



# School Newsletter

Monday 11th November 2019

**New Learning Initiative:** You may have noticed that our classroom layouts have changed a bit this half term. After an inspiring training session with educationalist Shirley Clarke, we are embracing the use of learning partners and it is recommended that children sit in rows for this so that they can all face the front easily and also work effectively with their partner. Learning partners are randomly selected pairs, who will share ideas regularly during their learning, promoting speaking and listening skills as well as relationship building, kindness and respect. Each week learning partners will change, with partners complimenting each other before they move onto their new partner. We will be changing partners on a Friday, giving children the opportunity to introduce themselves to each other and share what they feel are their individual strengths and areas for improvement; children will also then know who they will be with the following week. Having spoken to several other schools about how it has worked for them, we are very excited to see the impact of this initiative over this half term.

**Parent Questionnaire:** Thank you all for your very helpful responses to the parent questionnaire at the parent consultations before half term. It has been very interesting and useful to look at this feedback. With over 60% of responses wishing to continue to receive a weekly newsletter, we will be continuing this.

Many parents indicated that they would be interested in running a lunchtime or after school club. Please contact the school office if you are able to volunteer your time for this so we can ensure all checks are completed and to organise when the club may take place; please do so even if you are interested in a club in the summer term so we can get safeguarding checks complete.

We are in the process of looking at parent workshops linked to those areas parents indicated an interest in and we are hoping to offer two this term. We will get dates out to parents as soon as we are able to confirm these.

As well as indicating some areas you would like to see further development of, we also had some really positive feedback from parents, including 98% of responses indicating that children are happy in school at least most of the time and 100% of responses saying that staff can be approached about a concern.

'I am extremely happy with the school and all the activities the children are involved in, thank you for creating such a wonderful learning environment.' Parental comment from questionnaire.

## Star Celebrations

The following children were recognised in our celebration assembly on Monday for their learning, attitudes and demonstration of our values and ethos. Well done!

**Arya, Elodie, Matilda, Benji, Maddy, Kaitlyn, Oliver and Elisabeth**

## Class Attendance

Well done **Starfish** class for the highest attendance last week with **99.3%**

# 96.16%

Whole school attendance last week:

Government expectation: 96%

Persistent absentee: below 90%

**Carols & Cheer**  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December

Charmouth Village Hall, Wesley Close  
12pm – 2pm (doors open at 11.30am)

Come along and enjoy our pre-Christmas entertainment, ploughman's lunch and carol singing!

Tickets just £8.00 and includes all of the above and your first drink.  
Please contact Chris 561024 or Kathy 560446 for tickets

This event has kindly been organised on behalf of Weldmar Hospicecare

[www.weld-hospice.org.uk](https://www.weld-hospice.org.uk)

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**ART & CRAFT FAYRE**  
**SATURDAY**  
**16TH NOVEMBER**

**CHARMOUTH HERITAGE COAST CENTRE**  
**10.00 - 5.00**

Unique Christmas Gifts by local artists and makers at the Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre  
**Free admission**

KNITTED GIFTS  
DECORATIONS  
**GLASS**  
PAINTINGS  
SEASIDE GIFTS  
**CARDS**  
JEWELLERY  
CERAMICS  
**WOOD**  
HOMEMADE CANS  
**PRESERVES**  
REFRESHMENTS

CHRISTMAS CRAFT ACTIVITY FOR CHILDREN  
11.00 - 2.30  
AMMONITE TREE DECORATIONS  
LUCKY FOSSIL DIP

CHARMOUTH HERITAGE COAST CENTRE - 8TH HILL  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO 110066 (01297 560723)

**THE Sun**

Collins BIG CAT

**READING CORNER**

**THE Sun**  
**BOOKS FOR SCHOOLS**

Collins BIG CAT

Get your pack worth more than £600!



The children have been very creative designing their own personal Christmas cards.

These will be coming home on Tuesday. We need to ask for a quick turn around by parents: You need to:

- select your order choices on the order sheet
- Write a cheque or find the exact change
- Return the order sheet AND money on Thursday 14th Nov to your class teacher or the office

All the cards returned on Thursday 14th Nov will be sent off to the company who will turn them into beautiful Christmas cards and other products for you to send out to family and friends.

Please address cheques to:  
Charmouth Primary School PTA



Well done to Lexi, Teagan and Bailey for getting medals in their kickboxing competition on the weekend.

**Choose to be positive**



The date for the Christmas Fair is in the diary (see key dates). I am sure they will be needing help/volunteers/donations.

What better way to introduce your self to the PTA then attend their next meeting on Wednesday 13th November after school - 3.30pm. Children are welcome, but they are your responsibility and will not be allowed to play in the corridors, classrooms or library.

### Key Dates

**Wednesday 13th November** - School cinema Trip

**Thursday 14th November** - Starfish beach school

**Friday 15th November** - Children in need day

**Friday 15th November** - Sharks beach school

**Monday 18th Nov** - Y6 Woodroffe Maths event TBA

**Tuesday 19th November** - Seahorses beach school

**Wednesday 20th November** - Pantomime

**Thursday 21st November** - Dolphins beach school

**Monday 25th November** - Turtles beach school

**Friday 29th November** - PTA Christmas fair

**Monday 2nd Dec** - Final swimming lesson for Sharks

**Wednesday 18th Dec** - Christmas Lunch

Date TBC—EYFS and KS1 Nativity

**Friday 20th Dec**— Whole school carol service

**Friday 20th Dec** - End of Term

**Tuesday 7th January** - Start of spring term