



# Charlton Church of England Primary School

## Newsletter

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Dear parents and carers

It certainly has been a busy few weeks!

The whole school enjoyed a delightful Christingle service where we were able to come together as a school community to celebrate the coming of Jesus. It was wonderful to see so many of you there.

Our reception and key stage 1 children also performed a wonderful nativity and a particular highlight of mine was their singing of Away in a Manger. It always brings a tear to the eye.

We also held our Christmas Fair and raised a staggering £1017. Thank you so much for the support you all gave and thank you to the PTA for organising such a successful event.

On Wednesday 11th the children came together for their traditional Christmas dinner. It was delicious! The children thoroughly enjoyed it, whilst listening to Christmas songs and being served by all the staff.

The children had a fantastic time at their class parties and enjoyed a visit from Father Christmas's elves.

On Friday 13th the whole school had a marvelous time at the pantomime at The Towers Theatre in Folkestone where they enjoyed a production of Aladdin.

I just want to take this opportunity to thank you for all your support this term as I have navigated stepping (temporarily) into Mrs Pettersen's shoes. We can't wait to have back!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a happy and healthy new year.

**Best wishes,**

**Mrs Moat**

### Baby and Toddler Group

**Baby and Toddler Group will run every Thursday morning during term time between 9am—10am**



- ◆ Drink and snack for the little ones
- ◆ Activities, games and toys
- ◆ A chance to chat and meet new people



**The first session will be held on Thursday 26th September**

**Please keep spreading the word—this is open to the whole community so please do bring friends and relatives with little ones.**

***Mrs Hazelden and Miss Kew***



**Pastoral Lead**

### **Message from Miss Kew**

**Contact details:**

**Phone: school number and select line 2**

**Email: [kkew@charltonprimary.school](mailto:kkew@charltonprimary.school)**



As the Pastoral Lead at Charlton, I am available to support families in many different ways, whether this be any concerns for your child or your own wellbeing, difficulties at home and financial support which could consist of:

**Food Bank:** If anyone would like to access the food bank please do contact Miss Kew. **Fuel Bank:** This is accessible for pre-paid meters. Again, please do contact Miss Kew if you would like support with this.

Any support offered to you will always be treated with the strictest confidence.

### Reminders:

#### Named Uniform

This term we seem to have a large pile of leftover uniform and unfortunately these items have no names on them which makes it difficult to return to the correct child. Please could you ensure that all uniform is named and checked regularly to ensure the name is still clear and visible.

#### Road Safety

Please ensure that you use the crossing, as we have been made aware of incidents of children crossing the road unsafely.

#### Attendance

Regular attendance is essential for your child's learning and well-being. The attendance target is 96%. Please be aware that holidays in term time will usually be unauthorised and a referral may be made to KCC for a Penalty Notice. Please see our Attendance Policy (on the website) for further guidance. Please ensure that you phone the Office to inform of your child's absence by 9:30am.

#### Communication

Please email (office@charltonprimary.school) or phone the office with any queries or to arrange an appointment with your child's teacher.

#### Collection from school

A reminder that all children, apart from Year 6, need to be collected from school by an adult. Year 6 children can walk home alone if their parents have given permission. These Year 6 children will be given a pass. Safeguarding is our highest priority. If parents have arranged for another adult to collect their child, the office must be informed and a message will be passed to the class teacher. Thank you for your support with keeping our children safe.

#### Morning Gate

Just a reminder that parents are not to enter the school grounds during morning drop off.

#### Community Library

The library shed will be located on the Key Stage One playground and will be open 5 days a week to our school community. The shed will be stocked with a selection of books aimed at toddlers and adults. Please feel free to browse and borrow the books on offer!



