Spring Term 2021 – First Half

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| |  | | --- | | Week Beginning 29th March 2021 |  |  | | --- | | **Covid Updates** I think we are all looking forward the the upcoming changes in the restrictions that are in place due to covid; please ensure that you do continue to follow the guidance to help keep our whole school community as safe as possible, particularly considering our staff who are working in close contact with the children every day. The Government plan, including a summary of changes, is clearly set out on their website [here](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-response-spring-2021). All staff agreed to take part in twice weekly lateral flow testing (LFT); these are used to screen for asymptomatic cases. Families and childcare bubbles of school aged children can access these tests (details available [here](https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff)) and we would encourage as much use as possible. Half of our staffing team have now had their first vaccination, which is great news. As the situation continues to evolve, we are constantly reviewing our response in line with the latest guidance. We are currently planning for a hopeful return to Beach School and peripatetic music lessons. Our review of the arrangements for lunch times has been really positive so we will be continuing to provide hot school meals through Local Food Links. |  |  | | --- | | **Celebrating Our Learning**  After feedback from parents, we will be including more pictures to share some of our day to day learning: |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | Pathfinders enjoying a music session | The children have all enjoyed the last day of term today.  They took part in a little egg hunt and then got rewarded with a chocolate egg each.  Thank you to Morrison's in Bridport who, with help from their Community Champion contributed to the large number of eggs we needed. | |  |  |  |  | | --- | | **Operation Encompass** Operation Encompass is a partnership between the school and police, enabling the police to inform schools if they are called to an incident of domestic abuse at the home of any of our children. This allows us to be prepared to support the child in school. A letter has been sent informing parents and can be viewed [here](https://charmouth.dorset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/Operation-Encompass-Letter-to-Parents.pdf). If you need more information about domestic abuse, Dorset Council has a specific [helpline](https://www.dorsetcouncil.gov.uk/your-community/community-safety/domestic-abuse/help-for-those-who-have-experienced-domestic-abuse.aspx) or please contact our safeguarding team (safeguarding@charmouth.dorset.sch.uk) for signposting to advice and support. You do not need to be alone. |  |  | | --- | | **Celebration Assembly**  In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:  Ivy, Luca, Lilly, Tesni, Keavy, Thompson Class, Tabby, Tom, Mr Sparks and Coleman Class  **Times Tables Rockstars**: Charlotte, Bailey, luca, Amelie, Iona, Jasmine McD, Megan, Keavy, Archie and Charlie R  **Doodle Champions**: Harry T, Bailey, Jessie, Anna, Iona and Charlie R |  |  | | --- | | Week Beginning 22nd March 2021 |  |  | | --- | | **Covid Updates** I think we are all looking forward the the upcoming changes in the restrictions that are in place due to covid; please ensure that you do continue to follow the guidance to help keep our whole school community as safe as possible, particularly considering our staff who are working in close contact with the children every day. 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We are looking forward to rewarding their fantastic attitudes to learning, friendships and school and wishing them a Happy Easter. Eggs have been arranged for dietary requirements, but please contact the school office if you would like to check in advance. |  |  | | --- | | **Celebration Assembly**  In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:  **Anna, Lola, fox, Lucy M, Evie, George, Dolly, Grace, Brandon, Rex, Niya, Daniel, Olivia, Sebby and Charlie B**  **Times Tables Rockstars**: , Lulu, Amelie, Charlotte, Eowen, Evie, Charlie R, and Keavy  **Reading Eggs Awards**:  Mabel  **Doodle Champions**: Iona, Lucy R, Jess, Bailey, Harry, and Charlie R |  |  | | --- | | Week Beginning 15th March 2021 | | **Update on our Learning** A letter was sent out yesterday with updates on learning (a copy is available here). Following on from the letter, please find links below to the WhISK (What I Should Know) sheets for each of the current class themes;  **Explorers**: Tell Us a Story (no sheet - current focus on different versions of fairy tales)  **Pathfinders**: [INTER-NATION MEDIA STATION](https://charmouth.dorset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/INTER-NATION-MEDIA-STATION.pdf)  **Adventurers**: [LIGHTNING SPEED](https://charmouth.dorset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/LIGHTNING-SPEED.pdf)  **Navigators**: [MISSION CONTROL](https://charmouth.dorset.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2021/03/MISSION-CONTROL.pdf)  As part of National Science Week last week, Navigators signed up with the British Space Agency on a mission to Mars by taking part in the interactive Robokids Space Show. This fantastic show allowed the children to learn about how crew prepare for a trip to space and make interactive decisions based on their learning. We were lucky enough to be sent [this link](https://thestemhub.org.uk/virtual-events/bsw/activities/robokids-space-show) of the show if you’d like to watch. | | **Vision and Attributes** This week, children have demonstrated their understanding of our school vision, ‘Growing together to be the very best version of ourselves’ by recognising how we demonstrate it through our actions. Examples given by our children include being respectful, helpful, kind, helpful and protecting each other by distancing and sanitising.  