



Charleston Church of England Academy

Parent Updates Newsletter

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Families,

It has been a delight to welcome our children back to school this week. We have been blessed with lovely weather allowing the children to explore the adventure area and spend time with their friends.

Over the Summer we have had some building work completed to Start Point classroom, it is now a beautiful open plan EYFS and KS1 unit with lots of cosy nooks and flexible space for group work. This also means that all of our youngest children can now enjoy the use of our super outdoor area, they were having great fun in the mud kitchen and playing with the water pump this week! Miss Alen's class are also enjoying the space upstairs in Croft class and feeling very grown up as they are the oldest in the school!

A big thank you to the British Summer weather and our kind parents for keeping the veg garden and playground planters watered this Summer; we have a great cucumber crop and some beautiful climbing plants.

Next Thursday (14.9.23) we are inviting all families to join us in school for our Meet the Teacher event. These short meetings are an opportunity to find out all about the year ahead and ask any questions you have for your child's teacher (timings below)

Start Point Meet the Teacher 3.15pm - 3.45pm

Croft Meet the Teacher 3.45pm - 4.15pm

Praise Assembly will start next Friday with a change of time – it will be in the morning at 9am. We will send a link on a Thursday afternoon.

Wishing you all a sunny weekend,
Miss Coombe



Dates and Reminders

PE and Sports Club

This year PE will be delivered by Premier Sports alongside our school staff. Our PE and Sports Club Day will be each **Monday**. There will also be a morning, lunch time and after school club. Please use the parent app MCAS to sign your child up for the after-school club. All children are welcome to join the morning club which will be held in the main playground (breakfast won't be served!). Timings below –

8.00am - 9.00 am Morning Sports Club

3.15pm - 4.15pm After School Club

Census Day IMPORTANT!!

This year our school census day is 5th October 2023. This is an important day for school funding as the funding we receive from the Department of Education is based on the number of children eating a school meal on this day. All children from Nursery to Year 6 are invited to join us for a **FREE** school meal on this date. Our children have also been involved in an exciting competition across our Trust to design the menu for Census Day. The winning entry will win £750 to spend on a school treat. The school with the highest percentage of children having a school meal on Census Day will also win £750 for a school treat! We hope everyone can support us by ordering a school meal on this important day.

Uniform

Everyone has come back to school looking so smart in their school uniform and shiny shoes! We have noticed a few mystery jumpers so please can we ask that all uniform is named to avoid confusion!

After School Clubs

As well as our Sports Club on Mondays, we also have the return of Glow in the Dark Dodgeball club starting next week on a Wednesday, 3.15 to 4.15 which is free. You can sign your child up on the parent app.

We are also hoping to be able to have a Young Engineers after school club run by STEMkids (see attached flyer) there is a minimum number of children required for this club to run, so if you think your child would be interested you can register via their website – www.stemkids.co.uk

Here is a link for a short video with more information: [Young Engineers Promotional Video - M2A&B](#)

Forest School

Our Forest School sessions will continue this year for **ALL** children. They will continue to be on alternate Wednesdays starting on the 20th September. Here are the dates for the term:

20th September

4th October

18th October

8th November

22nd November

6th December