Charleton Church of England Academy

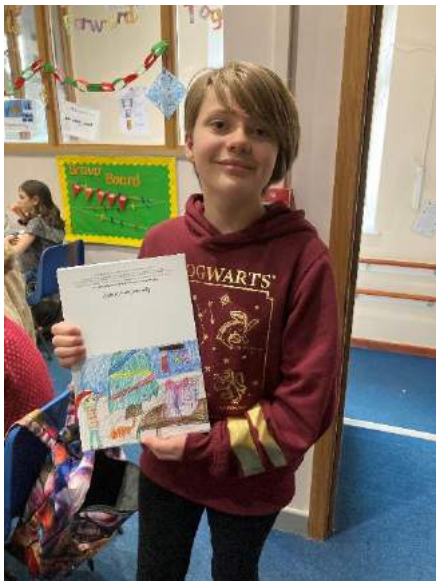
Christmas Newsletter

Friday 17th December 2021

Dear Families,

Thank you all for your continued support over the past term. There have been lots of challenges and I want to thank our fantastic staff and children for their support of each other and for really living our values of Friendship, Responsibility, Respect and Honesty. The many kind words of support from parents really make all the difference as we navigate these difficult times together. As always, it is the children who make Christmas such a special time, I hope you all enjoy the magical Nativity Play performed by Beesands Nursery and Start Point Class as well as the play performed by Croft and Goodshelter (all available on Tapestry and Google Classroom) This week my newsletter is full of festive photos of the children enjoying the many Christmas highlights at Charleton over the last few weeks.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year,
Miss Coombe



Congratulations to Fleur Morgan who won the Christmas Card competition run by Coast & Country Cottages. Vicky from the Team at Coast & Country said 'the standard of artwork was so good that our panel of judges from Brixham Art Society found it tremendously hard to choose the winners! They have asked me to pass on a massive 'well done' to all the children who took part for their wonderful creativity and hard work'.

Children in Need
Thank you for all your donations and sponsors for this years Children in Need. We raised a fabulous £347.00!

Save the Children – Christmas Jumper Day
Thank you also for the donations to Save the Children. We are sending off £31 from the children at Charleton.

Christmas at Charleton

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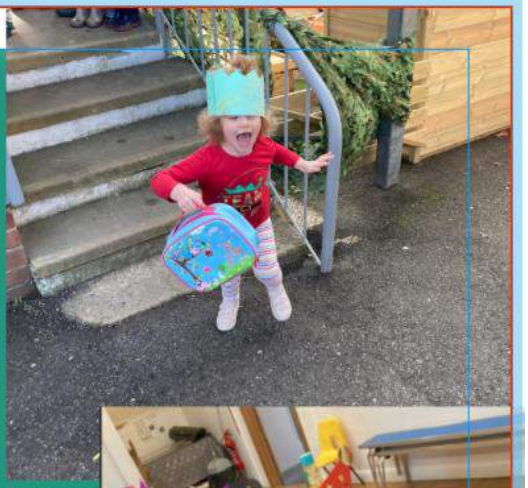

