



School Newsletter

Thursday 7th May 2020

As always, I hope you are all continuing to stay safe and well. This week has been particularly strange—it would have been KS2 SATs week. Unusually, I was looking forward to the SATs this year; the children and staff have worked hard to develop learning behaviours and skills and we were looking forward to celebrating strong results this year. We hope that they, and all of our children, are continuing to develop their learning in the best way for you as families.

School Reopening

Further to the announcement on Sunday, we are exploring how best to prepare for a phased re opening of the school. A survey is being sent out to parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 to help up with this planning. If you have children in these year groups, please look out for the survey and complete it as soon as possible. Guidance is being updated regularly and we will ensure parents are informed as decisions are made.

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.

Learning at home - Teachers are continuing to send out learning each week via email, if you are having any difficulties or would like to share how it is going, please do contact class teachers via the class email addresses.

White Rose Maths—In order to continue using White Rose Maths fully (with the worksheets), we have subscribed to the premium membership. This means that worksheets are still available to our families; we are uploading the sheets each week to the school website under 'Learning at Home'.

Facebook—The closed Facebook group, Charmouth Primary School—Closed Group, is up and running. Please remember to answer all three questions when you request to join so that you are approved.

Class Zoom Meet Ups—We so enjoyed the class zoom sessions last week and are setting up sessions for next week. Emails will be sent out by 3pm tomorrow with the invites, so please look out for the emails (you may need to check junk and spam mailboxes). We will ensure that there are at least two staff members in each session, will use the waiting room facility and will stop the session immediately if there are any concerns. We ask that an appropriate adult is in the room when children are using zoom.

Sharks: Monday 1pm

Turtles: Tuesday 2pm

Dolphins: Tuesday 1pm

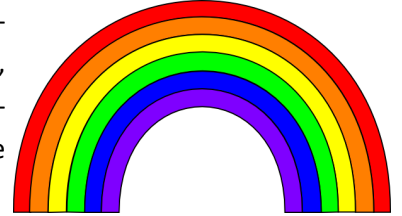
Seahorses: Monday 2pm

Starfish & Barnacles: Monday 10:30am



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. Have you got rainbow pictures or photos of you joining in to clap for the NHS? We would love to be able to share them!



We are really enjoying seeing examples of your work, please continue to send them in. Here are just a few examples from some of the weekly challenges which are on the school website under 'Learning at Home'. Each week, there is a new STEM, art and music idea to have a go at.

We are also enjoying seeing the other activities you have been getting up to—we have a whole thread on the Facebook group on the baking you have been doing.



Charmouth Beavers Face Extinction

The Charmouth Scout Group are looking for a new Beaver Leader before the end of July or the Beaver Colony will not re-open in September. All you need is enthusiasm and an interest in teaching life skills to children aged 6-8. You would be supported by other assistant leaders and have access to a comprehensive package of training. If you would like to know more, contact Kevin on 07976 534517 or payne.kevin@gmail.com

