



# CHARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

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Learning for life*

Newsletter 01  
6<sup>th</sup> September 2013



## CHARFIELD ACADEMY CONVERSION COMPLETED

The Department for Education's Academy Conversion for our school took place on 1<sup>st</sup> September. As such Charfield Primary is now part of The Castle School Education Trust (CSET)

The conversion process will have very little visible change to Charfield. On a day to day basis there will be little obvious change, the principle difference is the way in which the school is funded and governed. We continue to ensure that we build on the significant improvements we have already made in teaching and learning. Your child will continue to receive the same high standards we expect at Charfield. There will be no changes to the school name, uniform or staffing as a result of becoming an Academy.

The school staff and governors look forward to taking full advantage of the opportunities that are now available to us. We look forward to working closely with CSET to ensure Charfield continues to provide its pupils with a quality education and superb outcomes.

Throughout the year opportunities to meet CSET personnel will take place. The first of these will be during our parent's evenings in November where you will be able to meet Melanie Warnes. In the mean time if you have any related academy questions you can contact us at school, Melanie Warnes ([head@thecastleschool.org.uk](mailto:head@thecastleschool.org.uk)) or Joy Irwin (Melanie's PA) on 01454 862 100

## CHARFIELD ACHIEVES!

Comparison against South Gloucestershire assessment figures.

### Caterpillars (EYFS)

<b>Good Level of Development (GLD)</b>	<b>9% Above</b>
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### Butterflies (Year 1)

<b>Phonics Screening</b>	<b>21% Above</b>
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### Grasshoppers (Year 2)

	<b>Level 2b +</b>
<b>READING</b>	<b>5% Above</b>
<b>WRITING</b>	<b>7% Above</b>
<b>MATHS</b>	<b>11% Above</b>

### Bumblebees (Year 6)

	<b>Level 4 +</b>
<b>READING</b>	<b>8% Above</b>
<b>WRITING</b>	<b>12% Above</b>
<b>SPELLING &amp; GRAMMAR</b>	<b>17% Above</b>
<b>MATHS</b>	<b>15% Above</b>
<b>SCIENCE</b>	<b>12% Above</b>
<b>COMBINED SUBJECTS</b>	<b>20% Above</b>



## MUSIC LESSONS – START NEXT WEEK

Tuesdays – Woodwind and Recorder  
Wednesdays – Strings  
Thursdays – Guitar  
Fridays – Brass and Drums

## DINNER MONEY

A reminder that school meals have increased in price to, £1.80 per day from 1<sup>st</sup> September.

If you wish to pay by cheque for Term 1 they should be made payable to South Gloucestershire Council and the cost is £70.20

## PHOTOGRAPHER



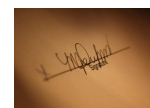
The photographer will be in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, to take children's individual photos. Siblings in school will also be done at the same time.

## PAPERWORK, PAPERWORK!

Your child will have brought home two pieces of paper for your attention tonight.

The first is the data collection sheet for each pupil. We really need you to look at this sheet and update any details that have changed to ensure we can contact you should we ever need to.

The second is an 'Appropriate Use' agreement for using school computers, please sign and return.



## HOLIDAY REQUESTS – NATIONAL CHANGES



Please be aware that Government changes took place on 1<sup>st</sup> September removing every school's authority to authorise holidays. Head teachers only have the authority to authorise holidays in

exceptional and rare circumstances.

Whilst the school understands the financial and logistical problems this creates for parents this is the new national legislation that we have to follow.

## YEAR 6 SWIMMING

Just to remind you that year 6 children will be swimming everyday next week. Please could you ensure that they come to school with their kit every day.

## OPEN EVENINGS FOR YEAR 6

Open evening for prospective Year 7 entrants September 2013

**Castle School** - Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September 6.00-8.30 p.m.  
**K.L.B** - Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 6.00-8.30 p.m.

## CLUBS

Clubs will officially start week commencing **16<sup>th</sup> September (Week 3)** unless advised otherwise by club leaders. Clubs have limited places, we will inform you if your child has a place on the club or not. A club permission form can be found on our school website (information area) or from the school office. The clubs that are available this term are:

Club	For	Led by	When & End Time	Where
Chess	Y3-6	Mr Crocker	Tue – 4:10	Y3
Cross Country	Y3-6	Mrs Southwell	Mon – 4:10	Field
Football	Y5&6	Gary Davis	Thurs – 4:10	Field
Gardening	Y1-6	Mrs Tyler & Mrs Smith	Mon – 4:10	Library & Garden
ICT	EYFS/K S1	Mrs Miller	Mon – 4.10	ICT Suite
Mathletics	All	Mrs Windram	Thurs –4:10	ICT Suite / Library
Orchestra	Instrument players	Mr Loveridge	Wed - 3.50	Hall
Puzzle Club	Y3-6	Mrs Hill	<b>TERM 2</b> Thurs - 4:10	Y6
TAG Rugby	Y3&4	Mr Lawday	Mon – 4:10	Field
Tennis	All	Elaine Weightman	Tues - 4:05	Playground

## TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL SEPTEMBER 2014

Parents and carers of Y6 pupils will have received an individual letter giving information on how to register your child for secondary school. If you have not received your letter please advise the office. The closing date for applications is Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.

## WALKING HOME ALONE



### 1. Regular Walkers

In the interests of safeguarding your child, it is essential that we receive your written permission if your child is going to walk home alone.

NO previous arrangements will be carried

over to ensure that we have up to date information.

