



CHARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

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Learning for life*

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APPLICATIONS FOR SCHOOL PLACES SEPT 2014.



The Application process for September 2014 school places is now open. 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.

South Gloucestershire information and online application forms can be found at www.southglos.gov.uk/admissions

The deadline dates for applications are shown below:

Secondary School - Thursday 31st October 2013

Primary School – Wednesday 15th January 2014

SCHOOL OPEN DAYS.

For our prospective parents we will be holding a number of 'Open Day' Sessions. If you, or someone you know, has a child starting school next September please contact the school office to book a place.



Monday 21st October
Wednesday 23rd October
Monday 2nd December
Wednesday 4th December

Each day has two sessions beginning at 9:30am & 1:30pm

OPEN EVENINGS FOR YEAR 6

Open evening for prospective Year 7 entrants September 2013

Castle School - Thursday 26th September 6.00-8.30 p.m.
K.L.B - Thursday 19th September 6.00-8.30 p.m.

CHARFIELD OUT OF SCHOOL CLUB

Welcome back to everyone and hello to all our new users. Over the summer the Foundation Room has had a makeover! The room has been painted and we have fantastic new flooring. We have some new larger display boards to exhibit the children's work. And to finish off we received £500 from South Glos Council towards some new tables and chairs, as the current ones have been in use in the Foundation Room since it opened more than 10 years ago; they will be arriving soon. This is all in partnership with the Foundation Trust and Preschool. Come and have a peak!

DINNER MONEY

A reminder that school meals have increased in price to, £1.80 per day from 1st 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

ARE YOU ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

A recent study indicated that around 300,000 children do not claim the Free School Meal that they are entitled to. This can add an extra £400 to a parent's annual household costs. However did you also know that the government provides schools an additional **£900** of funding for every child that is registered for Free School Meals? For our school this additional funding will make all the difference, it could possibly add thousands of pounds to a tight budget.



Therefore we would ask that you look at the criteria below to see whether you are entitled to register for Free School Meals. You may be eligible for help if you fall into one of the following categories:

- Child Tax Credit, provided you are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by HM Revenue & Customs) that does not exceed £16,190
- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit
- Working Tax Credit during the four week-period immediately after employment finishes or after you start to work less than 16 hours per week.

Registering for Free School Meals does not mean that your child **HAS** to take school lunches on a daily basis (if at all). However being registered will not only help your family finances but also provide additional funding for the school. For more information please contact us directly in school or browse the South Glos website 'Apply for it' section. A direct link is [here](#).

PHOTOGRAPHER



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

LEARNING AT CHARFIELD

Mrs Miller is as pleased as punch about her new Caterpillar class! "The new Reception children are settling into school life very well. They have been busy exploring their new classroom and learning the new school routines. Josie and Lilly-Rose have been busy playing with the letters! They tried to find some of the letters in their names. "



CLUBS – START NEXT WEEK

Clubs will officially start next week (16th September)
YOUR CHILD HAS A PLACE IN THEIR PREFERRED CLUB, UNLESS ADVISED BY US OTHERWISE.
 Some clubs still have places. 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	Y2-6	Mrs Southwell	Mon – 4:10	Field
Football	Y3-6	Gary Davis	Thurs – 4:10	Field
Gardening	Y1-6	Mrs Tyler & Mrs Smith	Mon – 4:10	Library & Garden
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	TERM 2 Thurs - 4:10	Y6
TAG Rugby	Y3&4	Mr Lawday	Mon – 4:10	Field
Tennis	All	Elaine Weightman	Tues - 4:05	Playground

INVITATION FROM ST JOHN'S CHURCH

Mums, Dads, children, friends and neighbours are warmly invited to the launch of the All Age Communion Service on **Sunday 22nd September at 9.30am**. This is a family-friendly service.

Coffee, croissants and refreshments on arrival from 9.00 - 9.30am

Exciting, **mystery visitor** arriving from the Middle-East - come and meet him!

CHURCH, CHILDREN & PEBBLES

The Friday afternoon club for children gets back into swing on Friday afternoons from 3.15 - 4.30pm beginning 13th September.

The aim of this is to provide a safe, informal, creative and structured programme which will foster an interest in matters of faith by using short, fun, sensory activities under adult supervision.

We hope to expand our provision so that there are three groups:

Pebbles (5 - 10 years)

Rocks (10 - 14 years)

Boulders (for 14 years+)

Please contact Chris Mason (261971) or Margaret Clarke (260672) for more information

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 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.)

Charfield Pre-School
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 18th September 2013
8:00pm, Foundation Room

PLEASE DON'T BE SHY! Can you spare a little bit of time, share one of your skills, or just want to get more involved in our friendly team of volunteers?

You don't have to be a parent or grandparent – we would love to see **ANYONE** that is interested in supporting us and our fundraising efforts within the village and local area. Our Pre-School is a registered charity and managed by a voluntary Committee. Without the Committee, the Pre-School cannot exist.

Please come along to our AGM, have a drink, meet our core team, and offer whatever help you can!

For any more information, contact Louise Sydney (Admin) on: Tel: 07776 144309 or E-mail:louise.sydney155@btinternet.com

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
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
21/10/2013	Mon	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Open School Tour
21/10/2013	Mon	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Open School Tour
23/10/2013	Wed	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Open School Tour
23/10/2013	Wed	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Open School Tour
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
02/12/2013	Mon	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Open School Tour
02/12/2013	Mon	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Open School Tour
04/12/2013	Wed	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	Open School Tour
04/12/2013	Wed	1:30 PM	2:30 PM	Open School Tour
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 - 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