

Term 5

Be happy Be kind
Be responsible



A termly insight into School Life

Charlton Primary Newsletter



Whilst not wishing to chase the sun away, please could we ask parents to be mindful of the following:

Please be aware that pupils should not have bottles of suntan lotion/creams in their school bags. Unfortunately we cannot offer to put lotion on every child in the class, but we are happy to apply cream to those who have a medical reason for needing it - all bottles must be named and a sunscreen permission form completed before passing to the class teacher. There are 8 hour sunscreens which parents can apply before sending their child to school, but we must avoid pupils having bottles to do this for themselves (and potentially placing those with allergies to these sunscreens in danger of being covered).

The sunscreen form can be found on the website.

Julie Batten
Assistant Head

Dear Parents and Carers,

I write this having found a moment of quiet after a busy week supporting the Year 6 SATs. You will notice a slight change of format. This newsletter is a little shorter than previous issues because we invite you to explore our website to find out more about 'What we have been up to' over the past term. To give you a little taster, this term we've had snakes, spiders, tractors, strange scientists, Yoga teachers, Martial Arts instructors, Traditional Tale Challenges, trips to the Vale and Downland Museum not to mention a surprise visit from Mary Anning (who looked a little like Mr Williams to me) the famous English fossil collector, dealer, and paleontologist.

Click on the link to discover more - <https://charltonprimary.com/>

Sadly at the end of this term we say goodbye to one of our wonderful teaching assistants Miss Lowe. We will miss her support and thank her for all her hard work during her time at Charlton. She will be greatly missed but we wish her well in her new adventure.

As previously mentioned Year Six and Year 2 have undertaken their SATs testing this term. Having worked hard and been taught well, they were ready for this challenge. I would like to congratulate all the pupils on their application throughout this time and also say a big 'thank you' to all the staff and helpers for ensuring all the assessments ran smoothly.

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Looking ahead, preparations are being finalised for the Year 5 production which takes place this week. In Term 6 pupils in Year 5 and 6 have their residentials and there will be sports days across the school to look forward to (dates for which are on the our website). Following feedback these events will follow a traditional format with the more round robin style events saved for activities evening.

On behalf of the whole school I would like to say an enormous thank you to the PTA team and everyone that attended or supported the recent May Fayre. You made not only the May Fayre possible but also hugely successful. We were blessed with the weather (for a change) and early indication are that a very healthy amount was raised.

Finally, with the sun coming out to play our thoughts turn to making holiday plans. When arranging holiday dates it is worth remembering that much research has been undertaken around the importance of high levels of attendance; clearly there is a solid link between academic attainment and good attendance. Our school target is to be above 97%, however currently this year our average is 96.4%. If we work together I know that we can improve upon this. If you are experiencing any difficulties with your child's attendance and would like further support please do not hesitate to contact either myself, Mrs Rooke or our attendance lead, Mrs Batten.

I do hope you enjoy exploring our website and finding out about all the fun activities which have taken place over the past few weeks.

Enjoy the half term break. Fingers crossed we will have sunshine to enjoy!

Steven Rose
Headteacher

Message from the PTA

We would like to start our message with a huge thank you from the PTA to everyone who donated items, bought raffle tickets, helped us run a stall on the day and came along to our May Fayre this year. This is the PTA's biggest event and in previous years has raised between £2,000 and £3,000.

This year, thanks largely to all of you (with a little help from some sunshine for a change) we have raised a staggering £4,750 (approx), amazing!!

Watch out for our announcements later in the year for where some of our contributions to the school are going and the ways in which your support is helping your children.

Coming up between now and the end of this academic year look out for our BBQ in the Market Square on Armed Forces Day (Saturday 30th June) and if you miss us there, we will be running BBQ & Bar (probably plus Pimm's) at the Activity Evening on Monday 23rd July.

Thanks again,
Charlton Primary School PTA (charltonptaevents@gmail.com)

IT'S ALL IN YOUR GENES OPEN DAY



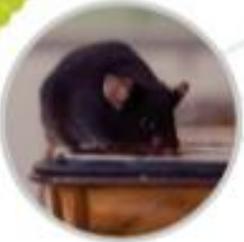
FREE FAMILY-FRIENDLY SUMMER OPEN DAY

- ▶ Meet Scientists
- ▶ Find out about how mice are cared for and used to study disease
- ▶ Discover the latest genetics research

SATURDAY 16TH JUNE
12-4pm



- ▶ Scientific Talks
- ▶ Food and ice cream vans
- ▶ Interactive activities and demonstrations for all the family
- ▶ Activities for Under 5's and all ages
- ▶ Entry by ticket only



Find out more and register at:
bit.ly/MRCHarwellFestival2018

