



Charleton C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th December 2024

Dear families,

What a wonderful week we've had at school! On Wednesday, we enjoyed a delightful Christmas dinner, and it was heartwarming to see the children in their festive jumpers, suits, and hats, adding to the joyous atmosphere. Thank you to our catering team in the South Hams Hub for their delicious food.

Our festivities continued at St. Mary's church with a fantastic nativity performance by Start Point, supported by some of our Croft pupils who stepped in to help and for their support with singing. The performance was truly outstanding, and a huge well done to the children and a special thank you to Mrs. Carter for her meticulous planning and organisation.

This week, we were also fortunate to receive a generous donation of wood chips for our forest school area. A big thank you to Simon Hornby for securing this for us.

Next week promises to be just as exciting as we wrap up the term with a series of festive events. On Monday morning, the children will enjoy a concert by a brass ensemble, which is a wonderful opportunity for them to experience live music. In the afternoon, we are looking forward to a big **carol sing-along in the school hall at 2:30 PM**, and **parents and families are warmly invited to join us**. During this time, we will also celebrate our Stars of the Week instead of our usual praise worship. Finally, on **Thursday morning at 9:00 AM**, Reverend Mark will lead our **Christingle worship in the school hall**, and once again, parents are invited to join us for this special celebration.

We look forward to seeing you at these events and wish you all a joyful and festive end to the term.

Best wishes,

Mrs Ruston

Dates for the Diary

Monday 16th December – Brass ensemble performance for the children

Monday 16th December- Whole School Christmas Carols 2:30 in the school hall (parents welcome)

Thursday 19th December- Christingle 9:00 in the school hall (parents welcome)

Friday 20th December- Non-Pupil Day

Friday 20th December- Christmas Holiday starts

Monday 6th January- Non-Pupil Day

Tuesday 7th January- Spring term starts

Wednesday 15th January - Forest School

Wednesday 29th January- Forest School

Tuesday 11th February- Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 12th February- Forest School

Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February HALF TERM



Start Point

The children in Start Point were amazing in our Nativity on Thursday. They remembered their lines, they knew where they had to be, and they sang beautifully. Also, a big thank you to the children in Croft. It was so lovely to see the whole school coming together to support each other.



Croft

In Croft this week our writing lessons have been tackling some topical issues including climate change and the effect this is having on our world. We have been able to draw on our knowledge from Geography, specifically how flooding can drastically impact humans, animals and the environment. As mathematicians the Year 5&6s have been exploring fabulous fractions, ordering and comparing them. In Year 3 & 4 we are learning all about multiplication, starting with the 4 times table. We have just finished our Ma Famille block in French, learning how to explain who lives in our family. We were also excited to get into the festive spirit with the Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day and of course the amazing KS1 Nativity. What an amazing week we have had.

Stars of the Week

Start Point's star of the week goes to Ruby for the progress she has made in her reading.

Croft's star of the week goes to Charlie for his terrific work in his end of term French assessment.



Values of the Week

In Start Point, the value of Responsibility goes to Olivia for singing the solo in our Nativity.

In Croft, the value of Responsibility goes to Ella T for always helping around the classroom and for her terrific narration in the KS1 Nativity.



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.9%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 93% Croft Attendance 97%

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.

St Mary's Church, Charleton



Christmas Coffee Morning

now on

Saturday 14 December

10.00 to 12.00

**Tea/coffee, mince pies, cakes,
hot bacon rolls**

Free entry - all are welcome!

Proceeds to the Friends of St Marys