



# Charleton C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Dogs Trust Workshops

Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January – Forest School

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening

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Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – HALF TERM WEEK

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Back to school

## Beesands & Start Point

This week, amid the ongoing cold weather, the EYFS children ventured into the adventure area and were delighted to find evidence of birds using their bird feeders. Engaging in a hands-on exploration, the children gathered natural objects to craft captivating winter pictures.

The richness of the British Isles has captivated Year 1 and 2 students as they delve into discovering the countries and capital letters which form our homeland. Science lessons centred on the examination of materials found in everyday objects, providing a focal point for exploration.

Embracing their artistic side, the children delved into the world of colour, drawing inspiration from the renowned artist Any Goldsworthy. In mathematics, the Year 2 children conducted a survey on favourite colours, carefully recording their findings in tally charts.



# Croft

This week, Croft Class delved into Antony Gormley's sculptures, creating impressive tin foil sculptures that showcased both artistic talent and resilience in the face of challenges. Their dedication and ability to overcome setbacks were commendable.

Building on last week's enjoyable steel pan lesson, the class eagerly anticipates developing their musical skills in the coming weeks. The combination of artistic expression and musical exploration is creating a dynamic and enriching learning experience for Croft Class.

Additionally, in their history studies, the children have recently embarked on an exploration of the Tudor era. They are delving into the rich tapestry of Tudor history, uncovering fascinating insights into this significant period.



## Stars of the Week

*Chloe* – For her developing confidence in maths.

*Mahli* – For working hard in all lessons and making progress with her reading.



# Values of the Week

Wynne -For the value of responsibility as he is always the first one to be ready for his lessons.

Abi- For the value of friendship where she has been kind and helpful.



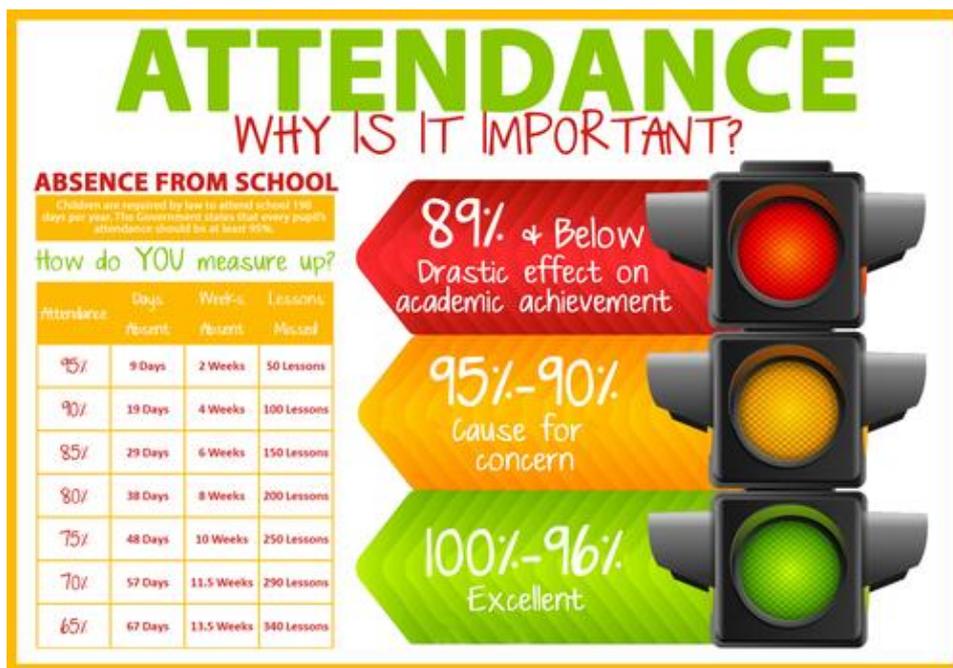
## Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 96.3%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 95% Croft Attendance 97%



### Home Learning - Start Point

Reception - letter sheets  
Year 1 & 2 Reading

### Home Learning - Croft

Please continue to read each day where possible and record in your reading record book.  
Please add any reading to your reading river as we look forward to celebrating your reading and the creative pieces of work you create.

If you have any tin foil at home, have another go at creating a tin foil sculpture. Can you show different movements and positions?

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## What's On

### Wassailing at Chillington Village Hall

The Chillington Community Association  
is planting Apple Trees and Wassailing in 2024

Join us on the 20th of January  
No booking, just turn up with your kids and  
have fun

- 13:45 Meet at Chillington Village Hall
- 14:00 Short talk on 'What is Orchard Wassailing,' the ancient custom in cider producing regions of visiting orchards and singing to the trees to promote a good harvest for the coming year
- 14:15 Plant and Wassail young apple trees behind the play area, blessing by a Chillington Minister, after which the Wassailers adorn the trees
- 14.45 Return to the Hall and have a sip of the 2023 apple press cider, made in the village in the old traditional way
- 15:00 onwards: live music, pizza from 'Taste of the Wild', hot chocolate for the kids, beer, cider, tea & coffee available to purchase

