



# Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

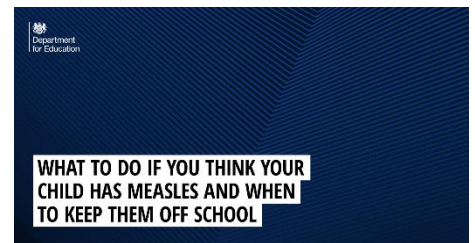
Dear Families,

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

Parent and carer consultation appointments are now available to book online. We look forward to welcoming you to school to meet with your child's teacher and discuss their progress.

What to do if you think your child has measles and when to keep them off school

<https://educationhub.blog.gov.uk/2024/01/22/what-to-do-if-you-think-your-child-has-measles-and-when-to-keep-them-off-school/>



Childcare funding information for Nursery Aged Children

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/eys/new-working-entitlements-for-2-year-olds/>

Parent information sessions around funding for childcare

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## Dates for the Diary

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February – Parents Evening  
Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Forest School  
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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, our children basked in the delightful embrace of warmer weather, seizing the opportunity to make the most of our forest school session. They marvelled at the first signs of Spring, observing the delicate catkins adorning the trees and spotting a few wildflowers.

In maths, tactile pebbles became the tools of choice as our little ones embarked on the challenge of counting larger numbers. In our historical explorations, the memory of our late Queen captivated the children's attention, guiding their learning as we continued to explore the role of the Monarch.

Meanwhile, our science lessons focused on enriching the children's vocabulary, empowering them to articulate the properties of various materials. Finally, the children were drawing inspiration from the works of

Goldsworthy, where they unleashed their creativity, fashioning curves and spirals using an array of media, from natural objects to fingerprints and cotton buds.



## Craft

This week in Croft Class has been marked by engaging activities and valuable learning experiences. We eagerly participated in our second forest school session, where we savoured the delightful taste of hot chocolate amidst the natural surroundings.

In English, our learning focused on the completion of persuasive speeches aimed at supporting refugees, followed by the forthcoming preparation of our individual speeches on topics of personal interest.

Within our science lesson, we immersed ourselves in the realm of electrical circuits, making predictions and carefully logging data. Additionally, our geography lessons provided opportunities for skill development in map reading, using atlases to identify mountain ranges across various regions.

We also enjoyed working alongside The Dog Trust on Tuesday when they paid us a visit.



# Stars of the Week

Effie – For her positive attitude to her learning  
Hudson – For making progress in his handwriting



# Values of the Week

Millie – For the value of responsibility for taking pride in her work and not rushing to finish  
Holly – For the value of friendship where she is always kind



# 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%

**ATTENDANCE**  
WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

**ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL**  
Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 90%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below  
Drastic effect on academic achievement

95% - 90%  
Cause for concern

100% - 96%  
Excellent

## 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.

During our picture news discussion, we shared our thoughts about self-driving cars. We had a lot of opinions. Discuss with some family members, their views.

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## What's On

### St Mary's Church, Charleton

Are you interested in saving our ancient church, and preventing its closure?

If so, then please come to a meeting of 'the Friends of St Mary's' to discuss the future of the church, at The Charleton Inn on Monday 29 January at 6.30 pm.

Come and have your say!





Give your child the gift of library membership and unlock a world of possibilities...



With library membership, your child has access to a wealth of free books. They can also enjoy all the great activities and resources that your local library has to offer.

This includes the fantastic free reading challenge, **The Secret Book Quest**. Once your child is a library member, they can sign up to receive their free Secret Book Quest pack. There are stickers to collect along the way, a puzzle to solve, special digital content and games to unlock, and certificates and a finisher's prize too.

How to sign up your child as a library member

Simply complete Libraries Unlimited's sign-up form. This gives the library the information they need to register your child as a library member. It also shows us that you agree to them being a member, which is an important part of being GDPR-compliant.

Ask your child to return the form to school. Then, the form will be given to library staff who will take it from there.



Visiting the library

If you prefer, you can take your child to the library yourself. There are lots of great benefits to being a library member when you're an adult too, and it's free to join. Pop in and have a chat when you're next nearby to find out more. Alternatively, you can join online.

Sporty Stars Half-Term Holiday Camp

During the half term holiday Sporty Stars will be running a daily sports club based at All Saints Thurlestone Academy. The multi activity holiday camps provide children with an active and engaging experience during the school holidays. The camps are designed for children aged 5 - 12 with an action packed timetable designed to suit this age range. Children can expect an active day with a range of sports, arts & crafts and unique activities such as zorbing, archery, glow in the dark sports, nerf wars, inflatables and more.

As with every service they offer, the focus is always to have as much fun as possible, in a safe and encouraging environment.



Here's how to sign up

<https://bookwhen.com/thurlestoneholidaycamp#focus=ev-sst7-20240212081500>