



# Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 29th November 2024

Dear families,

Next week, we will be hosting our much-anticipated Christmas Fair! Our students have been busy creating beautiful Christmas crafts during lunch breaks, and we can't wait for you to see their amazing work. The fair promises to be a delightful event filled with festive cheer and creativity. We would be very appreciative if some of the older children could man stalls help us to set up for this exciting afternoon and please do spread the word far and wide to all friends and relatives as all are welcome to join us.

We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations of Christmas jumpers, pyjamas, and books for our stalls. Your contributions are greatly appreciated and will help make our fair a huge success. Thank you for your kindness and support.

This week, we are thrilled to welcome Miss Farleigh to our Charleston team. She brings a wealth of experience and enthusiasm, and we are excited to have her on board. We are also pleased that Mrs. Norton will remain a valued member of our team. We extend our heartfelt thanks to her for stepping up as a class teacher over the past year. Her dedication and hard work have been greatly appreciated.

Next week, we will celebrate our stars of the week at our Praise Worship on Monday at 2:50. We hope to see you there.

Warm regards,

Mrs Ruston

## Dates for the Diary

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 – Brass ensemble performance

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**

**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January- Non-Pupil Day**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January- Spring term starts

## Start Point

Only a few weeks until Start Point's nativity and we have been practising our songs this week along with Croft, who will be joining in with a few songs this year. Please keep practising them at home. The children have been using their puppet designs as they make their puppets. This week, the children have decorated the front and back and will start sewing them together next week. In science we were developing our observational drawing skills using a digital microscope to see in detail the different parts of a minibeast. Thank you to all the parents who came along to the phonics workshop, I hope it was useful, and I will get the sound mats organised for next week for the children to take home.



## Croft

Croft have started their letters of persuasion this week, and we have seen a great variety of tools to help their argument. They have written to Harrods to argue the case for opening up Santa's Grotto to all and have come up with some fantastic arguments. All the children have worked incredibly hard on their independent write and have all picked up very quickly the format of formal letter writing. Hopefully, we can share our writing with you in Praise Worship. In Maths, Y5&6 have started a new topic on fractions and have looked at equivalent fractions and simplifying fractions and all the children have worked well so far. In Geography this week, the children conducted an experiment to examine what happens to water pollution in a river. In small groups, the children added water to egg boxes and then a small amount of food dye and observed what happened. Great thanks to all the Y6 team leaders who coordinated their teams well – lovely collaborative work!

## Stars of the Week

Start Point's star of the week goes to George for his creative puppet design.

Croft's star of the week goes to Chloe for good work in Geography.



## Values of the Week

In Start Point, the value of Respect goes to Percy for the care he shows towards the class resources.

In Croft, the value of respect goes to Dexter for always demonstrating great respect to both people and the environment.



## Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 94.7%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 99% Croft Attendance 93%

### 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