

Charing CE Primary School

Weekly Newsletter

Friday 3rd May 2024

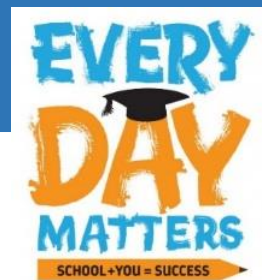


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Attendance

 Rabbits	 Squirrels	 Otters	 Woodpeckers	 Badgers	 Owls
95%	97%	96%	97%	92%	89%
Whole School – 94%		Year to date – 93%		Target – 96%	

Dear Parents and Carers,

This Wednesday I had the absolute pleasure of going to Godinton House with some of our Year 1 and Year 2 pupils. This is a project we have organised with Year 1 to Year 6 this year and hope to continue next year, giving other pupils the experience too.

The education team at Godinton have provided transport, staff and resources to help the children learn about growing, conservation, plant care, environments, pond dipping, orienteering and many other activities. The surroundings are stunning and it was fabulous to be taken for a tour of the walled garden and see the vegetables our pupils have planted in the ground and in the beautiful greenhouses.

I thoroughly recommend Godinton house if you are looking for an afternoon out, they have amazing gardens and a lovely tea room. We even got to eat our lunches outside this week the weather was so beautiful.

Thank you for the donations of dressing up clothes for OPAL play. I hope you've seen some of the photos on Facebook of the children being very creative with their costume choices! Today we've had wigs, beards, and some very unusual characters created.

Year 5 went to a Maths competition on Tuesday at Ashford School. There were twenty schools. The team worked well together to solve really tricky problems. Although they were disappointed with their final place, we were very proud of their efforts and the calculations they performed under pressure. Thanks to the parents for bringing their children along and Mrs Siddiqui for organising this event.

Please continue to be vigilant around what your children are seeing, listening to, watching or overhearing. We are dealing with increasing numbers of issues around language and problems which are inappropriate for children of this age to be encountering.

Have a lovely long weekend. See you all on Tuesday.

Mrs Golden

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

INTERNET SAFETY

This week's poster about is [What Parents and Educators can learn from OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024](#) at the end of the newsletter. Please continue to monitor your child's online behaviour and access. If you need help with a specific app we have not highlighted yet, please talk to Mrs Hammond.



ATTENDANCE



If your child is poorly and unable to come to school, please ensure that you inform the office via telephone or leave a message on our answer phone. Can we please request that all attendance related emails are sent to the following:

Ms. Nimrah Rehman
attendance@charing.kent.sch.uk

DROP OFF

Can we please remind parents that school gates shut at **8:55am**. If you arrive late, please drop off your child/ children at the school office.

For safeguarding reasons we do not allow parents/carers to drop off their children to their classes.



PAYMENTS FOR SWIMMING LESSONS YEAR 6



If you haven't yet paid for your child's space for swimming lessons to start in Term 6, please log onto the MCAS app under Products to do so.

If you have any difficulty, please do not hesitate to contact the office.



ALL WOODPECKERS YEAR 3 and 4



For the remainder of this term only, all Woodpeckers will be doing PE on a Wednesday.

The year 4s will go swimming and the year 3s will play cricket.

No PE kit is required on Tuesdays.

Next term we will all do PE on a Tuesday. Please ensure your child correct PE kit.

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**WE NEED
YOUR HELP**

We really need dressing up clothes:

Costumes as well as general clothing items, any size, bags, hats, etc



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REMINDER

MEDICATION SAFETY

We understand that at times children are unwell and need to stay at home to recover, however please remember that we can administer *prescribed medication*, so if your child is feeling better but needs medicine, this can be brought to the office and managed as necessary. The office would be able to assist in this.



HEALTHY LUNCHES



We promote healthy eating at Charing CE Primary School and would appreciate parents adhering to the healthy eating guidelines as below:

Sweets: Please do not pack sweets or chocolate bars.

Drinks: children under 5 receive free milk with their snacks and water is available for everyone whenever they want to drink. Please do not send in fizzy drinks with your child's packed lunch.

