



Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 12th January 2024

Dear Families,

Welcome to our weekly bulletin. Below you will find lots of useful information and lovely news from your child's classroom.

Dates for the Diary

Tuesday 23rd January – Dogs Trust Workshops

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Monday 5th February – Parents Evening

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Monday 12th February – HALF TERM WEEK

Monday 19th February – Back to school

Beesands & Start Point

This week, the EYFS children have been reflecting on New Year's resolutions and areas they would like to improve in the upcoming year. We have also been remarkably busy making a start on our new topics for the term. In mathematics, we have been engaged in creating repeating patterns, in history, students in Year 1 and 2 have been delving into the study of monarchs and the new king, our science focus is materials and in art, we are exploring the works of Andy Goldsworthy. Considering the chilly weather, the focus shifted to the well-being of birds and their food-finding strategies in winter. To support the birds, we crafted fat balls and hung them in the trees at forest school. Throughout this half term, children will be honing their volleyball skills in physical education. Finally, in forest school, given the chilly weather, we decided to make a large pot of porridge!



Craft

This week in Craft class, we have immersed ourselves in new and exciting learning opportunities for the spring term. The children exhibited remarkable reflection as we delved into our writing unit centred around refugees. Meanwhile, our mathematical journey involves the further development of multiplication skills, while in science, we are actively exploring the fascinating world of electricity. Our historical focus centres on the Tudors, and in geography, the captivating subject of mountains has captured our attention. Beyond the academic realm, we are continuing our engaging collaboration with the Sports Premiership, honing our volleyball skills. This week saw our first forest and beach session, a wonderful experience for all. To round off this dynamic first full week, we are eagerly anticipating a steel drums music session on Friday which will be a recurring highlight every week leading up to the half-term break.



Stars of the Week

Ruby -For her enthusiasm with reading

Harley- working well in all lessons and identifying alliteration in a speech



Values of the Week

Luella -For the value of responsibility when helping in the classroom.

Tym- For the value of respect when keeping his work area tidy and getting straight on with his learning. He has also been considerate and helpful to others



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%
 Our whole school attendance is currently 96.7%

Class attendance is currently:
 Start Point Attendance 95% Croft Attendance 97%

Very Good	Worrying	Causing Serious Concern
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The effect of Absence on School Progress

A whole year has 365 days
 A school year has only 190 days.
 This leaves;

175 days to spend on family time, visits, holidays, shopping,
 household jobs and other appointments

No absence	10 days absence	19 days absence	29 days absence	38 days absence	47 days absence
190 days of education	180 days of education	171 days of education	161 days of education	152 days of education	143 days of education
100%	95%	90%	85%	80%	75%
Very Good Best chance to succeed. Gets your child off to a flying start.		Worrying Less chance of success. Makes it harder for your child to make progress		Serious Concern Your child will find it very difficult to make progress. May result in court action.	

Remember:

- **90 % attendance is equal to 1 day off each fortnight**

Home Learning – Start Point

Reception – letter sheets
Year 1 & 2 Reading

Home Learning – Craft

Please continue to read each day where possible and record in your reading record book.

As we are having a focus to promote reading, we would like the children to create a Reading River to celebrate all the reading they are completing. The children will be bringing home some further examples and explanations to help with this home learning.

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Lottery Funded Family Days, Winter 2024

Wild Embers are supporting families with SEND children 6-11 yrs with funded weekend activities

Family Day: Join us at our beautiful site at Blackberry Barn this 2024 for one of our winter family days. The day will include bush crafts, exploring nature and outdoor cooking with lunch around the fire.

Dates: January 20th, January 21st, February 10th, February 11th

Wild Embers is a community orientated and highly impactful provider that has been running since 2017. We are members of the alternative providers network, the parent and carer forum Devon, and have established connections with a large number of Academies. We run a successful Ofsted registered forest school, community gatherings/feasts, father & child days, with a range of specialist support offerings for children and families with SEND.



Cost: Donations of £5 and upwards will be gratefully received

What's On

ADDRESS, DIRECTIONS & BOOKING

To book a family day: email admin@wildembers.org

Cost: Donation only (minimum donation of £5 per family)

Address: Blackberry Barn, Ritson, Halwell, TQ9 7JG

Satnav Instructions:

Follow up until Totnes cross petrol station no further.

Then follow the road around to Kingsbridge (away from Totnes), you will see a sign that says Kingsbridge 6 miles, please take the left hand turn just behind the sign, follow the lane into the old farmyard, now beautiful barn conversions.

Take a slight right, drive in-between new barn conversion and an agricultural barn. The driveway leading to the parking area is directly in front of you between the house and fence. Head down the driveway where you can park on the ménage to your left.

What3words:

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