Please note we do not advocate pupils younger than Year 5 walking home alone.

### 1. Ad Hoc Walking home

If for any reason your child needs to walk home one evening the school must have permission from the parent / carer before staff will allow this.

Thank you for your support.

## CHARFIELD AFTER SCHOOL MINI TENNIS CLUB FROM TUESDAY 10th SEPTEMBER 3.20pm to 4.05pm



Dates: **TUESDAYS 10/9 17/9 24/9 29/9 8/10 15/10 & 22/10**  
Cost for 7wks £21 (£3)

**BY cash or BACS payment to NEW bank account: Sort code 40.14.14 A/c no: 74900499**

**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**

**FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 6TH in order to assist with administration MARKED**

**F.a.o.E Weightman Tennis OR advise Elaine direct by email/text if making Bacs pyt.**

If you are unable to get along to the school club please enquire about activities taking place during term time at Charfield Tennis club .

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

-----Detach & Return to office or email Elaine -----

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.)

## DIARY DATES FOR THIS ACADEMIC YEAR

For your convenience we have attached a separate sheet giving you details of all the dates you need to know for this year. We hope you find this useful.

# Dates 2013-2014

DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
02/09/2013	Mon			INSET Day 1
03/09/2013	Tue			Term 1 Begins
04/09/2013	Wed	3:30 PM	4:00 PM	Meet the Teacher
09/09/2013	Mon	1:30 PM	3:20 PM	Y6 Block Swimming Session Starts
13/09/2013	Fri	1:30 PM	3:20 PM	Y6 Block Swimming Session Ends
19/09/2013	Thur	12:00 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 1 – Parent Lunch
26/09/2013	Thur	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	YEAR 2 Swimming Starts
17/10/2013	Thur	12:00 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 2 – Parent Lunch
25/10/2013	Fri			Term 1 Ends
04/11/2013	Mon			Term 2 Begins
11/11/2013	Mon			Y6 Residential Trip Starts
14/11/2013	Thur	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 3 – Parent Lunch
15/11/2013	Fri			Y6 Residential Trip Ends
18/11/2013	Mon	5:30 PM	8:00 PM	Parents Evening 1 Late
20/11/2013	Wed	3:30 PM	5:30 PM	Parents Evening 1 Early
22/11/2013	Fri			INSET Day 2
04/12/2013	Wed	5:30 PM	6:30 PM	Residential 2014 Meeting 1 (Y5 Parents)
05/12/2013	Thur	2:00 PM	3:30 PM	YEAR 2 Swimming Ends
12/12/2013	Thur	11:30 AM	1:30 PM	Christmas Lunch
17/12/2013	Tue	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	KS1 Nativity 1
17/12/2013	Tue	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	KS1 Nativity 2
20/12/2013	Fri	2:30 PM	3:10 PM	KS2 - Carol Service
20/12/2013	Fri			Term 2 Ends
06/01/2014	Mon			Term 3 Begins
09/01/2014	Thur	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 3 Swimming Starts
16/01/2014	Thur	12:00 PM	1:15 PM	Reception - Parent Lunch
30/01/2014	Thur	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)
06/02/2014	Thur	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 4 – Parent Lunch
06/02/2014	Thur	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Grasshoppers (Y2)
14/02/2014	Fri			Term 3 Ends
24/02/2014	Mon			Term 4 Begins
28/02/2014	Fri			Mid Year Reports
03/03/2014	Mon	5:30 PM	8:00 PM	Parents Evening 2 Late
05/03/2014	Wed	3:30 PM	5:30 PM	Parents Evening 2 Early
13/03/2014	Thur	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 5 – Parent Lunch
17/03/2014	Mon	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class -

2014				Butterflies (Y1)
18/03/2014	Tue	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Bumblebees (Y6)
18/03/2014	Tue	9:00 AM	2:30 PM	Y6 Life-skills
19/03/2014	Wed	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
20/03/2014	Thur	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Beetles (Y3)
21/03/2014	Fri	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Dragonflies (Y5)
03/04/2014	Thur	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 3 Swimming Ends
03/04/2014	Thur			Term 4 Ends
04/04/2014	Fri			INSET Day 3
22/04/2014	Tue			Term 5 Begins
24/04/2014	Thur	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 1 Swimming Starts
16/05/2014	Fri	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Dragonflies (Y5)
19/05/2014	Mon	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Butterflies (Y1)
21/05/2014	Wed	9:30 AM	12:00 PM	Infant Sports Day
21/05/2014	Wed	12:00 PM	1:00 PM	Sports Day Picnic
21/05/2014	Wed	1:30 PM	3:00 AM	Junior Sports Day
22/05/2014	Thur	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Beetles (Y3)
23/05/2014	Fri			Term 5 Ends
23/05/2014	Fri	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
02/06/2014	Mon			Term 6 Begins
04/06/2014	Wed	12:00 AM	12:00 AM	Reserve Sports Day
10/06/2014	Tue	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)
12/06/2014	Thur	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 6 – Parent Lunch
12/06/2014	Thur	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	New Reception Parents Evening
17/06/2014	Tue	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Grasshoppers (Y2)
03/07/2014	Thur	2:00 PM	3:00 PM	Year 1 Swimming Ends
07/07/2014	Mon	7:00 PM	8:00 PM	Music Evening
14/07/2014	Mon	7:00 PM	8:30 PM	Leavers Play 2011
18/07/2014	Fri			Term 6 Ends
21/07/2014	Mon			INSET Day 4
22/07/2014	Tue			INSET Day 5