



# School Newsletter

Thursday 7th May 2020

I hope you are all continuing to stay safe and well. We have loved being able to share some of what you are doing via emails, the zoom sessions and the new facebook page but we still miss you all! You all seem to be keeping very busy, but if you need anything, please do get in touch. We have staff in school several days each week so can print work, select a new reading book or get some resources ready for you to collect in an agreed way if this would help; please arrange this via an email to [office@charmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@charmouth.dorset.sch.uk).

## School Reopening

Recently there has been much speculation in the media about schools reopening and it is generally very unhelpful as there has been no official announcement. It is expected that there will be an announcement from the Government on Sunday including information on schools. When we know what the Government expectations and guidance on reopening are, we will start to plan for our pupils and staff. We will keep you updated.

## Facebook

The closed Facebook page is up and running. Thank you to all those who have joined and taken part in conversations. This week there is a thread on the baking that so many of you have been doing – there are some great photos and links or information on the recipes. If you would like to join in, please look for 'Charmouth Primary School – closed group'. When requesting to join, please make sure you answer the three questions; requests are not being approved unless all three have been answered. You may need to request joining again if you have already requested but not answered all the questions.

## Changing Circumstances

The current lockdown has impacted on many sectors and we recognise that there may have been financial impact on many of our families. Please do check the gov.uk website for information about financial support, including universal credits. You may also be eligible for free school meals, which at the moment are being supported through a voucher scheme. You can check if you are eligible here: <https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/education-and-training/schools-and-learning/at-school/pupil-premium.aspx>

There are local organisations also able to help families, such as with meals, so please get in touch if you need some support at the moment.

## Class Zoom Sessions

We were delighted to see so many children in the class zoom meet up sessions. It was new for us and there were a few teething problems, with two classes getting cut off, but we think overall it was a success. Thank you to all those who have fed back on how much their children enjoyed the sessions. We will be arranging more sessions for the week commencing 18<sup>th</sup> May – times will be included in the newsletter next week and emails sent to families via the school system. Several parents reported not receiving their link to the sessions, so a message will be put on facebook to say that the email has been sent. Please check both junk and spam mail boxes as it seems some messages have gone there.

## Thank You Key Workers

I know you will want to join a big thank you to all those key workers who are continuing to work—caring for those who are unwell, looking after those who need extra help, ensuring we are able to feed our families and looking after children.

