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CE Primary School

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Learning together in friendship and faith

**WELCOME
BACK**

NEWSLETTER – September 2023

Welcome to our newsletter for the month of September. The Summer holiday seems like such a long time ago now and we have already settled really quickly into school routine. It is going to be a busy term so we hope the children are excited for new routines and lots of learning.

We are delighted with the outcome of the recent Ofsted inspection. Well done Charlton Horethorne!



Charlton Horethorne Primary is Good - Ofsted 2023

“ Pupils learn the importance of teamwork through sporting events and the Year 5 and Year 6 residential visits. They learn to ‘stick at it’ and not give up. They take great pride in whole-school projects such as the creation of the school’s memorial sensory garden. ”

-OFSTED, 2023



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Charlton Horethorne Primary is Good - Ofsted 2023

“ Leaders and staff have crafted a clearly sequenced and coherent curriculum from the early years to Year 6. They have identified the essential knowledge pupils must know and remember in all subjects. ”

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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN SCHOOL?

NEW CHILDREN AND STAFF

We were incredibly excited to welcome our **7 new** reception children and their families to school this term. They are all doing brilliantly and have adapted to school routines very quickly.

Welcome to : Chester, Luke, Roman, Sienna, Oliver, Arlo and Barney.

We also say a warm welcome to Mrs Maskew who is supporting Mrs Marston in Ladybird Class whilst we find a permanent replacement for Miss Churchward. Mrs Maskew comes with loads of experience in early years. She is a retired teacher who can't seem to stay away from the classroom! We hope she enjoys her role in Charlton Horethorne and she is already making a great addition to our school family.

We also have two new children starting this year. Welcome to Hugo (Yr3) and your family. Welcome to Rex (Yr2) and your family.

OUR VALUE

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

This half term we are introducing a new value and will be focusing on **GENEROSITY** in our Collective Worship. We will look at what this means to the children, and have already decided together that it is better to give than receive:



“Giving is better for me and for you”

SCHOOL CROSSING

We were unsuccessful last year in finding someone to take on this role. It seems there are fewer people out there who are interested in this very traditional community service. However we are in discussions with the Council, Traffic Department and Parish Council as to how we make crossing safer.

Please take care when crossing the road in front of school.

Please remember, the car park is for staff. We 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 resume this term and will now be held on the last Friday of each month in the morning. Due to half term the first Chipmunks session will be on Friday 13th October from 9:30 to 11:00 am. All are welcome to join us for a play session and refreshments (donations accepted for refreshments.)

We would also like to say a HUGE thank you to Rachel Clements who has helped run Chipmunks for the last 2 years, providing refreshments and activities for our preschoolers.

CLUBS

All after school clubs are now up and running and are well attended. Because of the popularity of the clubs, we are splitting some of them into 2 sessions: half with our sports coach, half with a member of staff. 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.

Please ensure your child has the appropriate kit for the activity they have signed up for.



NEW HOUSES FOR THIS YEAR

We have 'sorted' the children into 3 houses this year, and they are simply called Red House, Blue House and Yellow House.

Red		Blue		Yellow	
Roman	Olivia	Chester	Faith	Oliver	Billie Mae
Arlo	Izzy	Sienna	Rex H	Barney	Hugo
Dolly	Mica Mae	Luke	Halle	Harry	Volodymyr
Samuel	Harley	Joseph	Nell	Henry	Maisie
Brewis	Rosie	Connie	Josie	Fionn	Lily
Charlie	Islay	Aria	Violet	Pria	Ottilie
Cassia	Ashley	Rex T	Elliot	Betsy	Eliza
Freddy	Rhys	Billie	William	Oliver	Harry

House Captains: All year 6 children will be house captains. They will have defined roles within their houses: sports leaders, well-being council and school council.

NEW TOPICS FOR THE TERM

Ladybird Class: Childhood

This project teaches children about everyday life and families today, including comparisons with childhood in the 1950s, using artefacts and a range of different sources.



Bee Class: Through the Ages

This project teaches children about British prehistory from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, including changes to people and lifestyle caused by ingenuity, invention and technological advancement.



Dragonfly Class: MAAFA

This project teaches children about Africa past and present, with a particular focus on Benin. It traces the development of the slave trade and explores Britain's role in the transatlantic slave trade, the causes and consequences of the European colonisation of Africa and the worldwide communities that make up the African diaspora.



PUPILS OF THE WEEK

Please see below our pupils of the week for this month so far. Well done to all of these incredible pupils!