Nut Free: Please be reminded that we are a nut-free school. We have children in school who have potential life-threatening nut- allergies which can be triggered by direct or indirect contact with nuts in the environment. To keep our children safe, we request that parents please find a nut-free alternative. This also includes NUTELLA or any CHOCOLATE spread.
Thank you for your co-operation.



SCHOOL DINNERS –

Dinner Money cost £2.43

Please be reminded school meals are to be paid for in advance. Our caterers will not allow a debt to build and as of next term, any unpaid accounts will result in your child not receiving a meal and you will need to provide a packed lunch.

WRAPAROUND CARE: Both Breakfast and Afterschool club bookings are placed under this tab and payments need to be made when you book your session for your child. *This is done to avoid any payments not made.*

PARENT CONSENT: Please select the options given to update your child's consent.

If payments have been made otherwise and in advance before booking the sessions, please call or email the office to book your child's space. ***Please be reminded to clear out any outstanding balances under individual accounts of your children.***

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COLLECTIVE CELEBRATION

Millie

Jaxson

Elijah

Orion

Omar

Jessica

Eliza. F

Margot

Anya

Nancy OR

Isabelle

Johnny

Billie-Rae

Anna

Isaac

George. D



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This Week in Worship

Our theme for Worship this term is responding to Hope.

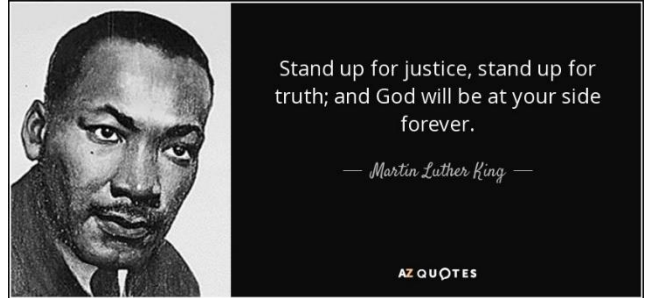
This week's theme to our Worship has continued looking at hope for God's Kingdom. Our first Bible passage was from Matthew 13: 31-32; we read and considered again, The Parable of the Mustard seed which we focused on last week. We remembered that although we are, like the mustard seed we are very small, we can grow into someone who is kind to others, prays to God, shares his love to others and is forgiving and fair. This is like the mustard Seed growing into a big tree which is home to birds giving them shelter. We looked at how we can express God's mercy and justice. The Bible passage was Isaiah 1:17. The dictionary definitions:

Justice: fairness in the way people are dealt with.

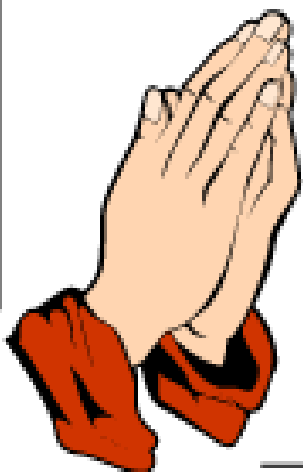
Mercy: kindness that makes you forgive someone.

We thought about this and read in Isaiah:

Say no to wrong. Learn to do good. Work for justice.
Help the down-and-out. Stand up for the homeless.
Side with the defenceless.



I wonder how Christians today follow this teaching. I wonder how we can stand for mercy and justice and be a voice for the voiceless. Martin Luther King whose quote is above, was someone who stood up for people's rights. God is passionate about justice and the care of all his people. We also learned about a 10-year-old boy called Malachi who was always sad when he saw homeless people on the streets. He saved up his money until he had £5 which he donated to the Salvation Army to buy houses for those who didn't have anywhere to live. Malachi chose to stand up for those who are homeless, to fight for justice for them. £5 might not seem much, but it was multiplied and inspired a whole project. We can link back to the parable of the mustard seed. A tiny seed that grows into something huge, so large that even birds can nest in its branches. I wonder what small seed we could sow. I wonder what we could stand up for.



