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FAREWELL AND MERRY CHRISTMAS CHARFIELD



After almost 10 years this is my 337th (yes I kept count!) and final Newsletter to you all. It just wouldn't feel right to end without a soapbox moment!

It has been an honour to serve as Charfield Head teacher. I have met inspirational people in my time here and learnt a huge amount. We worked together when there have been challenges and shared in great successes. I will miss the place tremendously

As Roy Castle used to sing "Dedications what you need" (Kids - Ask your grandparents!) in Charfield School you get Record Breaking amounts of this (grandparents – explain!). I have come to expect the late night email with a great idea; to find out staff have sneaked into school on a weekend to get something ready for the children. The staff here are a team to be proud of!

We also have adults who don't work here, but it certainly feels like they do! We have volunteers in school almost every day, reading, helping on trips, performing Open The Book assemblies. Your sense of community and kindness is truly appreciated at Charfield

Then there are The Friends of Charfield. What can I say? They provide the school with finance and community spirit – FOR FREE! If you know someone who volunteers on our Friends thank them, buy them a drink or give them a cwtch. They deserve recognition!

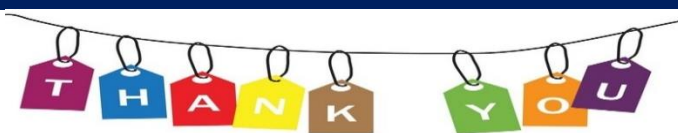
Finally a message to the most important inhabitants of Charfield; the amazing children I have worked with (yes even those of you who are now in your 20's). You are the true stars of this place; your enthusiasm, kindness and spirit continually amazes me and puts a smile on my face. I am spoiled with the number of happy memories I have of you. It makes me incredibly proud to see what you have become and for the younger Charfieldians I cannot wait to hear about the things you will achieve. What an honour to play a small part in your lives.

Charfield – You are a place of magic – never forget that!



I've been truly overwhelmed by your kind words and good wishes for my move from Charfield. I am both excited to take on a new challenge but sad to be leaving the very special place that is Charfield Primary School. I feel so grateful to have worked with such a brilliant team (you really do have the benefit here of a fantastic team for your children) and such wonderful children, who are just the best and every single day inspire us all.

Happy Christmas and all good wishes for the New Year.



All the staff would like to thank you for all your kind thoughts, cards, gifts and good wishes - we hope you all have a very Merry Christmas and here's to a great New Year.



Friends Fundraising

This year the Friends have made around £6,000 in fund-raising to be used by the school! Made up of approximately:

Disco - £285	Fireworks - £3,500
Sports Day Teas - £200	Christmas Fair - £1,000
Charfield Fete - Broke Even	Christmas Tree Sale - £1,000

What a fantastic amount of fundraising which we just know will be put to good use!

And let's not forget that this year the school has seen the benefit of the Friends' efforts in the form of new equipment in EYFS, nine new clarinets, the wonderful new amphitheatre and enrichment to the curriculum in the form of workshops and visitors during focus weeks and finally a Christmas present for each and every child!

The whole school, staff and children, are truly grateful.





EXTRA CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Spring Term clubs will start week commencing 8th January and the range on offer can be found below.

The electronic form to register for a club can be found on our school website or by clicking [here](#).

The clubs that are available this term are overleaf

Club	For	Led by	When & End Time	Where
Comic Book Club	KS2	Mr Higgins	Thurs Lunchtime	Year 5
Football	Y3-6	Mr Galsworthy	Mon 4:10	Field
Computer Club	Years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6	Ms East	Thurs 4.10	ICT Suite Limit of 15
Mathletics	All	Mrs Morrissey	Mon Lunchtime	ICT Suite / Library Limit of 15
Netball	Y4, 5 and 6	Mrs Szmaglik	Thurs 4:10	Playground
Sports Club Paid	All	Future Stars	Tuesday	Info from future Stars
Cooking Club	KS1	Miss Phillips	Thursday 4.10	Cookery Room Limit of 6 children
Singing Club	All	Mrs Lindsay	Weds Lunchtime	Room 8

CLASS OF THE WEEK



The teachers have voted and persuaded.....
Class of the week goes to
Ladybirds Class.

For an outstanding contribution to the Christmas music and enthusiasm and pride in everything they do.



CSET Admissions Policy 2019

The Trust is currently in a consultation period to amend the Admissions Policy criteria for Out of Area siblings. Please see the school's website (www.charfieldschool.org.uk) for more information.



MUSIC LESSONS

Music lessons will start again after the Christmas holidays, week commencing Monday 8th January 2018



LEARNING AT CHARFIELD

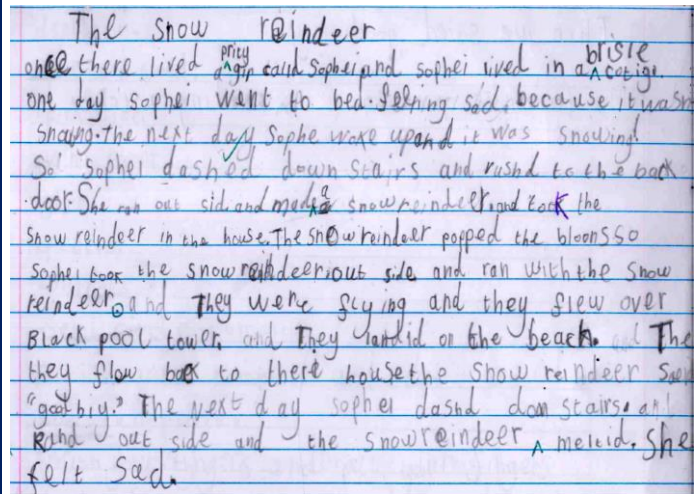


Following on from our learning about the great fire of London, last week Grasshopper class were excited to welcome firefighters from Yate fire station.

