



# Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 22nd November 2024

Dear families,

This week has been full of excitement as the children enjoyed the first brief snow flurries of the season! They had a wonderful time playing in the snow and experiencing the magic of winter. As the weather gets colder, please ensure that your children come to school with coats to keep them warm.



In Forest School, the children have been very busy redesigning the fire pit area. A big thank you to Pete for all his hard work in building our new seating area. We also want to express our gratitude to Nicola Buswell for donating the new logs and to Simon Hornby for delivering them into the forest area. We are currently on the lookout for wood chips to cover the muddy area for the winter. If you have any contacts who might be able to help, please let a member of staff know.

On Forest School days, please ensure that children have wellies or appropriate shoes and clothing to stay comfortable and dry.

As we approach the festive season, please be aware that we have a few Christmas events coming up in the next few weeks. The dates are below, and we have added one more confirmed date. On Thursday 16th December, our final worship of the term with Reverend Mark will be held, and we will celebrate with our Christingles. We are opening this worship to parents and hope you can join us in the school hall at 9:00am for this Christmas celebration.

Finally, next week on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November, at 2:50 PM, we look forward to you joining us for our celebration worship.

Thank you for your continued support.

Warm regards

Mrs Ruston

### Dates for the Diary

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November- PTA bake sale  
Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November- Start Point RWI Parent and child workshop 2:45pm  
~~Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November- PTA film night – Postponed~~  
Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December- Christmas Fair 3:00-5:00 All welcome  
Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December- Forest School  
Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December- Fire Safety Workshop  
Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Dinner (wear a Christmas jumper)  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas jumper day  
Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December- Start Point nativity (2:30pm at St Marys)  
Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December- Whole School Christmas Carols (2:30 in the school hall)  
Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December- Christingle 9:00 in the school hall (parents welcome)  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Non-Pupil Day**  
**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December- Christmas Holiday starts**

## Start Point

*It has started!! Christmas crafts are being created in readiness for the Christmas Fair. Start Point have been making some lovely cards to sell. We had a lovely forest school session as the children enjoyed a cold but dry day outside. They were helping to revamp the fire pit area with new seating. A variety of animal inspired puppets have been designed in D&T this week and we have been preparing the Binca fabric by painting it the correct colour ready for sewing. Over the last few weeks, we have been learning to play the ocarinas in our music lessons with Mrs Bickle, the children are now confidently playing given notes and following simple music notation to play a tune. We have rounded off our learning on Sir Francis Drake with the children showing their knowledge by writing 'Did you know' facts about our local hero.*



# Croft

It felt Christmassy in Croft class on Monday afternoon as the children made a variety of Christmas crafts including cards, woolly snowman hats and tree decorations. The children enjoyed making them so much, it has been great to see so many snowman hats made at home and brought into school to add to our stock to sell at the Christmas Fair. I was impressed to see how some children even compared their hard work to make money for the school to Dickens' Victorian England and child labour – great cross curricular links! We have also produced some lovely work in History on how the Windrush Generation are celebrated and the children have demonstrated their knowledge in a variety of ways, including some beautiful artwork and poems which we hope to share with you soon. In Science, Year 5 and 6 created a pulsilogium to measure their heartbeat.



## Stars of the Week

Start Point's star of the week goes to Oakley for the progress he has made with his writing.

Croft's star of the week goes to Laurie for beautiful work in History & card making



## Values of the Week

*In Start Point, the value of Responsibility goes to Wynne for his positive approach to his learning.*

*In Croft, the value of respect goes to Rocco for always showing respect & kindness to everyone he meets.*



## Attendance

*Our attendance target is 98%*

*Our whole school attendance is currently 95.6%*

*Class attendance is currently:*

*Start Point Attendance 89% Croft Attendance 98%*

## Road Safety

*We kindly request your cooperation to ensure the safety of all our children during drop-off and pick-up times. This week has been particularly busy outside the school, especially with the bad weather. Please be mindful of the zig-zag parking restrictions outside the school, as these lines are crucial for maintaining clear visibility and safety during peak times. It is essential to keep the school gates clear to provide enough space for our taxi to safely pick up and drop off children. Your consideration helps us maintain a smooth and safe process for everyone in the school and local community. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.*

### Home Learning – Start Point

Reading for KS1 and Spellings

Reception - reading and sound sheets



### Home Learning – Croft

Continue to read at home as much as you can and regularly log onto TTRS for small chunks of learning.



CHARLETON SCHOOL

# CHRISTMAS FAIR

JOIN US FOR OUR TABLE TOP SALE IN THE HALL ORGANISED BY THE CHILDREN

TUES 3RD DECEMBER 3-5PM

**OPEN TO ALL**

TOYS | BOOKS | REFRESHMENTS  
GAMES | CHRISTMAS JUMPERS AND PJ'S  
TOMBOLA AND MORE