We have starting updating our entrance displays to help continue to keep the profile of our vision high; the letters here have been coloured in by children and staff across the school. Each class has a set of four attributes which they aim to develop over each two year phase. Classes have chosen one to particularly focus on over the next few weeks. The focus attributes are;  **Explorers**: Co-operate  **Pathfinders**: Independent  **Adventurers**: Risk Takers  **Navigators**: Focussed |  |  | | --- | | **E-Safety** We are aware that a number of children are playing online games at home. There are great opportunities online for children to stay connected while at home, but, of course, it also raises the opportunity for upset. Please do remember to check how your children are communicating online and who with as well as how long they are spending online (some children are admitting to staying up late to play and are tired in school). There are links to many useful websites on our [online safety page](https://charmouth.dorset.sch.uk/e-safety-2/) which promote awareness of online safety, provide information about different games and apps and enable reporting of concerning content. |  |  |  | | --- | --- | | **Artist of the Week** We continue to have our weekly artist of the week assemblies. This week we looked at the visual artist El Anatsui. A sculpture from Ghana, El Anatsui creates artwork using a range of resources including many materials sources from recycling centres. Why not find out more on the Tate website here. <https://www.tate.org.uk/art/artists/el-anatsui-17306/who-is-el-anatsui> | **School Uniform for Donations**  We continue to have second hand school uniform available in the foyer area for donations. This has been supplemented with some new uniform from previous stocks in school. We also have second hand books available in the foyer area. If you would like any items, you are welcome to come to the foyer, but please limit to one household at a time. |  |  | | --- | | **Celebration Assembly**  In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:  **Lucilla, Reg, Pathfinders class, Rosie, Bailey, Phoebe, Jasper, Frank, Charlie L**  **Times Tables Rockstars**: Hendrix, Indigo, Bailey, Luca  **Reading Eggs Awards**:  no awards this week - don't forget to keep up the great work on Reading Eggs!  **Doodle Champions**: Lulu, Iona, Jessica, Lucy R, Isla, Charlie R, Frank |  |  | | --- | | Week Beginning 8th March 2021 |  |  | | --- | | **Return to school** We are very much looking forward to welcoming all children back to school on Monday! Although arrangements are very similar to before this lockdown, please do familiarise yourself with the information about the school day routines and procedures via the Covid page of the website<https://charmouth.dorset.sch.uk/covid/> . It is hard to believe that it has been 12 months since the disruption to school started. We are very aware of the media narrative of 'missed learning’ and a need for ‘catch up’, but we believe that children have gained in many other areas and we know that we will support the children on their return to move forward in their learning. We also recognise that children have missed out on being with their friends. We are ensuring that children will have the opportunity to play and to develop their social skills through both structured and unstructured activity. We are really looking forward to hearing about what they have been up to and working together to move forward.  Thank you for all you have done to support learning and in support of the school. |  |  | | --- | | **School Uniform, including PE Uniform** When children return, we would like to see them in their uniform. We recognise, however, that they will have grown and popping to the shop to buy new uniform is not easy at the moment. Wherever possible, please wear a royal blue jumper, white polo or t-shirt and plain black or dark grey trousers/shorts/dress or skirt; this may be in a PE style. Girls may alternatively wear a blue checked summer dress. Trainers are encouraged (preferably dark in colour) to support our active time. | | **Parking**  We have been in contact with the Parish Council and they have agreed to trial a limited number of parking permits purchased by families in order to park at the Beach Car Park at drop off and collection times during the summer term. Permits for the term will cost £7 and can be used from 8:30 – 9:15 am and 2.45-3.30 pm. If you would like a permit, please email the school office on [office@charmouth.dorset.sch.uk](mailto:office@charmouth.dorset.sch.uk) with the subject line ‘Parking Permit’. Please ensure that if you choose to purchase and use a permit that you adhere to both the rules and spirit in which this has been made available to help promote the possibility of a permanent arrangement. | | **Home Testing for Parents and Carers**  As you are aware our pupils will not be asked to test at this time as primary school pupils are not being tested. This week the government has announced that households with school age children, including childcare and support bubbles, can test themselves twice every week at home as schools return from Monday 8 March. As a school we cannot give test kits to parents, carers or household members; information on how to access testing can be found via the Government website: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/rapid-lateral-flow-testing-for-households-and-bubbles-of-school-pupils-and-staff> | | **Road Safety** Please remember as the school runs start again for all children, the roads around the school can become busy with vehicles such as cars and buses as well as children walking, biking and scooting. Please take extra care, both as a pedestrian or a driver, and be aware of the many other, very young road users around the school during drop off and pick up. We understand the pressure when dropping off and picking up children; most people are considerate when parking and understand the risks of blocking the road for other road users, but there have been a few issues in the past when emergency service vehicles have not been able to get easy access to school premises. |  |  | | --- | | **Celebration Assembly**  In our celebration assembly, we particularly celebrated the following members of the school community:  Archie, Bella, Matthew, Dolly, Rosie, Maya, Anna, Iona, Jasmine, Megan, Hendrix, Jack  **Times Tables Rockstars**: Amelie, Eowen, Esme, Darcey, Hendrix, Hector, Charlotte, Billy, Matthew, Ella, Charlie R, Indigo, Lulu  **Reading Eggs Awards**: Lola, Lulu, Georgia, Tabby  **Doodle Champions**: Jasmine, Charlie R, Ella, Bailey, Jessica, Harry, Sia, Fox, Iona, Hendrix, Tabby, Lulu, Georgia | |