



School Newsletter

Thursday 21st May 2020

The Governors of Charmouth School want to say a huge "thank you" for all that the Charmouth School staff have been doing to ensure that pupils and parents are supported during this difficult and uncertain time. We all feel a huge sense of duty to the pupils in helping to minimise the impact of the nationwide lockdown on their young lives.

This has been a significant challenge to staff - they have had to change the way they work over-night; learning new technologies and quickly building their knowledge about how to help the children in their classes learn from home. As you will know, some staff have also been coming into school to support the children of key workers.

Staff have been doing all they can to ensure that the children can continue their education and have enabled them to see friends and teachers (albeit on-line). Hopefully this has helped the children to manage this difficult time. We hope that you, as parents and carers, feel that you have been well supported and we also need to thank you for all that you are doing to keep the schoolwork going.

We are now having to consider the management of a phased return to school, starting with the youngest children and Year 6. This will take a lot of planning and organisation. Children will see new many ways of working when they return. We are aware that there may be many challenges along the way, and we will all need to work through them together.

Please be assured that the Governors are in regular contact with Mrs Cornish and the senior management team and we are determined to support the school in every way that we can.

Sylvie Lord	Tamsin Rowe	Colin Williams	Jane O'Sullivan	Lynn Wheatley
Chair of Governors	Co-Vice Chair	Co-Vice Chair	Safeguarding	Inclusion

Phased Wider Reopening

In liaison with the Governing Body, we have planned for possible phased reopening from after half term. The key decisions are as follows;

- We will remain open for all key worker children as needed. If you are a key worker and would like childcare, please contact the school via email to arrange this.
- Monday 1st June is an INSET day, as originally planned
- The decision has been made not to open to nursery children at this time as we do not feel that the arrangements we can make are in the best interests of these very young children
- We will start our phased reopening for children in Reception and Year 1 only, with reduced opening
- Due to staffing levels, we are not able to open to any other year groups, including Year 6, initially.

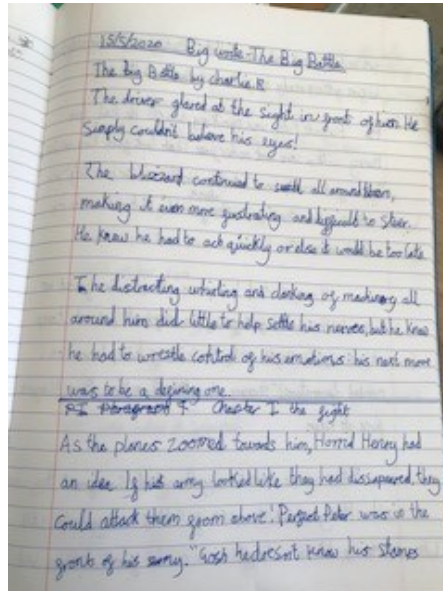
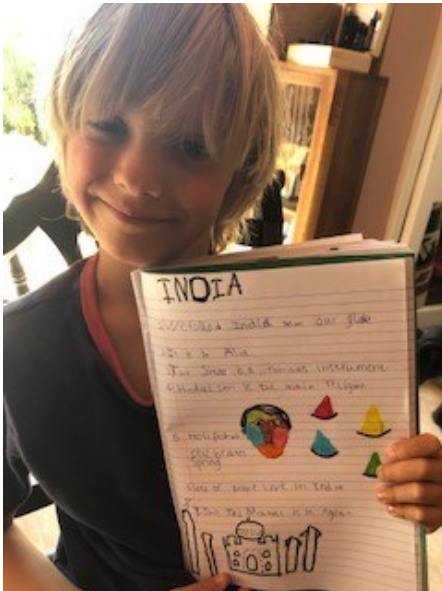
A letter will be going to the families of children in these year groups for further information.

With Governors, we will review the provisions at least two weekly. The situation is continuing to change and we will ensure that we make decisions based on the guidance, putting our children and staff first.

Learning at home - No work will be set next week as it is half term. If you would like to look at more learning opportunities, BBC bitesize has a wide range of learning opportunities. Children can also continue to use the Doodle apps and Times Tables Rock Stars.

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—It was lovely to see so many children in the class zoom sessions this week. We will arrange more sessions after half term.



Thank you for continuing to share examples of your learning at home. We are enjoying seeing the outcomes of set work, the weekly challenges on our website and the additional activities you have been able to complete.



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

