

Charleston School Newsletter



Upcoming Dates

Holiday (School closed)	Friday 19 th April Monday	Holiday (School closed)	Monday 6 th May
Annual Reports Go Out To Parents	Week beginning Monday 22 nd April	Inservice Day (School closed to pupils)	Tuesday 7 th May
Book Fair	Tuesday 24 th and 25 th April	Lochside Head Teacher Mr Hendry visit to Charleston for P6 and P7 parents	Wednesday 8 th May 6pm – 7pm
P6 Transition Visit to Lochside	Wednesday 24 th April	FUNSTEM P7 Launch Event at Lochside	Thursday 9 th May
Parent Meetings (for most classes)	Tuesday 30 th April 3:30 – 5:00 and Thursday 2 nd May 3:30 – 7:00	Deafness Awareness Week	13 th – 17 th May
STEM Week	29 th April – 3 rd May	Sports Day	23 rd May PM

Parental Survey – We Need Your Views

We ask all families to take the time to complete a parental survey online at:

<https://forms.gle/DhvTspruEWS6eRQD7>

Through this survey we will be looking to gain feedback on key themes around:

1. Spending of Pupil Equity Funding
2. Parental Engagement – What this should look like for Charleston.
3. Priorities for the School Improvement Plan for next session.

Feedback gained through surveys like this are an important part of school self-evaluation and enable us to make plans based on your views.

To actively encourage parents to complete this survey, all those who complete the survey will be entered into a raffle for an Easter egg! We would appreciate it if you would take some time to complete it. The survey will also be available on laptops in the ICT space during the parent meeting evenings, so if you prefer you may complete it then. The survey will be closed on Friday the 3rd of May.



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Class Formation For Next Session

We are reaching the point in the year that we start having discussions with the city council regarding numbers of pupils/staffing allocation for next session. To ensure that we can be as accurate as possible, if you are aware that you may be moving away from Charleston before the beginning of the next academic session, please let us know as soon as possible.

Uniform Swap

We are hoping to start a 'Uniform Swap Rail' in the school reception area. This would have the dual purpose of enabling parents to access second hand uniform for free and ensure that, from an Eco perspective uniforms are reused while there is still life left in them. Any uniform to be donated should be washed and handed in to the school office. We will keep a rail of clothing in the reception area which will then be available for families/pupils to take free of charge. We will accept the following items at any time from this point forward.

1. School jumpers
2. Warm/waterproof jackets
3. School trousers/skirts
4. Wellington boots
5. Gloves



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STEM Week

29th April- 3rd May 2019

In celebration of our school STEM (Science Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) week we will be hosting a variety of events for all children and families to participate in. Each child will have the opportunity to explore and investigate the big ideas of science (<https://www.ase.org.uk/bigideas>) in our school pop-up lab, alongside partaking in a big science activity in class. Throughout the week we are hosting visitors to help us all gain a better understanding of different potential STEM careers available.

How can families get involved?

Our pop-up lab will be open after school all week from 3.15-4.30pm for families to attend and investigate different science concepts. To conclude our STEM week we will be hosting a whole school family challenge, where families are invited to attend to complete our BIG STEM house challenge! This will run from **2pm- 3pm on Friday the 3rd 2019**. If you work in a career related to STEM and are available during the **week of the 29th of April**, please let us know! We are looking for a variety of **volunteers to support our events**, and to share their experiences in their STEM career. A big thanks to those parents who have already volunteered.



End Of Term

On the last day for term we had a fantastic talent show, organised entirely by our team of House and Vice Captains. The performers all showed great confidence and our audience were thoroughly entertained. Winners and runners up earned points towards their house, with the winner taking away 50 house points. We also handed out lots of certificates in recognition of their hard work/achievements linked to one of the SHANARRI indicators. These children also won 10 points each for their houses. After all these awards, the House Leaderboard stands at:

House Points	
 2064 Puffin	1960  Kittiwake
 1801 Fulmar	2059  Guillemot

- As Puffin had the most points at the end of last term they have won an extra break time with their house.
- P5/6 were also our first class to achieve a Bronze award for having more than 750 points so will receive an additional break as a class. Well done everyone.

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Nursery Care Inspectorate Visit



Just before the Easter break, the nursery was revisited by a member of the Care Inspectorate team. Feedback from this visit was very positive and acknowledged the great improvements which are evident in the nursery environment, the collaborative working of the nursery team, and the care and support of the learners in the nursery. Many thanks to the nursery team, and parent body who have worked together to make this happen.

Staffing Update

Miss Sinclair's last working day at Charleston will be Friday the 26th of April. We wish her all the best at Gilcomstoun. Mrs Salmon and Miss Youngson are looking forward to working together and getting to know the children in P5 over the next few weeks. Well done to Miss Burdett who had been the schools Acting Principal Teacher. She has now been permanently appointed to the post. Miss Burdett will continue to work with P5/6 and lead on aspects of curriculum development across the school.

