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Learning together in friendship and faith gives us 'life in all its fullness' (John 10:10)



NEWSLETTER – Spring Term: January 2024

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2024! We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and New Year break and managed some quality time with friends and family. The children have all come back into school incredibly well this term and we are really proud of how hard they are all working!



Christmas fun at the end of 2023: despite coughs and colds and chicken pox!!

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

NEW STAFF

We were incredibly excited to welcome Mrs Caroline Crittall to our school team last half term. She has settled in well and now it feels as if she has been with us forever. Mrs Crittall comes with huge experience, both in school and out and whilst she will be based mostly in Ladybird Class, she will be supporting children from all classes throughout the week.

We hope Mrs Crittall enjoys her role in Charlton Horethorne and we are delighted that she is already making a great addition to our school family.

REV RONA

You will have noticed last term that we have been supported in our Collective Worship by Rev Stuart Thomas. This is because Rev Rona has been unwell and not able to join us for weekly worship. We are very grateful to Rev Stuart for all his help. Going forward, Rev Rona is thankfully back in work, but on reduced hours, so will not be back in school for a while. Collective Worship

will therefore be covered by teaching staff until Rev Rona is fully recovered. We wish her a speedy recovery.

MRS BASTA

Mrs Basta has decided to reduce her working hours and will now only be working in the mornings. She continues to be based in Dragonfly Class, and we are covering her afternoon hours with other members of staff.

SCHOOL CROSSING

We are delighted to announce that we have now successfully filled the school crossing patrol role, and the wonderful Chelsea Pope is now meeting and greeting our families in the morning and after school with a huge smile whilst helping us safely across the road. We are very lucky to have Chelsea in our school family, not just as a parent, but in an incredibly important role for us.

PARKING

We understand that our school is not situated in the easiest place for drop off and pick up. However in order to keep our school community safe please take note of the following:

Please be careful where you park on the road at the front of school, and avoid parking on the zigzag lines. This is for the safety of all, and is in accordance with the Highway Code.

Please remember, the car park is for staff, even when the gate is open. We are beginning to see some parents coming into the car park or parking on the small approach road. Please keep these areas clear at all times.

We are designating the single parking space on the left of the approach road facing the gate as an accessible parking space only as we have some parents who need this access.



Although this is not marked, we ask that you keep this space clear for those who need it. Thank you in advance for your understanding of this.

We also ask you to be considerate to our neighbours in the surrounding houses and be mindful where you park.

CHIPMUNKS

Chipmunks, our preschool drop in session will continue this term and will be held on the last Friday of each month in the morning.

First session this term will be Friday 26th January at 9:30

CLUBS

All after school clubs are running and are still very well attended. We will be asking you to sign up again for the clubs so we can update our register.

Please remember that if your child is signed up for a club, then that is a commitment each week and we expect them to be in attendance.

Your child will need the appropriate kit for the activity they have signed up for.

MORNING CLUB

Morning club runs from 8am – 8:45am every morning. Please speak to Mrs Vaughan if you would like your child to attend. There is a daily charge for this club.

UNIFORM

It is lovely to see the children proudly wearing their Charlton Horethorne uniform and we love how smart they look. However we are seeing variations to our uniform rule on a daily basis. Please help us by sending your child to school in the correct uniform.

Just a reminder for this term:

Uniform: Red school jumper/cardigan, white shirt/polo shirt, grey/black trousers/shorts/skirt/pinafore, grey/black/red tights or socks, plain black footwear

PE Kit: Red school jumper/cardigan, white/red t shirt/polo shirt, black joggers/leggings/shorts, trainers

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD HAS A COAT IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY as we will endeavour to be outside as much as possible whatever the weather.

JEWELLERY/HAIR

Children should not wear jewellery to school. Exceptions are: small plain studs for pierced ears/watch. Necklaces, rings and bracelets are not part of our school uniform.

Long hair should be tied back with modest hair accessories in suitable a colour (plain/red)

BEHAVIOUR

On the whole, behaviour is very good in our school, but it is now time to review our behaviour policy. This term we will be working with the children on what it means to be 'SAFE, RESPECTFUL and READY to LEARN.' This will include reminding everyone that there are certain non-negotiables of behaviour which, if not adhered to, will result in sanctions. This might mean missing some break/lunchtime or having to work in a different classroom to normal. If this behaviour persists then parents will be contacted by telephone in the first instance, and then be invited into school to discuss any issues.

Hopefully by refreshing our policy and reminding children about the importance of good behaviour, we can encourage them to make the right choices at all times.

We hope that the messages learnt at school will be supported at home. We need your help to maintain a consistent approach and ensure our children understand the importance of good behaviour.

OUR VALUE

Our school value for this half term is **COURAGE**

This half term we are introducing another new value and will be focusing on **COURAGE** in our Collective Worship.

We will look at what this means to the children, and have already learnt some new actions to one of our favourite songs: Be Bold, Be Strong!



