



Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 4th October 2024

Dear families,

What a wonderful week it has been here at school, with so much to celebrate and reflect on! Our time at Forest School this week was truly special as we gathered to make the most of nature's gifts—apples! The children had a fantastic time learning about how apples are a seasonal treat, and we put them to good use by making delicious apple cakes. It was a lovely way to come together as a school community and appreciate the simple yet beautiful gifts of nature. The apple cakes were a hit, and the experience reminded us of the value of working and learning together outdoors.

In other news, we were delighted to welcome some Trust visitors to our school this week. They were particularly impressed with the calm and focused learning environment in each of the classrooms. It's always wonderful to hear positive feedback, and we are so proud of the way the children approach their learning with enthusiasm and care.

Today, parent consultation meetings will be made live. Please sign up for a meeting with your child's class teacher. If you cannot make the dates provided, please speak to a member of staff and we will arrange an alternative meeting.

A quick reminder: Our Harvest Festival will take place at the church on Monday 14th October, at 2:30 PM. We invite you to donate tinned items, which will be collected and given to our local food bank. Your generosity during this time of giving is always greatly appreciated, and it makes a big difference to those in need within our community.

We would also like to welcome you to our Praise Worship on Monday 7th October 2:50 PM. It's a lovely opportunity for us to come together in celebration and gratitude, and we would be thrilled to have you join us.

We look forward to seeing many of you at these special events and thank you as always for your continued support!

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston



Dates for the Diary

Friday 4th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming
Friday 11th October (am) Junior Life Skills for Year 6
Friday 11th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming
Monday 14th October at 2:30- Harvest Festival (St Marys)

Monday 14th October- Parent Consultations evening
Tuesday 15th October- Start Point trip to Golden Hind
Friday 18th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming
Tuesday 22nd October- PTFA School Autumn Disco
Wednesday 23rd October- Parent Consultations evening
Friday 25th October – Year 5 & 6 Swimming
Half Term – 28th October to 1st November
Wednesday 11th December- Christmas Dinner (wear a Christmas jumper)
Thursday 12th December- Christmas Jumper day
Thursday 12th December- Start Point nativity (2:30 at St Marys)
Monday 16th December- Whole School Christmas Carols (2:30 in the school hall)

Start Point

We must start with our Forest School session this week as we had the most amazing morning. Not only was the weather fine but the apple tree is so full of apples that we had to use some up, and so we decided to bake an apple cake using the Dutch oven on the fire. George and Monroe got the fire lit, Ivy helped prepare the apples and make the cake mix and we all enjoyed a lovely pudding with custard, well done team! In other news, as Geographers, we have been learning the difference between climate and weather as we continue to explore weather patterns around the world. As scientists, not a minibeast was harmed as we hunted for them in their different habitats recording what we found and where we found them. As artists, we have been experimenting with mixed media in preparation for our final piece of artwork based on the artist Brian Pollard.





Croft

Croft have started a new topic in English on poetry. We have been looking at the theme of 'Hope' and the children have come up with some very thoughtful ideas about what hope is, and when it is needed. We have looked at a poem the Hope-o-potamus and will ultimately write our own inspiring poems. Work has continued with Place Value in Maths, with both groups working on rounding numbers up and down and the Year 5s & 6s have also looked at negative numbers. In Geography, we have looked at how rivers shape the land and have added a new word to our vocabulary of meander! In computing, we have been learning about the internet and how it works.

Stars of the Week

Start Point's star of the week goes to Olivia for coming in and starting her morning task.

Croft's star of the week goes to Ryan for great work in all lessons, particularly in English



Values of the Week

In Start Point, the value of Responsibility goes to Oakley for his great attitude and organisation when we tidy up outside.

In Croft, the values of Responsibility & Kindness go to Ella Sagar for always being kind and helping to look after the younger children



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 90.3%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 99% Croft Attendance 87%

Home Learning – Start Point

Reading for KS1 and Reception.



Home Learning – Croft

Continue to read at home as much as you can and regularly log onto TTRS for small chunks of learning. Remember to do the look, say, cover, say, write method for spellings. Please bring in a photo of a pet or animal ready for our next art lesson.