



Charleston C of E Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 9th May 2025

Dear families,

I hope you enjoyed the bank holiday weekend! ☀️

This week our Year 6 students have been diligently revising for their SATs and are now ready to showcase all their hard work and learning next week. We have a carefully planned timetable which will hopefully not cause too much disruption to our other pupils and forest school will go ahead as normal on Wednesday. We wish the Year 6s the best of luck and know they will be brilliant! ✨

On Thursday, we celebrated VE Day with a delightful picnic lunch. In class, we took time to reflect on the significance of this historic event, discussing its impact and the importance of remembrance.



We hope you had the chance to read the Ofsted report we sent out yesterday. The children truly demonstrated how wonderful our school is, and we are incredibly proud of their achievements. Finally, please join us on Monday afternoon at 2:50pm to celebrate this week's stars.

Mrs Ruston

If you haven't followed our new Facebook page yet, please do!

<https://www.facebook.com/CharlestonAcademyLAP/>



Keep an eye out for the Tesco Stronger Starts grant which has now started. This project will fund a polytunnel and gardening equipment to enhance our outdoor area, enabling us to grow produce and promote sustainable living within our school community. Please remember to vote for us when visiting Tesco.



Dates for the Diary

Monday 12th May- Thursday 15th May Year 5 SATS Week
Saturday 17th May- Charleton CofE Academy open morning
Monday 26th May- Friday 30th May- Half Term
Monday 2nd June- Friday 13th June- Year 4 Multiplication Check
Monday 2nd June- Tuesday 3rd June- Year 4 Forest and Beach residential
Wednesday 4th June- Croft class and eco club WOW (recycling) project day 1
Thursday 5th June- Year 6 Canoeing
Monday 9th June- Croft class and eco club WOW (recycling) project day 2
Monday 9th June- Friday 13th June- Phonics Screening Check Week
Friday 20th June- Coast to Coast water safety pool session (Year 5 and 6)
Monday 23rd June – Friday 27th June- Sports Week
Friday 27th June- Sports Day
Friday 4th July- Reserve Sports Day
Monday 7th July- Coast to Coast water safety Beach session (Year 5 and 6)
Friday 18th July- Whole School Beach Trip TBC
Tuesday 22nd July- Leavers Service at St Mary's at 2:00pm TBC
Wednesday 23rd July – Last day of term
Thursday 24th July- Summer Holidays start

Start Point

As Geographers we have been comparing the climate of the UK with that of Kenya. Amazing colour wheels have been created as part of our Art project where the children mixed secondary and tertiary colours. We have been finishing off our maths learning about money, please try to practise adding up coins and giving change with your children as we now live in a world where children don't have as much exposure to cash. In computing the children have been learning to animate characters using Scratch Jnr.



Croft

In RE this week, we have been learning about Pentecost. We looked at two different pieces of artwork and discussed which represented the story well. In writing, we have been continuing to write our non-chronological reports about Darwin's theory of Evolution. As artists, we practised the technique of pointillism. In History this week we continued learning about the Shang Dynasty in China, which existed from 1600 – 1046BC. The children wrote a diary entry as though they were a child living during this time. The outcomes were thought provoking, creative and incredibly informative to read. As mathematicians we wrap up our SATs revision with area, perimeter and volume in preparation for next week. Year 4&5 are exploring shapes, looking at defining triangles and quadrilaterals and working out the missing values of angles. In French we are learning how to say the objects you would find in your pencil case.

Stars of the Week

Start Point: Ruby for her enthusiasm towards her Geography lesson.

Croft: Max for consistently putting her hand up and sharing thoughtful and carefully considered responses.



Values of the Week

Monroe – for the value of Respect for his lovely manners.

Hudson – for the value of Respect by showing a great level of care towards his work.



Attendance

Our attendance target is 98%

Our whole school attendance is currently 95.4%

Class attendance is currently:

Start Point Attendance 96.7% Croft Attendance 95%

Home Learning – Start Point

Reading – Please read regularly with your child and record in their reading diary.

Spellings – Year 1 and Year 2 – Spelling quiz the following Friday

Please practice telling the time with KS1 children, especially o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to.

When out shopping get the children using money and recognising coins and understanding their value.



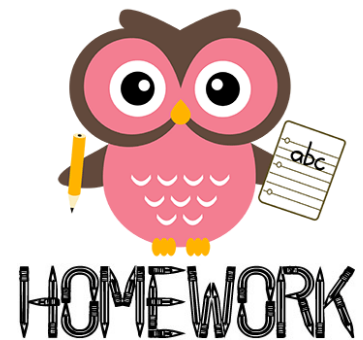
Home Learning – Croft

Year 6 please continue with your SATs booklets.





Y4&5 please complete homework sheet.

Y4s please make sure you log on to TTRS as much as possible in preparation for your MTC.

Reading – Please read regularly with your child.



A message from Miriam

  Have you heard about the Smartphone Free Childhood movement?
  Are you worried about phone and social media addiction in children and young people?.....


THEN PLEASE READ 

Locally there is a group of parents working hard with local schools to try and change what has become normal. We would love the new normal for children to not have smartphones and social media until much later. We would love all of our schools, including KCC to be genuinely smartphone free from bell to bell.


We are not alone. This is a huge movement with education authorities, districts (Barnet) and even entire countries (Australia and Ireland) who are leading the way with this, to name just a few.

We have really good reasons for feeling passionate about this; huge amounts of evidence from global, peer reviewed research, as well as good old parenting intuition. We know that parenting is exhausting and challenging and we all just want our kids to be happy. There is NO judgement from us about the decisions any parent makes for their child. But if you are interested PLEASE, WE NEED YOU!!!




So what can you do??.....

 **JOIN US:** we need your voice, we need numbers. We need to show headteachers locally that this is something that parents care about and want to change. So please add yourself to our WhatsApp group by the link below. This is for parents of children who attend KCC or schools that feed into KCC.

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LO2wocuVXF7IUDYDej4XeC>

 **TELL US:** we need your experiences and young people's testimonies. We need to know examples of where phone use has been permitted or even requested in school time by school staff.

We also need to hear testimony from young people of the impact of smartphones on them and their lives during the school day (for example last week a year 7 pupil shared her experience of being shown an explicit photo and video during a class).

THANK YOU!!! Thank you for taking the time to read this and we would welcome any support we can get to help us move forward with making a smartphone free childhood the new normal   

Please contact Miriam (Dexter and Salomé's mum) if you'd like to discuss. I volunteer at school on a Wednesday so happy to chat at the school gate any Wednesday PM, or give me a call on 07736658395.

KARATE CLASSES



**SELF DEFENSE
ADULT ONLY
CLASSES**

**Saturday and
Sundays**

**11.30 - 12.30 pm
Chillington
Village Hall
Children from
6 years**

**07492681677
to book**

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| ✓ Self Defense | ✓ Respect |
| ✓ Discipline | ✓ Discipline |
| ✓ Respect | ✓ Self Defense |
| ✓ Coordination | ✓ Confidence |

<https://www.chillingtonselfdefence.club/index.htm>