They taught us about the importance of smoke alarms and what to do if we notice a fire. We also learnt more about what they do and how to stay safe in the home. We thoroughly enjoyed their visits and wrote recounts of what happened.



This week we have been writing our own snowman stories after reading the Raymond Briggs book and comparing with the DVD. We had such fun role-playing the story and used our own ideas to write our own.



Head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to fundraise for Friends of Charfield School now.
 Already registered? Spread the word to family and friends to let them know just how easy it is!



COMMUNITY NOTICES



A safe traffic-free route to connect local communities – please support the survey!
 A local transport survey has been launched to assess the demand for a safe, secure and traffic-free path (also known as a 'greenway') to connect the local communities of Wotton, Charfield and Kingswood. The survey closes on 21 December – so there's only a short time left to complete it.

It takes just a few minutes to fill out and can be found here:

www.wckgreenwaygroup.org

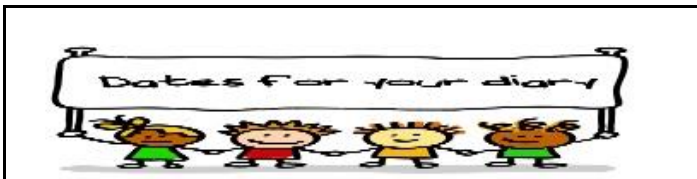
The survey has been prepared by the Wotton, Charfield and Kingswood Greenway Group, and is supported by Kingswood Parish Council, Charfield Parish Council, Wotton-under-Edge Town Council, Renishaw Plc and Wotton Community Sports Foundation.

Please complete with one return for each person in your household, including children and young people and share the link with friends and neighbours. Paper copies are available from the service station in Charfield. Every response will help! Many thanks ☺

Cllr Catherine Braun

Stroud District Councillor for Wotton-under-Edge, North Nibley and Stinchcombe

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DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
18/12/17	Mon	N/A	N/A	INSET Day 3
02/01/18	Tue	N/A	N/A	INSET Day 4
03/01/18	Wed	N/A	N/A	Term 3 Begins
10/01/18	Wed	18:00	19:00	Year 6 - SATs Parent Meeting
17/01/18	Wed	12:00	13:15	Reception - Parent Lunch
17/01/18	Wed	11:45	12:00	Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)
25/01/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 3 Swimming Ends
31/01/18	Wed	12:20	13:15	YEAR 4 – Parent Lunch
31/01/18	Wed	12:00	12:20	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
08/02/18	Thu	15:15	16:00	Open Class - Dragonflies (Y5)
09/02/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 3 Ends
19/02/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Term 4 Begins
23/02/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Mid Year Reports
26/02/18	Mon	17:30	20:00	Parents Evening 2 Late
28/02/18	Wed	15:30	17:30	Parents Evening 2 Early
01/03/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 3 Swimming Starts

08/03/18	Thu	12:00	12:20	Open Class - Dragonflies (Y5)
08/03/18	Thu	12:20	13:15	YEAR 5 – Parent Lunch
26/02/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	FOCUS WEEK 2
01/03/18	Thu	N/A	N/A	World Book Day
16/03/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Photographer - Class & Leavers
22/03/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Butterflies (Y1)
23/03/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 4 Ends
09/04/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	INSET Day 5
10/04/18	Tue	N/A	N/A	Term 5 Begins
12/04/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 3 Swimming Ends
19/04/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Starts
04/05/18	Fri	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Beetles (Y3)
10/05/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Ends
14/05/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Year 6 SAT Week
17/05/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
18/05/18	Fri	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)
23/05/18	Wed	09:30	12:00	Infant Sports Day
23/05/18	Wed	12:00	13:00	Sports Day Picnic
23/05/18	Wed	13:30	03:00	Junior Sports Day
25/05/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 5 Ends
04/06/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Term 6 Begins
04/06/18	Mon	13:30	15:20	Y6 Block Swimming Session Starts
13/06/18	Wed	N/A	N/A	Reserve Sports Day
08/06/18	Fri	13:30	15:20	Y6 Block Swimming Session Ends
11/06/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Phonics Screening Week
14/06/18	Thu	12:00	12:20	Open Class - Bumblebees (Y6)
14/06/18	Thu	12:20	13:15	YEAR 6 – Parent Lunch
14/06/18	Thu	18:00	19:00	New Reception Parents Evening
14/06/18	Thu	14:00	15:30	Year 1 Swimming Starts
02/07/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	FOCUS WEEK 3
04/07/18	Wed	19:00	20:00	Music Evening
05/07/18	Thu	15:20	15:45	Open Class - Grasshoppers (Y2)
13/07/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Reports to Parents
18/07/18	Wed	19:00	20:30	Leavers Play
19/07/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 1 Swimming Ends



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