NEW TOPICS FOR THE TERM

Ladybird Class: Bright Lights, Big City

Put on your best outfit because you're invited to have tea with the King... Use your best manners and comb your hair, as one will not be amused if you don't! What do you know about England's capital city? Let's find out all about London, including its history, transport and famous landmarks. Step back in time and discover what happened in the Great Fire of London. Where did it start? How did it end? London's burning! London's burning! Fire, fire! Fire, fire!



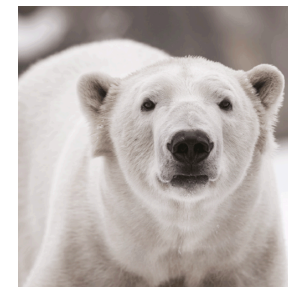
Bee Class: Rocks, Relics and Rumbles

This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity.



Dragonfly Class: Frozen Kingdom

Welcome to the planet's coldest lands. Vast wilds and hostile territories; incredibly beautiful, yet often deadly. Take shelter from the elements or fall prey to icy winds and the deepest chill. Trek bravely and valiantly across treacherous terrain to the ends of the Earth, treading deep in snow or being pulled by a team of mighty sled dogs. Be alert, for magnificent mammals roam these lands, sometimes hungry or fresh for a fight. Perhaps a hungry polar bear or an Arctic fox is hunting rodents, as swift as the wind. Research facts and figures of climate, temperature, habitats and ecosystems, and compose evocative poems about the Northern Lights. Become part of an Antarctic rescue team, braving the elements to rescue terrified passengers from a ship struck by a deadly iceberg that hides deep beneath the Southern Ocean. Wrap up well and settle by the fire. I'm just going outside and may be some time.



PUPILS OF THE TERM

Congratulations to Barney Vincent, Halle Spong and Josie Rogers for being our pupils of the term for Autumn. We are very proud of how hard you worked for the whole term!



UPDATE FROM OUR FSA: WE STILL NEED NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS or CASUAL VOLUNTEERS

Friends of the School Association (FSA) welcome you to 2024, with a reminder that, having children at the school, you all automatically become members. As we are a small school, this invitation is extended to other family and friends. Any involvement big or small is welcomed and all the funds raised go to supporting every child in the school to enhance and enrich their education.

OUR FSA NEEDS YOU!!! We need new active members. Please help us to keep this valuable resource alive! If you are interested in any way, please see Rachel Clements for more information.

We already have some events planned for this term, and we will need volunteers. Even if this is on a casual basis. These essential fundraisers contribute to raising funds for the extra curricular activities that benefit all our children.

GOVERNANCE

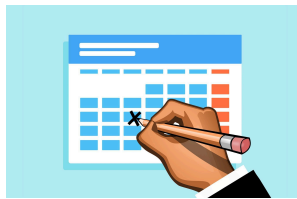
We would like to say a huge welcome to Abi Kingsbury who has recently been appointed as the new parent governor on our Academy Committee (previously known as Local Governing Board).

We are delighted that Abi has volunteered to be a parent voice on this committee and look forward to working with her in this new role.

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Dates for Your Diary

SPRING TERM 2024 KEY EVENTS

Description	Date(s)	Time	Classes and Staff Involved/Information
JANUARY			
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd	All Day	<i>Disaggregated</i>
School starts	Wednesday 3rd	All Day	<i>Whole School</i>
Clubs start	Wednesday 3rd	3.15 - 4.30	<i>All children (need to sign up)</i>
Enrichment Morning - Rocks & Fossils	Friday 12th	10.30 - 12pm	<i>Bee Class</i>
Chipmunks	Friday 26th	9.30am	<i>Hall</i>
FEBRUARY			
Safer Internet Day	Tuesday 6th	All Day	<i>Whole School</i>
Half Term	Monday 12th		<i>Whole School</i>
INSET DAY	Monday 19th	All Day	<i>Staff Only</i>
Back to School	Tuesday 20th	8.45am	<i>Whole school</i>
KS2 Indoor Athletics	Wednesday 21st	9.00-3.00pm	<i>KS2 Children (selected)</i>
Chipmunks	Friday 23rd	9.30am	<i>School Hall</i>
MARCH			
World Book Day	Thursday 7th	All day	<i>Whole School</i>
Comic Relief: Red Nose Day	Friday 15th	All day	<i>Whole School</i>
Parents Evening	Tuesday 19th	Evening	<i>Classrooms</i>
Parents Evening	Wednesday 20th	Evening	<i>Classrooms</i>
Chipmunks	Friday 22nd	9.30am	<i>Hall</i>
KS2 Football Tournament	Monday 25th	12.30 - 3pm	<i>Wincanton Racecourse</i>
Easter Service	Wednesday 27th	1:45pm	<i>Church</i>
Term Ends	Thursday 28th	3.15	<i>Whole School</i>
Bank Holiday - Good Friday	Friday 29th	All day	
APRIL			
Back to School	Monday 15th	8:45am	<i>Whole School</i>