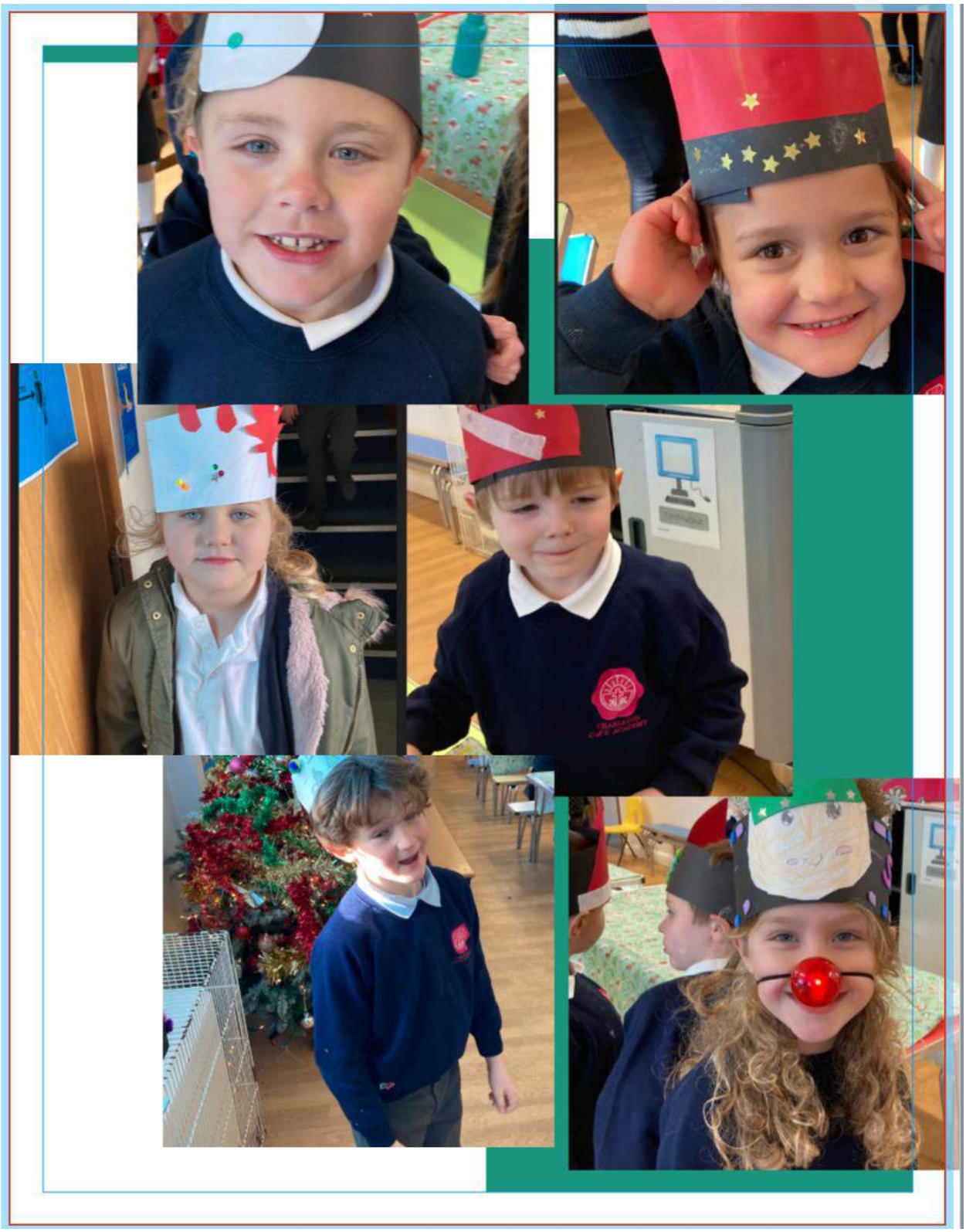

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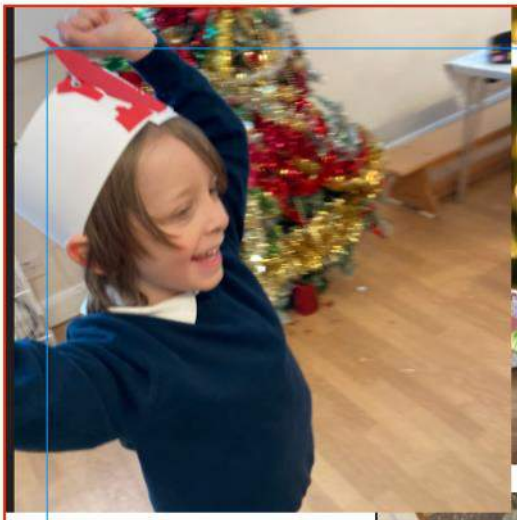

Merry Christmas to all our children and Families.

Christmas Holiday Family Support

Household Support Fund

South Hams residents experiencing financial hardship can now get help through the Government's new Household Support Fund.

The new Household Support Fund is designed to provide rapid short-term financial support for people who don't have enough money to buy essentials like food or pay for heating. Anyone over 16 years old in the South Hams could be eligible, but you will need to confirm that your need is genuine.

These grants aim to help people to meet daily needs such as food, clothing and utility bills. Payments will be made directly into your bank account. Residents without a bank account should contact us.

https://southhams.gov.uk/household-support

Other help available

As well as being the place to apply for Household Support Fund money, there are other ways the Council can help local people in crisis situations.

This includes help with making adaptations to your home to help you to live independently, support for people threatened with homelessness or struggling to pay their rent, and help to reduce energy costs.

The Council also works closely with a number of other agencies that provide more specific support and can help signpost residents to access all the help available. For more support and useful contacts for help:

https://southhams.gov.uk/benefits

Don't deal with things alone - find help when you need it

We've launched a new online support directory signposting people to help this winter.

The directory provides essential information and contact details for a wide range of support available across the district from the Council and other groups. This includes:

- details on how to apply for the Household Support Fund to get help with paying essential bills
- where to go for help if you have mobility needs, including applying for a blue badge or Personal Independence Payments
- support to pay for energy costs as well as help to improve the energy efficiency of your home to reduce fuel bills
- a list of places to go for financial and practical support for young people and families
- contacts for a wide range of other support available locally, including foodbanks, help for people feeling isolated, mental health support and where to go for money and debt advice
- https://www.southhams.gov.uk/support-directory