknowledge the grief and loss that so many people have experienced. As a school we will be marking a minute's silence at 12:00. The bells at St. Mary's will toll before and after the silence. We welcome our families to join us.

LFT Tests for Families of School Aged Children

Home-testing kits are now available from the Government for members of a household, childcare bubble or support bubble of staff or a pupil. Their test kits can be collected only from NHS testing locations, or ordered online. These cannot be collected from Devon County Council Community Testing Service locations or school at this time.

Here's the link to the Devon County Council Website - <https://www.devon.gov.uk/coronavirus-advice-in-devon/document/coronavirus-testing-in-devon/>

After school clubs and volunteers

Under the current guidance from the Department for Education we sadly are currently unable to welcome volunteers in school or provide our usual after school clubs. We very much hope that these restrictions will be relaxed in the Summer Term so that we can restart clubs and welcome parent volunteers into school once more.

Summer plans

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!



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



Easter plans

We invite parents to join us for our virtual Easter Service on **30.3.21** at **1.30pm**.

Each class will be contributing to the celebration. We hope our families will be able to join us. Joining information will be shared in next week's newsletter.

Nursery places

We have places available for children from the age 2 in our lovely Nursery. Wednesdays are now full but there are spaces available every other day. We can take paid or funded 2 year olds from the term after their 2nd birthday as well as funded 3 and 4 year olds. If you would like further information, please contact the Academy Office.



Ken's Challenge

Ken, our Church visitor from St Mary's, has set us all a challenge for Lent! Rather than giving up something as is often the tradition can you start doing something good for the World? Here are some ideas-

- Recycle more
- Do a litter pick
- Reduce your waste at home and in school



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 to arrange an telephone or video call. For an application pack, please contact the Trust HR Team, hr@lapsw.org or call the Trust HR Team – 01626 248801.

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

The Learning Academy Partnership is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people, and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. DBS disclosures are required for this post along with the other necessary checks

Catch up

There has been lots of talk in the media about children 'catching up' this seems to be the wrong choice of words! We are keen to see our children as a 'bounce back' generation. Staff are working

hard to make sure we have a really clear picture of where each child is with their learning as well as importantly, how they are managing socially and emotionally with the challenges of the last year. Now more than ever we are investing in the very best professional development for our teachers and support staff. Research proves great teachers and great support staff are the most important factor in ensuring children thrive with their learning in school as well as socially and emotionally. We will continue to work in partnership with you to ensure the very best for our children.