### Attendance:

Duckling	91.2%	Jackdaw	92.2%
Wren	85.6%	Starling	97.5%
Robin	94.2%	Owl	94%
Swan	94.4%	Whole School	93%

### Certificates:



**Congratulations to the following children who have been awarded a certificate. Well done!**

<b>Duckling:</b>	All Ducklings, Skye W and James
<b>Wren:</b>	Idrees, Ezra and Matilda
<b>Robin:</b>	Harper, Ted and Joseph
<b>Swan:</b>	Teddy, all Swans and Samuel
<b>Jackdaw:</b>	Hollie, Alma and Luther
<b>Starling:</b>	Oscar, James and Darcie
<b>Owl:</b>	Isla, Shannel and Lucy

### House Points:

<u>Diamonds</u>	<u>Emeralds</u>	<u>Rubies</u>	<u>Sapphires</u>
297	321	306	317

**Congratulations to Emeralds**

## Diary Dates

Date	Event	Year groups
Monday 6th January	First Day of Term 3	Whole School
Tuesday 7th January	Tiger Troop to visit Year 5	Starling Class
Tuesday 14th January		
Tuesday 21st January		
Tuesday 28th January		
Tuesday 4th February		
Tuesday 11th February		
Tuesday 14th January	Vista Twisters Cheerleading Club 3:15—4:15 Children can come to school in their PE kits	Jackdaw, Starling and Owl Class
Tuesday 21st January		Booking through MCAS app
Tuesday 28th January		
Tuesday 4th February		
Tuesday 11th February		
Friday 17th January	Kent Cricket Workshop Day PE kit to be worn	Duckling, Wren, Robin and Swan Class
Friday 24th January	Kent Cricket Workshop Day	Jackdaw, Starling and Owl Class
Friday 14th February	Last Day of Term 3	Whole School
Monday 24th February	First Day of Term 4	Whole School

### Winter PE Kits

During the colder months, we will still be holding our PE sessions outside as much as possible if the weather is dry. On PE days, please ensure children come to school wearing tracksuits or leggings and a warm jumper. Children are also able to wear hats, scarves and gloves.

### Tchoukball Competition



On Thursday 12th December, Ms Lanigan took some of our Year 6 children to a

Tchoukball competition. There were 6 schools participating and through hard work and fantastic teamwork, we finished 2nd in the competition!

Ms Lanigan was proud of each member of the team and it was great to compete in a new sport.

### Swimming in Term 3—Year 4

Wednesday 8th January 2025  
 Wednesday 15th January 2025  
 Wednesday 22nd January 2025  
 Wednesday 29th January 2025  
 Wednesday 5th February 2025  
 Wednesday 12th February 2025

Clubs for Term 3

Monday	Story Club—Mrs Ross—Years 1 and 2	13th January 20th January 27th January 3rd February 10th February
Monday	Multisports Club—Ms Lanigan—Year 5  Children can come to school on this day in their PE kits.	13th January 20th January 27th January 3rd February 10th February
Tuesday	Speed Stacking—Ms Lanigan—Years 1 and 2	14th January 21st January 28th January 4th February 11th February
Thursday	Gymnastics Club—Mrs Plummer—Years 3 and 4  Children can come to school on this day in their PE kits.	16th January 23rd January 30th January 6th February 13th February
Thursday	Lego Club—Ms Lanigan—Years 3 and 4	16th January 23rd January 30th January 6th February 13th February
Thursday	Board Game Club—Miss Mitten—Years 5 and 6	16th January 23rd January 30th January 6th February 13th February

PE for Term 3

Please see below for this term's PE schedule:

Monday	Year 6
Tuesday	Year 2  Year 4
Wednesday	Year 4 Swimming
Thursday	Reception with Mrs Plummer  Year 1
Friday	Year 3  Year 5

Children can still come to school wearing their PE kits consisting of:

White t-shirt

Navy blue/ black shorts/ tracksuit bottoms/ leggings

Trainers

School jumper/ fleece/ hoody

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**Charlton Church Family Services**

**Sunday 22nd December 4pm**

Bubble Church gets ready for Christmas as we hear Mary is going to have a baby

Come and join our puppets as we learn about Mary and her special baby

**Christmas Eve 4pm**

Christingle and Building the Crib service

Join us for some festive fun and singing as we build our crib and think about the light of Jesus shining for us this Christmas

**Christmas Day 9:30am**

If you are up early enough, come and join us as we celebrate Christmas Day

If you have already opened some, bring a present to show us what you have received

## Online safety information for parents and carers

Online safety is an important part of keeping children safe at school.

