



# CHARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS LETTER

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## BRILLIANT BUMBLEBEES!



This week our brilliant Year 6 class completed their SAT Assessments. ALL the children showed a fantastic attitude toward the week and tackled the tests

with sheer determination. We are all very proud of what you have achieved this week!

We would like to thank all the Y6 parents for helping us through the week by keeping the children calm and ready. Thank you to Tracy for running our breakfast club all week. The choice was amazing (both Mr Crocker and myself can confirm that!)

I would also like to thank and congratulate Mrs Hill & Mrs Southwell on a job well done. Many of your class have told me how much they appreciate all you have done for them to help them get ready for this week.

### CHARFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL SPORTS DAY Wednesday 22nd May

Thank you to those that volunteered to help at Sports Day, your help is much appreciated.

This year the Friends will be selling tea, coffee and cold drinks as well as cream teas and ice-creams, so please bring along some money and help support the school.

### WARMER WEATHER

Please can we remind you to send your child into school with a named sun hat in the sunny weather and also to apply sun cream before coming to school.

Thank you

### MUSIC LESSONS NEXT WEEK

Mr Loveridge will teach music lessons on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May (Sports Day) but there will be no orchestra.

### FRIENDS EVENT - NEWS



Exciting news from The Friends we are holding a new event this year instead of the May Fair, "**CHARFEST**" will be taking place on Saturday

22nd June 2013, make sure to put the date

in your diaries, tickets will be on sale soon. The Friends

### MENU CHANGE

Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 6 Parent Lunch. The menu will now be;

Roast Pork/Veg Sausage, Yorkshire pudding, roast potatoes, cabbage, carrots, gravy, followed by apple crumble/ iced sponge and custard.

Sports Day lunch will be hot rolls, chips and cookies.

### CAR PARKING



Once again I am compelled to write about concerns I have for our pupils safety due to car parking. In the last week I have been informed of two near misses; one in particular was only averted due

to the quick thinking of the driver.

The greatest risk for our pupils comes from drivers who are parking illegally (and lazily). For example on Tuesday it was raining. A number of cars were parked on the junction of Durham Road, forcing pedestrians to cross between parked cars. Children crossing the road were invisible to oncoming traffic, and at risk, all because someone couldn't be bothered to walk a little further in the rain.

We also have a potential risk with people using the school drive for dropping off or collecting children. This area is NOT to be used for this purpose as 187 children, with parents (and sometimes toddlers) are exiting the school at the end of the day.

Castle School have addressed a similar issue by working with the police on a 'Three Strikes' approach. We have contacted the police to see if we too can begin to use this system.

We would not only appreciate your support in this matter but we require it. We all share the same aim; to ensure our children are safe on their journey to and from school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

### 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](#).

### LEARNING AT CHARFIELD

This week's contribution comes from Dragonfly Class(Y4/5). The class have just completed their pirate topic which has included a 'Treasure Island' style story. The extract below comes from the ending of Jack P's story. Shiver me timbers it's good!

Minutes later with Jim's furious anger from him being tied to a tree, long John Silver decided to have a BBQ on goat meat. Mean while Sneaky Jim grabbed a knife from his pocket and cut the rope without the pirates knowing. Jim scampered off into the forest. When all the pirates knew Jim was gone and had escaped, they all went looking for him. Although Jim was astonished to see the union Jack, he still had haunted memories through his mind. As Jim was aboard the pirates were too. The Squire and long John Silver decided to split the treasure but the pirates make a quick move and steal it all. Great Jack, you have used great openers. Add a speech sentence to this paragraph to get



Jacob and Reuben Edwards' Granny will be going on a trip to Africa (Namibia) in the summer and is planning on taking some supplies to some of the schools out there. It has been suggested that Football kits would be very gratefully received by the children out there.

If anyone has any used children's football kits that they would like to donate please pass on to Kath Edwards (at school drop off/pick up daily) before the May half term. (Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May)

Many Thanks.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL

The school council have arranged for the school to hold a Mufti Day on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May. This will be in support of the village Charity walk that took place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May.

The children will be encouraged to walk around the school field at lunchtime, come to school wearing something sporty, and donate a contribution to the charities.



### WANTED !

If you have any of the following items, unwanted, unused and outgrown at home, we would very much appreciate them for our Reception class:

- walkie talkies
- Blackboard/whiteboard easel
- Globe
- story CD's
- Child sized wheelbarrow
- Childs camera (in working order)
- Small plastic table and chairs (child sized – for use outdoors)

### LETTERS THIS WEEK

Class(es)	Title	Response Required
All	Sports Day	N

### Dates 2012-2013

DATE	DAY	START TIME	END TIME	EVENT
17/05/2013	Friday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Dragonflies (Y45)
20/05/2013	Monday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Butterflies (Y1)
22/05/2013	Wednesday	9:30 AM	12:00	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 PM	Junior Sports Day
23/05/2013	Thursday	12:20 PM	1:15 PM	YEAR 6 – Parent Lunch
23/05/2013	Thursday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Beetles (Y3)
24/05/2013	Friday			Term 5 Ends
24/05/2013	Friday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Ladybirds (Y4)
03/06/2013	Monday			INSET Day 4
04/06/2013	Tuesday			Term 6 Begins
05/06/2013	Wednesday			Reserve Sports Day
11/06/2013	Tuesday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Caterpillars (EYFS)
13/06/2013	Thursday	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	New Reception Parents Evening
18/06/2013	Tuesday	3:20 PM	3:45 PM	Open Class - Grasshoppers (Y2)
19.06.13	Wednesday			Photographer – class photos
08/07/2013	Monday	7:00 PM	8:00 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 Ends
24/07/2013	Wednesday			INSET Day 5