



Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Families,

We hope that you all had a lovely half-term break. We have had a lovely (and a very windy) first week back at school.

We are looking forward to a new half-term full of fun activities! In our singing worship this week we have started to practice our Christmas songs which we are very excited about! The Nativity preparations are underway as well.

There has been some great writing going on in the school this week, in phonics some super sentences are being formed. In Croft class, we have been writing narratives about being a child in WW2 and watching a loved one go off to war.

A special request...

Please let us know if you might be able to spare an hour after school to help supervise a club being run by external coaches. You would not need to organise the club just be on hand to support the coaches. Clubs run from 3.15-4.15pm. Please do let the school office know if you would be available to support as this would mean we would be able to further enrich our club offer.

Some important information for next week-

- PE for all classes every Monday children may come to school in PE kit and stay in It all day)
- Sports club Monday morning 8am -9am
- Forest School on Wednesday (Nursery and StartPoint AM, Croft PM) Please come in wearing sensible clothing

Miss Coombe and Miss Alen

Beesands & Start Point

As the nights are drawing in the children in reception and nursery have been learning about animals that hibernate and made houses for hedgehogs.

We have continued our learning about hygiene in science by setting up an experiment to show how germs spread. We got slices of bread and wiped them with clean hands (soap and water), clean hands (sanitiser), dirty hands, and on a laptop keyboard. The bread slices were then sealed in a plastic bag and the children are monitoring the experiment daily. We will let you know the results!

In history we have started to learn about old and new toys and we also have a trip planned to the Cookworthy Museum to enrich the Childrens learning of local history.

In PE we have started a new unit on dance.

We will be starting to practise for the nativity and in the next few weeks I will be sending out more details. Watch this space!

Craft

As writers this week we have started our new unit which is a narrative. We will be writing a narrative based on the story 'Rose Blanch'. This is a story set in World War 2 Germany.

As Historians this week we focused on how the role of women have changed since World War 2. We used timelines to see how woman were treated before WW2 and how it changed after.

In PE this week we started our new unit of dance. This week we were focussing on expression and how we show expression through our body, we were spelling words- can you guess what this one says?



Times tables we have learnt this week:

Year 3- $5 \times 2 = 10$ $6 \times 2 = 12$

Year 4/5/6- all of the 4 times tables

Stars of the Week

Ryan- For his incredible hard work with his handwriting
George W – for working hard with his handwriting



Values of the Week

Chloe- For showing the value of responsibility and always wanting to try something new

Oakley – for the value of friendship by giving up his turn on the bikes to another child



Home Learning – Start Point

Reception – letter sheets, ditty and sound books reading

Year 1 &2 - Reading

Home Learning – Croft

Reading

Can you choose your favourite book and create a poster about it

Dates for your Diary

Wednesday 8th November – Forest School
Wednesday 15th November – Tempest School Photos from 8.30am
Thursday 16th November – Start Point visit to Cookworthy Museum
Friday 17th November – Children in Need Day
Wednesday 22nd November – Forest School
Thursday 23rd November – Flu Vaccinations
Tuesday 28th November – Cinema Trip – more information to follow
Friday 1st December – Half Cool Half School
Wednesday 6th December – Forest School

Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
Our whole school attendance is currently 96.3%

Last weeks attendance
Start Point Attendance 94% Croft Attendance 95%

“Every Day Counts”

1 or 2 days a week doesn't seem that much but...

If your child misses	that equals...	which is...	and over 13 years of school that's...
1 day a fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years
1 day a week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years
2 days a week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 Years
3 days a week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years

The effect of absence on progress

A whole year has 365 days; a school year has 190 days. That leaves 175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping and other appointments.

No Absence	10 days absence	12 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	178 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education
100%	95%	94%	90%	85%	80.00%
Very Good		Worrying		Serious Concern	

How about 10 minutes a day? Surely that won't affect my child

What's On

Come and try Judo



Quayside Judo Club
Kingsbridge Community College Gym
Thursdays Term Time
7.00 - 8.00 pm
We loan suits - first lesson free then £4
Contact Malcolm 01548 531022