Dates	Pupil of the Week
Week Ending 15th September	Rosie Ackland. Oliver Johnson and Harry Veall
Week Ending 22nd September	Sienna Wills, Aria Fraiz-Brown and Violet Marston



UPDATE FROM OUR FSA: WE NEED NEW COMMITTEE MEMBERS!

Friends of the School Association (FSA) welcome you to a new school year, 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 Clememts for more information.

We must say a big THANK YOU to Kirstie Lynch who, after supporting our FSA for many years, is now resigning from her position.

FIRST MEETING of the TERM: FRIDAY 13th October 2023 at 3.15 in the school hall.

GOVERNANCE

We would like to say a huge THANK YOU to Geoff McHugh who has been our Chair of Governors for several years now. He has decided that his time with us is now over and we are very grateful for all the hard work he has done behind the scenes in supporting our school.

Also leaving our LGB is parent governor, Chris O'Donnell. Our thanks are extended to Chris too.

Amanda Mackintosh has volunteered to be our new Chair for this academic year and will be supported by Kirstie Lynch as Vice Chair.

We will also be needing a new parent governor this year. If you think you might be interested in this role, please contact the office for details.

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Our Harvest Festival will this year be on **Friday 6th October at 2.30pm**. All are welcome. We are hoping to hold this in Church, but will confirm this before the event. We will be supporting the Wincanton Food Bank again this year.

Any dry/tinned foods are very welcome. They particularly need: tinned vegetables, tinned fruit, tinned meat, tinned fish, biscuits, long-life milk, pasta, jars of sauces, peanut butter.

Other items such as toiletries: toothpaste, shower gel, shampoo and deodorant are very welcome.

AUTUMN TERM 2022 KEY EVENTS

Description	Date(s)	Time	Classes and Staff Involved/Information
SEPTEMBER			
INSET DAYS	Monday 4th, Tuesday 5th	All Day	<i>Staff only</i>
School starts	Wednesday 5th	All Day	<i>Whole School</i>
Clubs start	Monday 11th	3.15 - 4.30	<i>All children (need to sign up)</i>
Governors Meeting	Monday 18th	5.00pm	<i>Dragonfly Class</i>
New Reception Parents Phonics Talk	Thursday 21st	3.15pm	<i>New parents with Mrs Marston</i>
King Arthur's School Open Evening	Monday 25th	4.30 - 7pm	<i>Interested parents and children</i>
Year 1 Vision Screening	Wednesday 27th	1.30pm	<i>Hall</i>
OCTOBER			
Harvest Festival	Friday 6th	2.30pm	<i>Whole School venue tbc</i>
Centenary Exhibition	Monday 9th	9.30 - 10.30am	<i>Dragonfly and Bee Class in Village Hall</i>
School Open Morning	Tuesday 10th	10.00 - 11.30am	<i>Whole School</i>
Chipmunks	Friday 13th	9.30 - 11am	<i>School Hall</i>
Parents Evening	Tuesday 17th	3.30 - 6.00pm	<i>Face to Face</i>
Parents Evening	Wednesday 18th	3.30 - 5.30pm	<i>Virtual</i>
INSET DAY	Friday 20th	All Day	<i>Staff Only</i>
Half Term begins	Monday 23rd		
Back to School	Monday 30th	8.45am	<i>Whole school</i>
NOVEMBER			
Tempest Photographer	Tuesday 7th	9am	<i>individual and family portraits</i>
Cool Aeronautics	Wednesday 8th	9am - 3pm	<i>Dragonfly Class</i>
Children in Need	Friday 17th	All Day	<i>Fundraising activities in school</i>
Chipmunks	Friday 24th	9.30 - 11am	<i>Hall</i>
Treehouse Theatre	Thursday 30th	9.30am	<i>Whole School in the hall</i>
DECEMBER			
Flu Vaccines	Friday 1st	11am	<i>Hall/Library</i>
Christmas Movie Night	Friday 1st	3.15pm	<i>In classes</i>
Christmas Jumper/Activity Day	Thursday 7th	All Day	<i>Whole School</i>
Dress Rehearsal and Christmas Production 1	Monday 11th	2.00pm and 5.30pm	<i>Whole School</i>
Christmas Lunch and Party	Tuesday 12th	11.00am onwards	<i>Whole School</i>
Christmas Production 2	Wednesday 13th	5.30pm	<i>Whole School</i>
End of term	Friday 15th		
JANUARY			
INSET DAY	Tuesday 2nd January 2024	All Day	<i>Whole School</i>
Back to School	Wednesday 3rd January 2024		<i>Whole School</i>

