



Working together... Learning for life



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Dear Parents,

It's been another busy week in school. Golden lunch on Monday was a lovely way to start my week and the Reception open class and parent lunch on Wednesday was a great chance to meet some of you and share your children's learning. I look forward to meeting more of you at future open class sessions and parent lunches.

Continuing the theme of learning, your children may have already begun to come home and talk about being a **purple** learner (or even showed you a purple dot sticker) if not they should do within the next few weeks. There is some brief information about purple learning on this newsletter and I will provide more information during the year about the strategies we are using to help our children develop good learning behaviours linked to the school values of: collaboration, courage, enthusiasm, pride, resilience and responsibility. If you need more information in the interim, please speak to your child or ask the class teacher.

Kindest regards,  
Mrs Willcox, Headteacher



**SPORTS DAY – CHANGE OF DATE**

Please note that we have changed the date of Sports Day, this will now take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018.

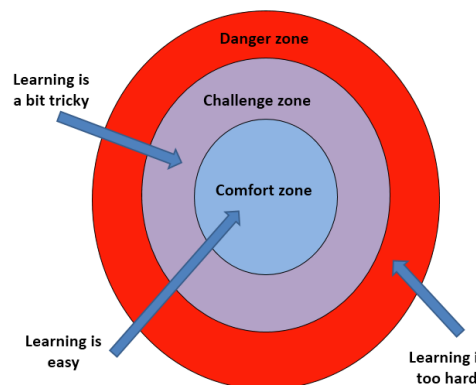
 **Twitter**      **@CharfieldPri**

We have created a new twitter site for Charfield Primary and will begin to use this to tweet news updates and other information in addition to the usual communication sources. Follow us on @CharfieldPri to see our feed.

**Purple learning at Charfield**

Research shows that one of the keys to children succeeding at school is for them to understand how they learn. If a child can explain the different skills he or she is using, it enhances awareness of what helps them to learn, what their strengths and weaknesses are and what they need to do to improve.

One of the strategies we are using to help children talk about their learning, and the importance of challenge within this, is the use of 'purple learning'. In each class we have spoken about learning and the importance of challenge and have used the target image (below) to help our discussion.



The children have discussed the meaning of each 'zone' and are aiming to be in the purple (challenge) zone where they feel confident to have a go and know that some of the learning will be difficult but, if they keep working hard, they can be successful. They have also begun to discuss the importance of making and learning from the mistakes they make if they are challenging themselves.

To help talk about purple learning as a school children are sometimes given a purple dot to show they have been a purple learner; this allows all staff to talk to them about what they have done, the skills they have used and to celebrate their learning.





## LEARNING AT CHARFIELD



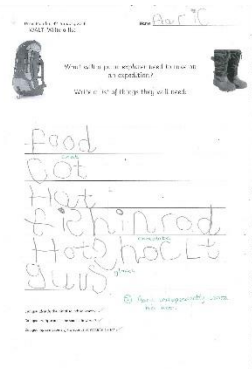
This term in caterpillar class, our topic is Earth Explorers! We have begun with a focus on the polar regions and will shortly be changing our focus to Africa. These very different places will give us lots of opportunities to talk about the similarities and differences between hot and cold places.

In literacy, we have been using Non-Fiction books to research a polar animal of our choice to find out lots of facts about them. We then created a fact file to teach other people some interesting information about the animals. We have also been learning how to write a list. We received a mystery bag from an Arctic explorer and we unpacked it to see what they had taken with them. We then wrote our own lists and imagined what we would take.

In maths, we have been learning all about 2D shapes. We played a game of shape bingo to help us recognise the shapes and learn their names. We then got ourselves into teams and had a shape quiz, where Miss Phillips only read the description, and we had to hold up the correct shape.

In PE, we have started yoga. We have learnt a couple of moves so far and have practised holding them for 5 seconds. We have also worked with our partners to create a sequence of balances to the soundtrack of the 'Snowman and the Snow Dog'.

In our topic sessions, we have been talking about how polar animals are able to survive in such cold places. We compared this to our local wildlife and we decided to make some shelters for them in the forest to help them keep warm at night. We also learnt about the effects of plastic in the sea on polar animals and what will happen if the ice keeps on melting. Finally, we have been thinking about what the polar animals look like and made some polar bear cupcakes and painted pictures of them onto tin foil. Next week, we will start learning about Africa and other hot places. Our exploration continues!



## FRIENDS MEETING



The next Friends meeting will be on Thursday 25th January @19:30 at the school. Of particular focus will be to agree on the events the Friends want to run in 2018. Everyone is welcome

## CLASS OF THE WEEK



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

Butterflies have shown amazing resilience and collaboration in maths to solve word problems. Amazing enthusiasm in English, writing Jemmy Button stories and made Miss Lea very proud.



## COMMUNITY NOTICES



## Brownies

Charfield brownies would love to return to the village this spring . Currently we are taking names and contact details of any girls between the age of 7 and 10 who would like to join the family of Girl Guiding.

We would like to get an idea of interest and numbers and keep you up to date of our plans and when we would start.

Younger children too are welcome to be put on the waiting list.

If you'd like to put your child's name on the list or you would like to volunteer alongside myself Helen Date and Helen Perrett then please contact either of us on [helen@cyberprog.net](mailto:helen@cyberprog.net) or [h.perrett@btinternet.com](mailto:h.perrett@btinternet.com) . For more information.

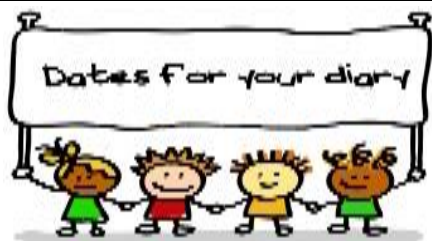
**Coffee Morning**  
**Charfield Memorial Hall**  
**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> January**  
**10am – 12pm**



*Please come along and support Charfield Pre-School at our first Coffee Morning. There will be a play area for younger children, colouring area, and some stalls to browse; there's something for everyone, especially CAKE!*



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DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
25/01/18	Thu	14:00	15:00	Year 3 Swimming Ends
31/01/18	Wed	12:00	12:20	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
31/01/18	Wed	12:20	13:15	YEAR 4 – Parent Lunch
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	N/A	N/A	FOCUS WEEK 2
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	N/A	N/A	World Book Day
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
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)
24/05/18	Thurs	09:30	12:00	Infant Sports Day
24/05/18	Thurs	12:00	13:00	Sports Day Picnic
24/05/18	Thurs	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

08/06/18	Fri	13:30	15:20	Y6 Block Swimming Session Ends
11/06/18	Mon	N/A	N/A	Phonics Screening Week
13/06/18	Wed	N/A	N/A	Reserve Sports Day
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	14:00	15:30	Year 1 Swimming Starts
14/06/18	Thu	18:00	19:00	New Reception Parents Evening
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
20/7/18	Fri	N/A	N/A	Term 6 Ends



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