



Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see everyone back at school, including our new Nursery children, despite the flooding and the cold.

We have had a great start to the term with a focus on our School Vision - 'Aspire and Grow Together' and the Bible verse that the vision is rooted in which has been reworded to: 'God's Kingdom is like a seed, which a farmer took and planted. Though it is a tiny seed, when it grows, it is the largest of trees and becomes so big that birds rest and shelter in its branches.' Matthew 13:31-32.

The children have all had some time thinking about what the vision and the Bible verse mean to us and how we live them out through our school values — Love, Respect, Kindness, Forgiveness, Resilience and Honesty. Every class has also prepared displays for their classrooms to represent the tree we aim for them to become from the tiny mustard seed.

I will be holding a Parent forum in the Percy Collett room on Tuesday 16th at 2:30 for any parents that wish to know more about it or ask any questions about the vision.

The week ended with all classes taking part in a Prayer Spaces reflective session led by a small army of volunteers and Rev Lisa. A big thank you to all the volunteers that made the event possible. All the children enjoyed the experience, especially the quiet music and the giant bubble lamp.

The teachers have been working on the class newsletters which will be sent out later today, we have added a new section with tips for how parents can help their children at home. I hope you find these informative!

Wishing you all a dry weekend,

Nadia Gosling



Headteacher Award

Zac & Geordie

Well Done!



Our Stars of the Week

Lucas

Freddie

Harry B

Asher

Lily H

Eli

Jaxon-Lee

Evelyn T

Class Attendance Winner

This week's best attended class is Year 1&2 with:

97% attendance

Whole school attendance

94%

Also, Well done to everyone for getting into school at 08:45. It makes such a difference!

Breakfast Club & CAST

Drop & Play: Mon-Fri 8.15am-8.45am
8:30am—8:45am

Breakfast club: Mon-Fri 7.50am-8.45am

CAST times: Mon-Thurs 3.15pm-4.15pm
or 3.15pm-5.30pm.

If you would like your child to attend Breakfast Club, Drop & Play or CAST, please book a place using the app. All clubs are open to Reception through to Year 6 children only. If you could please try to get your clubs booked by **Midday Friday** for the week ahead, so that snacks can be arranged. As our numbers are increasing, we may not be able to accept last minute bookings due to the adult ratio's required. Please also be mindful of pick up times, if you are late picking up your child you will be charged for the later session.

Diary dates

- **11th Jan—8th Feb Yr 5/6 Swimming every Thursday**
- **16th Jan 2:30 Parent forum on Vision**
- **23rd January 2024 Rags2Riches**
- **7th February Parent's Evening Reception to Year 6 3:30— 6:00**
- **8th February Parent's Evening Reception to Year 6 4:00 —6:30**
- **12th—16th February Half Term Week**



Eco council news

The Eco Council delivered an assembly this week to introduce our Action Plan.

We shared the three actions for each of the three topics we are focussing on this academic year to achieve the Eco Award. Our first action is from our Waste topic –Please turn off the tap signs will be appearing. We have noticed taps are not always turned off properly wasting water and money.

We look forward to sharing our progress over the coming months.

FSU

FSU have begun their new topic called "Once Upon a Time" with great enthusiasm. This week especially focusing on one of our core stories: **We're going on a Bear Hunt**. The children have enjoyed meeting up with their friends again, as well as welcoming 5 new nursery children. In line with the rest of the school, we have re-launched our school vision- '**Aspire and Grow Together**' by hearing the story from the bible that it is rooted in-about the Mustard seed that grew into a big tree that birds came and nested in. We tried to explain that even though they are small, they can thrive and flourish, when they try to be the best they can be, learning and growing together

Year 1 & 2

We have had an exciting start to the new term in year 1 and 2. The children have begun their new topics in their subjects and spent some time with the company BeSpace where they had some lovely reflection time. In History we have started our Nurturing Nurses topic and thought about why and who are significant people.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 have had a fantastic start to the new term, approaching their work with enthusiasm and putting in plenty of effort. We have been particularly enjoying our new English text 'Until I Met Dudley', which explains how everyday things work in a humorous way. We now know that toasters do **not** have fiery dragons inside them and vacuum cleaners do **not** contain hungry dust snakes! We are also really excited to be back at Forest School, which is a highlight of our week!

Year 5 & 6

In Y5/6 we started two new books this week. The first is called The Viewer about a boy who finds a mysterious object, sees unusual images inside it and then disappears! The second is our reading book called Holes. We made predictions about the story based only on the front cover. This week, the whole school focus on our vision led us to read the story of the mustard seed and consider how like tiny seeds, Y5/6 have grown incredibly in their time at Charlton!

Safeguarding

Please contact Mrs Clarke, Miss Giles or Mrs Gosling should you have any safeguarding concerns.

Forest School

