



# Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023

Dear Families,

We've all enjoyed our half school half cool day today! Thank you to Hudson for coming up with the idea and thinking of a great way to raise money for the PTFA.

Great fun was had by all at the cinema this week. We loved the Trolls movie and the popcorn and drink made it even more enjoyable! It was so nice to join our friends at West Alvington as well and see some familiar faces.

Please see below for our festive event dates over the last few weeks of term.

Boom Reader (Croft Parents)



Lots of our children are using Boom Reader this year to chart their reading journeys online. Please ensure that you have signed up for Boom Reader, the children have been sent home with log ins in case they have gone missing! Once signed on we are asking that you, or your child make entries at least three times a week. Time spent reading at home has a huge impact on success at school, wellbeing and empathy skills for our children.

If you would prefer to have a reading record book, please let me know and I can give one to your child.

Boom Reader has an area of their website dedicated to parents that includes guides and further information and they are always there to support parents who have any questions.



Miss Coombe and Miss Alen

## Dates for the Diary

- 6th December – Forest School – Croft in the morning – Start Point in the afternoon
- 7th December- Planetarium visit in the village hall – please see details in the What's On section
- 8th December- Christmas jumper day
- 8th December- Welly Walk (Croft only) 9:30-11 – weather permitting
- 12th December- Nativity in the church 14:00
- 13th December- Christmas party
- 14th December- Christmas lunch
- 15th December - Christingle service in the church 14:00
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## Beesands & Start Point

This week as historians we looked back at toys through the decades and how they have changed. In RE we have been learning how Christians and Muslims welcome a baby into their faith.

The children really enjoyed the cinema and it was so lovely to see them so engaged with the film. In design and technology we have been designing a moving Christmas card, the children have decided which mechanism to use. On Thursday the children had a visit from the Cats Protection League who showed us how to look after the welfare of cats.



## Craft

As artists this week we have been experimenting with water colours. We used our page to experiment in four different ways and then decided which one we liked the best ready for designing our final piece next week.



As historians this week we have been learning about local history, including what happened at Slapton Sands. We used our research skills to write an information page in our history books.

Times tables we have learnt this week:

Year 3- all 2's

Year 4/5/6- 6x6 7x6 8x6

## Stars of the Week

*Abi* – For always being willing to help out

*Monroe* – for learning all his lines for the Nativity



## Values of the Week

*Dexter* – For showing the value of Responsibility with his work ethic

*Mille* – For showing the value of Responsibility as she is always ready to start her lessons



## Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.8%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 96% Croft Attendance 97%

### Is my child too ill for School?

It can be tricky deciding whether or not to keep your child off school, nursery or playgroup when they're unwell. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day. Let them know that your child won't be in and give them the reason. The link below has some useful information on when children should stay at home.

[Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](http://www.nhs.uk)

## Home Learning – Start Point

## Home Learning – Croft

Reception – ditty and sound books  
reading.

Year 1 & 2 Reading

Reading

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## What's On

**SPACE ODYSSEY  
THURSDAY 7<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**



We are looking forward to our Space Odyssey next week!

We will walk down to the village hall after morning registration and be back at school in time for lunch. Please complete the online form below before Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

<https://forms.office.com/e/XA1yewbQ9z>

Kind regards  
Mrs Jeffery

## St Mary's Church Charleton



### Christmas Coffee Morning

Thursday 7 December  
10.00 to 12.00

Proceeds to Kingsbridge  
Food Bank

**All are welcome!**

Was your child born between  
**1st September 2019** and  
**31st August 2020?**

### How to Apply for a Primary School Place in Devon

You can apply online at  
[www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline](http://www.devon.gov.uk/admissionsonline)  
from 15th November 2023 to the 15th January 2024

If you cannot access the school  
admissions website you can get  
more information by calling our  
Education Helpline on  
**0345 155 1019**  
or email: [admissions@devon.gov.uk](mailto:admissions@devon.gov.uk)



Even if you have already given  
details to a primary school, you  
must apply for a place through the  
Admissions Team. This is the only  
way to apply; other forms or lists  
held by schools will not count.

Devon  
County Council





## Christ Church Cathedral School

Boys' Prep School with co-ed Nursery



Register for our 'Be a Chorister for an Afternoon' for boys in current Years 2, 3, 4 & 5. All Cathedral Choristers receive generous bursaries.



## Christ Church Cathedral School



Would your son like to join our world-famous choir?



**Saturday 13th January 2024, 2.30 - 7.00 pm**

Boys, currently aged between 7 to 10, are invited to come and see what it's like to sing with our current Cathedral Choristers for an afternoon. No prior choral experience is needed.

Potential choristers can join a choir rehearsal led by CCCS' Director of Music, followed by refreshments, and then sing with our internationally acclaimed choristers at Evensong. The afternoon provides a great opportunity for boys to have first-hand experience of what it's like to be a chorister at Christ Church Cathedral School.

Being a Cathedral Chorister is a life-changing opportunity. Boys learn: self-discipline, social skills, a sense of responsibility and teamwork, as well as outstanding musical and vocal skills.

All Cathedral Choristers receive a bursary equivalent to two-thirds of fees to support their education at CCCS and means-tested fee remission may be available up to 100%. In the last 5 years, all of our Cathedral Choristers have won music awards to leading senior schools.

To participate, please complete our online registration form: [www.cccs.org.uk/visitus](http://www.cccs.org.uk/visitus) or for more information, please contact our Registrar, Laura Kemp, email: [registrar@cccs.org.uk](mailto:registrar@cccs.org.uk)

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