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News Bulletin 4

Charleston School News Bulletin

Dear Parents/Carers

Term 3 is up and running, with the children settled and back in their school routine. If you look on their class page online, you will find the timetable and news from your child's class, to keep you abreast of what's happening this term. All pupils affected by the reconfiguration of classes, have settled well into their new class and with their new teacher.



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We have been very lucky with the weather so far this winter, and the boys and girls have been out every break. Although it often looks warmer than it is, we do encourage pupils to put on their jackets and coats, but many of them do not seem to feel the cold! Please ensure they do come to school with suitable outerwear for the weather conditions. On wet days please include a change of socks and wellington boots are best.

Laura Fowler
Headteacher

P6 Transition project

This ambitious project is underway across the six primary schools which will feed into the new Lochside Academy when it is ready. The current P6 pupils will be the first first years there. The aim of the project is to bring all these pupils together to build a school community and allay some of the fears of not only moving to the academy, but to a new school.

Pupils will attend activities on a Tuesday morning along with children from the other schools, across this term. On Tuesday 28th March, parents will be invited to a presentation, led by the pupils, about the project, which will be held in Cineworld at the beach.

Feedback from pupils is all very positive to date.

Our Primary 7 pupils will also be involved in an inter-schools transition project later in the session.

Information to follow nearer the time.

Acting Depute Head Teacher

Following a successful interview, Mr J Leslie will take up the above post from the 1st March 2017. He will continue in this position while Miss Cartlidge is on maternity leave.

Mr Leslie will retain his teaching commitment in Primary 7 for the foreseeable future.

Miss Cartlidge begins her maternity leave on the 1st March. We wish her all the best and look forward to meeting her baby when he or she arrives.

Parking

Please be aware that for this term, there will be at least 3 buses parked at the front of the school each Tuesday morning when you are dropping off your child at school. **It is imperative that they are able to park in front of the railings in the bus bays, to allow pupils to board the bus in safety. Be considerate and do not park in the designated bus bays.**

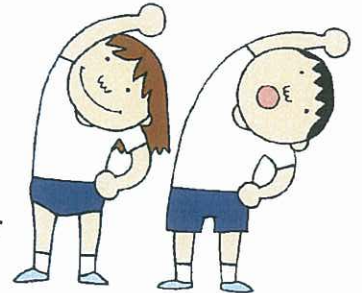
School Uniform and appropriate kit

Charleston School has a school uniform, and the expectation is that pupils wear this on a daily basis, unless told otherwise.

The school uniform is a navy blue sweatshirt, jumper or cardigan, a white shirt, blouse or polo shirt, with or without a tie and grey or black trousers, skirt, pinafore.

School uniform apart from being very smart, helps to build a sense of community and belonging, and this in turn helps pupils take pride in their school and being a pupil there.

Similarly, pupils should always have a PE kit in school. They need non-marking gym shoes, shorts or leggings and a change of teeshirt (no football kits please). Pupils who regularly forget their kit, will lose Celebration time. For health and hygiene reasons, they need to change for PE.



Pupils need to change from outdoor to indoor shoes when they come into school each time. Please check that your child has a PE kit and gym shoes with him/her daily.

Change in Janitors

Mr John Lyon, aka “John the janny”, has moved on. From the 30th January, he will be taking up a promoted position at the St Machar associated schools group.

The pupils and staff at Charleston will miss his cheery smile very much in the morning as he did his rounds.

John has been at Charleston since 2005, and many of you will know him too.

We have been very lucky to have had such a great janitor, and wish him every success in his new post.



Our new janitor is called Mr David Chaser. We look forward to welcoming him to Charleston, and to continuing a positive relationship with him.

Resources

We are currently trying to get as many Tesco “Bags of Help” tokens and Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers.

Our Nursery are trying to get a £5000 grant with the help of Tesco “Bags of Help” scheme. When shopping in Tesco between 1st—25th February remember to ask for a token. These are then deposited in store and used to vote for a community project. If our Nursery are successful they will be using the money to redevelop the outdoor space.

Sainsburys Active Kids vouchers are given out at the tills for each £10 spent. A collection box is in the ICT suite and we have until June to collect as many as we can to allow us to “purchase” playground resources.

Please note all school holidays can be viewed anytime on Aberdeen city Council website at : http://www.aberdeencity.gov.uk/education_learning/schools/scc_SchoolHols.asp/

Mid Term holiday Monday 13 Feb 2017
In Service day Tuesday 14 Feb (pupils do not attend school)
In Service Day Wednesday 15 Feb (pupils do not attend school)
Term Ends Friday 31 March 2017



Term Begins Tuesday 18 April 2017
May Day holiday Monday 1 May 2017
In Service Day Tuesday 2 May (pupils do not attend school)
Session Ends Friday 30 June 2017



Session 2017/2018

4 In-Service days still to be confirmed

Term begins for pupils Tuesday 22 August 2017
September Holiday Friday 22 September - Monday 25 September 2017
Term Ends Friday 13 October 2017

Term begins Monday 30 October 2017
Term Ends Friday 22 December 2017
Term begins Monday 8 January 2018
Mid Term Holiday Monday 12 February 2018
Term Ends Thursday 29 March 2018



Term Starts Monday 16 April 2018
May Day Holiday Monday 7 May 2018
Term Ends Friday 6 July 2018

Please let us know of any query, concern, complaint or compliment relevant to our service.

Child's Name _____ Class _____
(optional)



Parent/Carer signature _____ Date _____
(optional)

We will acknowledge receipt of this slip within 5 working days. If appropriate a full reply will follow within 15 working days. Any urgent issue eg Health and Safety will be dealt with more quickly. All issues will be dealt with as per our usual customer standards. Every effort will be made to ensure problems are resolved. However, on the rare occasion that you remain dissatisfied with our service further action can be taken by contacting our Quality Improvement Officer at Marischal College, Broad St, Aberdeen, AB10 1AA.