



Charlestown Primary School

Newsletter

for parents, pupils and staff

Spring Term: 10th January 2019

Inspire, Enrich and Enlighten

Dear Parents, Carers, Children and Staff

Happy New Year and Welcome Back

Happy New Year to all of our children and families and a warm welcome back to school for the start of the Spring Term 2019. The team have been busy allocating club spaces this week and the information will be sent home tomorrow. There are lots of exciting things planned for the weeks and months ahead.

Clubs

The Spring term 2019 club information booklet is attached the email containing the newsletter. Please refer to this for details of the clubs your child/children have been allocated. The individual allocation sheets will be sent home in book bags tomorrow.

Mathletics

To support and improve your child's learning in mathematics and to encourage and promote the use of Mathletics at home, we are asking that children complete Mathletics games and assignments as part of their homework each week. Children will continue to use the usual homework grids to provide them with a variety of subject, task and skill coverage, however, we would like them to use Mathletics as well as the mathematical activities suggested on the grid to add further variety. If several activities, assignments and games have been completed on Mathletics in one particular week, this may be counted as their maths homework in place of one of the activities on the grid.

Children will have a recording sheet glued into their homework books for them to record the occasions that they have used Mathletics and therefore ensure it is counted as part of their weekly homework contribution. The 'Notes' column on the grid, is for you or your child to write anything that may be useful to your child's class teacher e.g. any particular area that they struggled with etc. They will also have their Mathletics username and password glued into their homework books to ensure they can log in easily.

If children do not have access to a computer, tablet or the internet and are subsequently unable to use Mathletics at home, please make your child's teacher aware of this so that arrangements can be made for them to use Mathletics in school.

Thank you for your continuing support.

Cushions

As a school we are looking at ways that we can improve the learning environment for our children. Research has shown that sitting for periods of time on hard floors or seats can lead to a lack of concentration and obvious discomfort. When children are more physically comfortable they are more relaxed, happy and ready to learn. To encourage the best learning possible we have decided that we would like to invite children in years 1 to 6 to bring in a cushion to use whilst sat at their seats and on the carpet. These will be stored in school and sent home at the end of the summer term.

Please could we ask that they are no bigger than 30cm by 30cm and not too plump (so that they fit under tables). Please label these cushions with your child's name so that they are easily identifiable. Please send these in to your child's class at the earliest convenience to you. We hope that this initiative will contribute to children feeling more comfortable in their classrooms.

Request for EYFS parents/carers

The EYFS children have had a great start to the year and are excited about our dragon topic. The learning environment training that we had on Monday has really inspired us to think about and create spaces and areas in the EYFS area to promote children's wellbeing and learning. This is an ongoing process and we hope you and the children look forward to discovering new pockets of fascinations in our area. Following on from this we invite you to bring in a framed family photo that we can put in our shared EYFS area. This is an opportunity to provide the children with a sense of connection between home and school. The staff will also join in with this.

Chicken Pox Warning

For information, we have had cases of chicken pox reported this week.

Year 1 & 2—Friday 11th January

Year 1 and Year 2 are going to spend Friday afternoon clearing up and sorting out our outdoor areas. Please can children in Years 1 and 2 bring wellington boots in a named bag.

Change to collection arrangements—Tuesday 15th January

Due to netball matches taking place on Tuesday 15th January please collect all children from the KS1 playground. Please also be aware of coaches dropping children off and increased cars on the premises and in the area due to the matches. If possible, please park at Tesco and walk to school to reduce the congestion.

Gardening Club

We are starting a gardening club this term. If any parent/carers/grandparents have any gardening tools, plant pots, seeds, plants etc that can be donated please pass these to the office. Many thanks in advance for any donations.

Dates

Friday 11th January	Year 1 and 2 cleaning outside areas—bring wellington boots
Monday 14th January	Year 3 - 6 Swim Gala—children invited by letter
Monday 14th January	Clubs start
Tuesday 15th January	Football/netball home v Mount Charles—collect all children from KS1 playground
Thursday 17th January	Swimming starts for Caerhays and Watergate for 8 weeks
w/c 28th January	Year 5 bikeability
Tuesday 5th February	Kernow King presentation and workshops
Thursday 14th February	FOCS Valentine Disco
Thursday 14th February	School finishes for half term
Friday 15th February	Inset day—School closed to children
w/c 18th February	Half term
Monday 25th February	Start of term