Dear Father God,

*Today, show us how we can make a
difference to the world us,
Perhaps, say a kind word
to someone who is sad,
Help someone to do something difficult,
Take care of the earth's resources
by recycling something,
Cheer up people around us with a smile.
Though we are so small and
the world is so big,
Help us to make a difference to
all whom we meet today.*

Amen.

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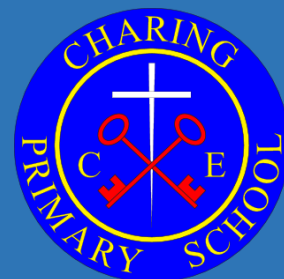
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Dates for your Diary



Date	Event	
TERM 5		
21 st May	Ducklings and Rabbits Sports Day 9.30am-10.30am Owls Sports Day 2pm-3pm	
22 nd May	Woodpeckers and Badgers Sports Day 9.15am-10.30am	
22 nd May	Squirrels and Otters Sports Day 1.45pm -3:00pm	
24 th June	Rabbits Beach Trip	
1 st July	Owls Library class visit 9:00 am- 10:00am Squirrels library class visit 10:15am – 10:45am	
2 nd July	Woodpeckers Library class visit 2:30pm – 3:00pm	
3 rd July	Ducklings Library class visit 2:30pm- 3:00pm	
4 th July	Otters Library class visit 2:30pm – 3:00pm	
9 th July	Rabbits Library class visit 2:30pm – 3:00pm	
11 th July	Badgers Library class visit 2:30pm – 3:00pm	

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Carnival Festival Menu

16TH
MAY 2024

Ham French Bread Pizza

Or

Cheese & Tomato French Bread Pizza

Chips

Baked Beans

Coleslaw

Mini Doughnuts & Fruit

Also available Jacket Potato & Filling, Bread,
Salad Bar, Yoghurt & Fresh Fruit

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The Rugby Effect

at CHARING SCHOOL Presents

TAG RUGBY CLUB

Non-Contact Rugby FUN & FITNESS

For Boys & Girls in school years 3-6

Thursdays - 3.15 to 4.15: **Only £3.50** per session

Term 4 Dates - Apr 18/25 May 2/9/16/23

Come and TRY it

Taster Session Available!

To enquire about places please email child's name
and school year to

steven.cream@btinternet.com or text 07756
097636

- Ex WASPS Rugby Community Coach
RFU Level 2 Qualified Coach - DBS - First Aid

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What Parents & Educators Can Learn from the OFCOM MEDIA REPORT 2024

Each year, Ofcom - the UK's regulatory body for communications - produces an overview of children and parents' media experiences over the course of the previous year. At the time of writing, the latest of these reports, 'Children and parents: media use and attitudes 2024' has just been published, and we've plucked out some of its most thought-provoking findings regarding online safety.

ONLINE LIVES



SCREEN TIME

By children's age group, the percentage of parents who felt less able to manage their child's screentime were ...



POPULAR PLATFORMS

Most used by children ...



ONLINE GAMING

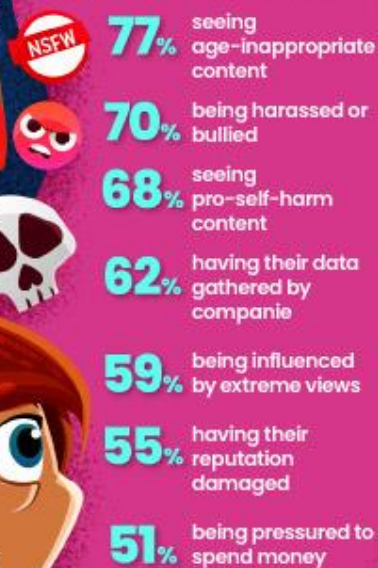
68% of children played video games online

Who did these children most commonly play with?



PARENTAL CONCERNS

The things that most commonly worry parents and carers about their child being online include ...



ONLINE SAFETY IN SCHOOLS



DEVICES MOST USED TO GO ONLINE



#WakeUpWednesday

The National College