



CHARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Learning for life*

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WORLD
BOOK
DAY
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BOOKS, BOOKS, BOOKS READ, READ, READ

This week for World Book Day the school has celebrated the love and importance of books.



On Tuesday Year 5 visited The Castle school to meet children's authors. The children were particularly impressed with the author of the 'Dennis The Menace' Books.

Thank you to the volunteers who helped take the children to the event



On Thursday all the class teachers swapped classes. They each took one of their favourite children's books to a class and read it to them. The children (and staff) really enjoyed the swap!



CROSS COUNTRY MARVELS

Charfield's 'champion' Cross Country team took part in the final race last Saturday at KLB. Yet again, the children made the school incredibly proud, not just because of medals won, but because of their courage, pride and enthusiasm on the day itself. The number of Charfield runners taking part in these races this season has been higher than ever before, with in between 15-25 children competing in each race. Caitlin Witham, year 4, managed to gain 2nd place out of around 70 runners in all 4 races and the Edwards brothers climbed high, achieving top 12 results in all their races. We are so proud of all the children who have taken part this season – truly inspirational!

Miss Thorne



FRIENDS SECURE AMAZING FUNDING FOR SCHOOL EQUIPMENT



On Wednesday evening two members of the Friends committee, along with two pupil representatives attended the Severn Vale Forum meeting to submit and present a bid to improve our play area.

I am delighted to say that an excellent and confident presentation by Caitlin and Mia was the icing on the cake.

Over the next few months you will see the fantastic changes take place in our playground that school, pre-school and Out of School Club will benefit from



**Caitlin, Mia, Rhian & Dave – You all Rock!
Thank you on behalf of every Charfield child!**

Lifeskills
LEARNING FOR LIVING



BUMBLEBEES VISIT LIFESKILLS

On Thursday Bumblebee class visited the amazing Create Centre in Bristol for their Lifeskills Trip

Bumblebees came back buzzing (excuse the pun) about the experience.

This is one of the most crucial trips we take our children on. The children learn strategies to stay safe and actions to take in an emergency.

Since its opening the centre has many examples where their training has saved lives. It is simply an amazing place!

The centre is always looking for volunteers to help pupils learn valuable skills. If you want to find out more go to <http://www.lifeskills-bristol.org.uk/volunteers/>



Head to www.easyfundraising.org.uk to fundraise for Friends of Charfield School now.
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TODAY!



DISCO

The Friends are holding a School Disco on Friday 4th March 2016 and will be split into two sessions.

Years Reception 1 & 2 5.15pm – 6.15pm

Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 6.30pm – 8.00pm

£2.00 per child.

MR LAWDAY'S CLASS OF THE WEEK

This week's Class of the Week goes to the **Ladybirds!**



Not only did the class get us special recognition and commendation from Slimbridge but two of their classmates secured us funding for play equipment.

Well Done Lady birds!



LEARNING AT CHARFIELD

Ladybird Class (Y4)



On Monday, Ladybird Class went to the Slimbridge Wetlands centre to learn more about the water cycle. We took part in a pond dipping session that taught us all about the importance of water and how many different species and plants live within the water around us. We also used iodine to test the water and see if it was safe. For the rest of the day, we explored the wetlands and saw many different types of birds and learnt so many new facts.



CHATTER UPDATE!

The children have now sold all advertising slots and stories are coming in thick and fast. It's going to be a great edition!!!



CALLING ALL BUILDERS & DIY EXPERTS

We need help to install a shed-base for our new play equipment shed. If you would be able to help please contact us at the school. Thank you!

SCOOTERS



Please can I remind you that children must not ride their scooters once on the school site – this includes scooting around the playground at the end of the day and applies to younger and older brothers and sisters too.

CHARFIELD COMMUNITY NOTICES



Mums, Dads, children, friends and neighbours are warmly invited to a family service in St John's at 9.30 am – followed by refreshments. ALL WELCOME!



YOUR VILLAGE NEEDS YOU!

Would you like to get more involved in village life?

Do you enjoy reading the Quarterly Newsletter?

Could you spare a few days every few months to put together the Newsletter?

CHADRA needs to find a new editor for the Newsletter:

This is the primary means of communication for all village groups and organisations therefore it is vital to have an editor for it to continue.

If you can help or would just like to know more please email: editor.chadra@gmail.com or contact any committee member (details inside the front cover of the newsletter)



Dates 15-16				
DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
07/03/16	Monday	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 5 – Parent Lunch
07/03/16	Monday	12:00 PM	12:20 PM	Open Class - Dragonflies (Y5)
17/03/16	Thursday	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 3 Swimming Ends
21/03/16	Monday			FOCUS WEEK 2
23/03/16	Wednesday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Butterflies (Y1)
24/03/16	Thursday			Term 4 Ends
11/04/16	Monday			INSET Day 3
12/04/16	Tuesday			Term 5 Begins
14/04/16	Thursday	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 1 Swimming Starts
21/04/16	Thursday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Beetles (Y3)
09/05/16	Monday			Year 6 SAT Week
18/05/16	Wednesday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)
25/05/16	Wednesday	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Infant Sports Day
25/05/16	Wednesday	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Sports Day Picnic
25/05/16	Wednesday	1:30 PM	3:00 AM	Junior Sports Day
26/05/16	Thursday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
27/05/16	Friday			Term 5 Ends
06/06/16	Monday			INSET Day 4
07/06/16	Tuesday			Term 6 Begins
08/06/16	Wednesday			Reserve Sports Day
09/06/16	Thursday	12:00 PM	12:20 PM	Open Class - Bumblebees (Y6)
09/06/16	Thursday	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 6 – Parent Lunch
16/06/16	Thursday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	New Reception Parents Evening
27/06/16	Monday			FOCUS WEEK 3
30/06/16	Thursday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Grasshoppers (Y2)
06/07/16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Music Evening
07/07/16	Thursday	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 1 Swimming Ends
08/07/16	Friday			Reports to Parents
20/07/16	Wednesday	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Leavers Play
21/07/16	Thursday			Term 6 Ends
22/07/16	Friday			INSET Day 5



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