All of our pupils are taught how to be safe and behave appropriately online, but we can only be successful in keeping children safe online if we work together.

It's important that as adults, we take an active interest in our children's online lives and show a willingness to engage in the digital world with them.

**If you believe a child is in immediate danger, always contact 999 for police assistance.**



Think U Know: [www.thinkuknow.co.uk](http://www.thinkuknow.co.uk)

The National Crime Agency Child Exploitation and Online Protection Command (NCA-CEOP) have a website which is suitable for children aged 5-16 and has a section just for parents/carers with advice and information.

**NSPCC**

NSPCC: [www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/online-safety)

The NSPCC have produced resources for parents. Their website covers excellent advice for parents about issues such as online grooming, nude image sharing and cyberbullying, as well as specific advice for children with special educational needs and disabilities.



Childline: [www.childline.org.uk](http://www.childline.org.uk)

The Childline website has a wide range of information and advice on both online and offline safety for children. There is information about online gaming, grooming, and the Zipit App which helps children feel empowered when confronted with inappropriate chat online. They also provide a helpline for children to get advice over the phone: 0800 1111



UK Safer Internet Centre: [www.saferinternet.org.uk](http://www.saferinternet.org.uk)

UK Safer Internet Centre provides a wide variety of advice and guidance to help you discuss online safety with your children. There are useful checklists for privacy settings on social networks and suggestions to consider before buying devices for your children.



Childnet: [www.childnet.com](http://www.childnet.com)

Childnet has resources, including videos and storybooks, to help you discuss online safety with your children. It includes advice on setting up parental controls, cyberbullying and setting up a family agreement for safer internet use.



Internet Matters: [www.internetmatters.org](http://www.internetmatters.org)

Internet Matters bring you all the information you need to keep your children safe online. It has a tool which guides you through how to set up parental controls on all the different devices in your home to protect your children.



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Please go to our website address above, for more information.

\*Please take note of the online live webinar sessions that **MUST** be attended to complete this full time 6 week course, and the ESFA's (Education Skills Funding Agency) eligibility criteria.



# Dover Family Hubs

## Half Term Timetable

December 23rd, 2024 - January 3rd, 2025

### Our Activities

Winter Hamper and Activities	Panto and Afternoon Tea Box	New Years Eve Party Hamper
Family New Year Disco	Padel and Pizza	



#### Contact Us

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## Dover Family Hubs

### Booking Our Activities

All activities are free of charge, but require booking. Priority will be given to children receiving Free School Meals Benefit. Please contact us to make a booking - you will be sent a form to complete and notified when a space has been allocated.

#### Monday 23rd December 2024

##### Jack & the Beanstalk Panto and Afternoon Tea

Panto - 1:30pm - 3:30pm

Enjoy the fun of the Panto at the Astor Theatre in Deal. Collect tickets and Afternoon Tea from Deal Family Hub from 12noon.



#### Tuesday 24th December 2024

##### Winter Hamper & Activities

Collection Times: 11am - 2pm

Collect a Winter Hamper containing a range of food items and activities for the festive season.

Collection from Buckland Family Hub (The Lincses, Dover, CT16 2BN) and Deal Family Hub (Park Avenue, Deal, CT14 9UU).



#### Monday 30th December 2024

##### Padel Tennis and Pizza

11am - 2pm

Suitable for ages 13-16 years. Parents welcome.

Have a go at a few games of Padel Tennis in the enclosed courts and then pop next door to the Family Hub to enjoy some pizza.

Location: Deal Family Hub, Park Avenue, Deal, CT14 9UU

#### Tuesday 31st December 2024

##### New Years Eve Party Hamper

Collection Times: 11am - 2pm

Collect a New Years Eve Party Hamper containing a range of food items and activities for the festive season.

Collection from Buckland Family Hub (The Lincses, Dover, CT16 2BN) and Deal Family Hub (Park Avenue, Deal, CT14 9UU).



#### Friday 3rd January 2025

##### Family New Year Party

12noon - 3pm

Come and join us for a magic show, balloon modelling and family disco with lunch. The Family New Year Party is for families with primary school aged children (younger and older siblings welcome).

Location: Beacon Church, Bartholomew Street, Dover, CT16 2LH