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## CHARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

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### HMI Monitoring Visit 2

This week the school received its second OFSTED HMI monitoring visit. As with the previous visit, the visit letter will be made available in a few weeks. It will be at this point we will set a date for a parents meeting to discuss the outcomes.

### DINNER MONEY

This terms dinner money is £42.00. Please make cheques payable to South Gloucestershire Council.

### Charfield Out of School Club

Thank you to all who donated items or came along to the Out of School Club jumble sale last Saturday. We made a total profit of £230. This money will be put to good use in the Club for all the children to benefit from. So thank you!

### PARENTS EVENINGS YR – Y6

A reminder that parents evenings will be upon us when we come back from the holiday. The dates are Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March and Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March. Sheets to sign up for a time slot will be placed in the front foyer from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February.

### CLASS RD TRIP TO BRISTOL ZOO

Yesterday our Reception children visited Bristol Zoo. They had an amazing day and thoroughly enjoyed their polar experience. The children were impeccably behaved and we are very proud of



them all. We would like to say a special thank you to all our helpers, Mrs Clarke, Mrs Hancock, Mrs Wilcox, Claire Beland and Natalie Britton



### CHARFIELD AFTER SCHOOL MINI TENNIS CLUB

**TUESDAY FROM 15th January 3.20pm to 4.05pm** 

Dates **TUESDAYS 15/01 22/01 29/01 & 05/02** Cost for 4 week club **£11.60**

**BY cash or BACS payment** to bank account: Sort code 40.47.34 A/c no: 31505289

Reference: Your Surname, CHAR (please send an email & when transfer to the account was made for bacs pyts)

NB Cheques are no longer accepted due to increased bank charges.

Please return the slip below in a sealed envelope to the school secretary by **THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY** for all pupils in order to assist with administration **MARKED f.a.o. E Weightman Tennis.**

If you are unable to get along to the school club please enquire about activities taking place at Charfield Tennis club and other venues.

On 01454 315023 / 07725165181 or email [elaine.weightman@homecall.co.uk](mailto:elaine.weightman@homecall.co.uk) LTA Coach

-----Detach & Return by **THURSDAY 10TH JANUARY** with your remittance-----

Name .....  
.....ADDRESS.....  
..... D.O.B/ Year Group .....

Email ..... mob/home tel .....  
..... Fee enclosed/cash/bank pyt. £..... Tues CHAR  
(Please inform if any medical issues we need to be aware of.)



Register now for  
**New Adult and  
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Thornbury



For more information and to book  
a place contact Sam Rugman  
Email: [sam.rugman@circadiantrust.org](mailto:sam.rugman@circadiantrust.org)

**Thornbury Leisure Centre**  
**0300 333 0300**

## Charfield Pre-School

Are holding a Wild West Themed Quiz night on Friday 8th February in the memorial hall @ 7.30pm.

The money raised will go towards some much needed equipment for the Pre-School"

## LEARNING AT CHARFIELD

This week we have a contribution from the Bumblebees in Year 6

In Bumble Bee class we have been studying the life of Adeline Yen Mah. We have written biographies about this extraordinary person.

### Adeline Yen Mah

Adeline Yen Mah was born on November 1937 in Tianjin (china) but unfortunately two weeks after her birth, her mother sadly died, since then she has been considered to be bad luck. All of her family are horrid to her , they blame her for the death. It broke the family apart.

Further on in Adeline's life she went to a French missionary school (St. Joseph's) to learn and become a genius, she wanted to know everything. Because of her amazingly hard work in all subjects, she became top of the class and won many awards one special award, made her father proud, it was a gold medal. Just at that point in her life the clever child realised, if she excelled at school then she could finally reach for her father's pure attention and be noticed for once ; at last Adeline could touch the stars. At home the unwanted girl lived with her horrible family: Niang (stepmother), father, her brothers and sisters and Aunt Baba. When father, Niang and one of the brothers left to go to Shanghai, because the Japanese troops were invading, that was the best time of Adeline's life! She got to go to different restaurants with Aunt Baba and Ye Ye every night and invite friends over on Saturdays.

A couple of years later, Adeline and the rest of the family joined father, Niang and fourth brother in Shanghai. During her new school Adeline became much more intelligent and was voted the class president – Niang wasn't very happy at all. Despite being president her family still decided to punish her. Adeline moved to Tianjin. Throughout the plane journey Adeline's own father forgot her birthday so she had to take her father's. That was when November 30<sup>th</sup> became her date of birth. When they arrived in Tianjin Adeline was dropped in the boarding school without being able to write letters or ring anyone Eventually she was the only child left at school.

At school Adeline loved writing so she took part in an international writing competition to prove she could do anything and get her father's attention. SHE WON! Father saw the news in the paper and decided to send her to an English school to study medicine , although Adeline wanted to be involved with writing she didn't care as long as she got to go. Adeline entered London Hospital Medical college and she graduated as a doctor.

To this day, Adeline Yen Mah has a wonderful life shared with her husband and two children. In 1997 Adeline became a full time writer, her first book is called 'Falling leaves' – her autobiography. Then she decided to make a children's copy which is called 'Chinese Cinderella', these books are brilliant.

By Abbie C

## LETTERS THIS WEEK

Class(es)	Title	Response Required

## Dates 2012-2013

DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
05/02/2013	Tuesday	3:20 PM	3:50 PM	YEAR 6 – SAT Meeting
07/02/2013	Thursday	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 4 – Parent Lunch
07/02/2013	Thursday			Term 3 Last Day
08/02/2013	Friday			INSET Day 3
18/02/2013	Monday			Term 4 Begins
01/03/2013	Friday			Mid Year Reports
04/03/2013	Monday	5:30 PM	8:00 PM	Parents Evening 2 Late
06/03/2013	Wednesday	3:30 PM	5:30 PM	Parents Evening 2 Early
14/03/2013	Wednesday	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 5 – Parent Lunch
21/03/2013	Thursday	9:00 AM	2:30 PM	Y6 Life-skills
22/03/2013	Friday			Term 4 Last Day
08/04/2013	Monday			Term 5 Begins
18/04/2013	Thursday	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 3 Swimming Ends
25/04/2013	Thursday	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 1 Swimming Starts
12/05/2013	Monday			Y6 SAT Week Begins
17/05/2013	Friday			Y6 SAT Week Ends
22/05/2013	Wednesday	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Infant Sports Day
22/05/2013	Wednesday	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Sports Day Picnic
22/05/2013	Wednesday	1:30 PM	3:00 AM	Junior Sports Day
23/05/2013	Thursday	12:15 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 6 – Parent Lunch
24/05/2013	Friday			Term 5 Last Day
03/06/2013	Monday			INSET Day 4
04/06/2013	Tuesday			Term 6 Begins
05/06/2013	Wednesday			Reserve Sports Day
19/06/2013	Wednesday			Photographer Class photos
13/06/2013	Thursday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	New Reception Parents Evening
08/07/2013	Monday	2.00 PM		Helpers Thank you Tea
08/07/2013	Monday	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Music Evening
18/07/2013	Thursday	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 1 Swimming Ends
22/07/2013	Monday	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Leavers Play 2011
24/07/2013	Wednesday			Term 6 Last Day Inset Day 5