



Charleston Church of England Academy

Parent Updates Newsletter

Friday 25TH March 2022

Dear Parents,

We've had a very happy, busy few weeks of learning at Charleston! Our children have loved being able to explore the adventure area and picnic under the trees in the sunny weather. It was a pleasure to be able to welcome so many parents to share a school lunch with their child this week. The roast lunch followed by apple crumble and custard was delicious. There will be more opportunities to share lunch with your child coming soon.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Coombe



Eco Club Beach Clean with Till The Coast Is Clear

Our Eco Club along with our fantastic parent volunteers met Gary from the charity 'Till The Coast Is Clear' on the foreshore to learn all about his work clearing plastic waste from our beaches and seas. The weather was perfect for a beach clean and a walk to the estuary! <https://www.tillthecoastisclear.co.uk/>



Super Science Workshop

Croft and Goodshelter classes were treated to a visit from a Fun Science who came to deliver an electricity workshop. In the workshop we made some mini robots using our own circuit, we used our science knowledge to explain what a circuit is, and Ed was very impressed. The Robots had mini motors so they could move across the table, and we even made a switch so they could turn on and off. We then had a go using his Van De Graaf, first we all touched it to see if we felt any static on our fingers which was great fun. We then tried touching it with both of our hands to see what the static would do to our hair, there were some great hairstyles going on!



Thank You So Much

A massive thank you to all of our families for your generous donations to help those impacted by the crisis in Ukraine. The supplies you donated have already made it to Poland where they will be distributed to refugee families. We also raised a brilliant **£108** for Unicef at our cake sale to support their work with children in Ukraine. Our children are keen to raise more funds to show our school value of Friendship to those who need it. Watch this space for more information!



Physics Master Classes at KCC

Kingsbridge Community College offered fantastic Primary Masterclasses in association with the Royal Institution (R.I) and the Ogden Trust. R.I Masterclasses aim to stimulate, encourage and inspire young people in the beauty and wonder of Physics and to develop a sense of enjoyment in the subject. Sixteen primary school students from Thurlestone Primary School, Charleton C of E Academy, Marlborough Primary School and Stokenham Primary School, participated in experiments consisting of using a Van de Graaff, dry ice explosions and combusting soapy gas bubbles among many others. Over the 6 weeks, sixth form students at KCC created risk assessments, planned and then taught physics lessons to the Year 5s. Their aim was to encourage a love of physics, just like theirs has been over the past five years of secondary school. Our children absolutely loved every minute and couldn't wait to share what they had done every week!



Please Sponsor Mrs Jeffery Running for the Disasters Emergency Committee



On the 23rd April Mrs Jeffery will be taking part in the SWCP Salcombe Trail Running Experience at East Soar.

This is a 10K starting and finishing at East Soar along fields to Bolberry Down and back along the coast path. Mrs Jeffery has never done a trail race

before so it will be a challenge and there are some pretty steep hills! To sponsor Mrs Jeffery and support this amazing cause please click on the link below.



https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/alisonjeffery8?utm_source=Sharethis&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=alison-jeffery8&utm_campaign=pfp-email&utm_term=de11e71b3efa4ef9b5759c90027f2370

Donating through JustGiving is simple, fast and totally secure. Once you donate, they'll send your money directly to ActionAid, so it's the most efficient way to give - saving time and cutting costs for the charity.

Thank you!



Football Freestylers!

Our children were thrilled to welcome Dan Magnes, football freestyler who performs phenomenal football tricks at events across the world. Dan has refined them and put together an amazing, unrivalled football freestyle display.

In 2009 Dan became the first person in the world to keep a ball in the air for 24 hours without dropping it! He is the holder of numerous Guinness World Records. Dan treated the children to a gravity defying display of his football tricks and then invited them to take part! The children mastered many tricky skills including balancing a football on their heads and jumping in the air whilst holding on to a football with their feet. The children were truly inspired by his skills and his message that everyone can be exceptional at something they love, you just need to put in lots of practise and enthusiasm.



Forest and Beach Year 4 Residential Trip Parent Meeting Virtual or in person



Wednesday 30th March 3.15pm

Year 4 parents are invited to a presentation to find out all about our year 4 residential trip on 30.3.22 at 3.20pm. The meeting will also be available virtually, please let the school office know if you would like to join virtually.

Thursday 31st March 2.30pm

Parents of children in Year 6 are invited to join us for a Year 6 SATs information session on 31.3.22 At 2.30pm

This will be an opportunity to find out more about SATs and how the week will work for our Year 6 children. The meeting will also be available virtually, please let the school office know if you would like to join virtually



Join our amazing team

Learning Support Assistant/Mealtime Assistant Required

Kingsbridge area

Join our passionate educational support team!

We are looking for two enthusiastic people who can engage and inspire the learning behaviours that support our children to flourish.

To apply please visit www.lapsw.co.uk/vacancies/

Visits to the Academy are recommended and welcomed, please contact Katie Coombe, Head of Academy – Telephone – 07931 650067

32.5 Hours Per Week, 39 Weeks Per Year - £9.79-£9.99 per hour



Action for Children

Step by Step Groups are led by Action for Children in partnership with the Devon EYCN service. [Action for Children](#)

These support groups are run for parents and their children under five who have a medical condition or present having a disability. The group provides ideas and information to support the children's development using a small step approach and allows parents to network meeting other families and sharing experiences.

The groups the EYCN Service are currently supporting are

Buckland Community Centre, Newton Abbot – Wednesdays 10-11:30am

Teignmouth Children Centre – Mondays 10-11:30am

South Hams Children Centre, Daisy Play Centre, Totnes Mondays 10-11:30am

Tavistock Children Centre - Tuesdays 10-11:30am

Hatherleigh Children Centre – Thursdays 10-11:30am

Crediton Methodist Church Hall – Wednesdays 10 – 11.30 am

If you would like some further information please get in touch Tel: 300 123 2112 or Send message ask.us@actionforchildren.org.uk

Information for parents



BBC - Tiny Happy People

As well as entertaining the nation's children in the early hours and beyond for more than 20 years, there's also plenty of things they can learn while watching their favourite TV programmes.

To find the five CBeebies' shows that can help your child to explore their emotions and the world around them, click [Here](#)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/parenting-tips-from-cbeebies/zk4k8hv?fbclid=IwAR3YeM97VpBC2vhyzwMqJh2DZcWKb-mh9BHwx1UmdhLqZocjIP-t62kbeXc>