



School Newsletter



Tuesday 2nd February 2018

This half term has certainly gone quickly! It is lovely to see that the days are starting to be light for longer and I hope that you are able to take advantage of this over the half term break.

There will be some staffing changes after half term as Mrs Kennedy, Mrs Grinter and Mrs Booth move onto new adventures. I would like to thank them for everything they have done throughout their time at Charmouth Primary School. Mrs Grinter and Mrs Kennedy both live in the village, so I am sure we will see them from time to time and Mrs Booth already has a history of not being able to stay away! I am sure you will all join me in wishing them all the best for the future.

We are planning some minor changes to the daily timetable when we return, with phonics and guided reading starting promptly at 9:00. Our assembly time will move to the afternoon and morning break will 15 minutes earlier at 10:30—10:45. We feel that this will allow us to use our time in school effectively to support teaching and learning.

Have a happy half term.

Mrs Laura Cornish

Whole school **attendance** last week:

97.2%



Government expectation: 96%
Persistent absentee: below 90%

Diary dates



- Fri 9th February—INSET day
- 12th-16th February—Half Term
- Tues 20th February—Safer Internet Day
- Wed 21st February—Class photographs
- Thurs 22nd February—Starfish & Seahorses open assembly (2:45)

Lost property

We have moved the lost property box to the area behind the school office. We have a lot of items currently in the box , so if you have anything missing, please do come and have a look!

Celebration

Today we have thought about Safer Internet Day, as today is the national day for e-safety. We will be celebrating e-safety after half term on Tuesday 20th February, when the Safe Schools Community Team will visit.

Our celebration assemblies will look a little different after half term, when we will celebrate personal, group and whole class success. Certificates will be handed out for effort, achievement and demonstrating the school values. Children will also be celebrated here on the weekly newsletter.

CHARMOUTH CHALLENGE 7th JULY 2018 10.00

A few changes have been made to this event from last year. Both the fun run and fell run will start at 10.00 and we have employed a company to provide chipped timing so this event is now becoming much more professional and is becoming much bigger with over 600 participants expected across all 3 events and has the potential to make over £6000 profit which will directly go towards your children.

With the event becoming more professional there is an increase in set up costs to allow the event to run safely. We rely on sponsorship for this and Charmouth Challenge is an excellent opportunities for local companies to have huge advertising and marketing opportunities. If any parents of the school own or work for local companies who may be interested in sponsoring this event please let Lucy Watkinson know. We also require approximately 20 age category prizes which last year comprised of Black Cow Vodka and other upmarket alcohol and chocolate prizes. If anybody has a company providing such products this would also be gratefully received. If we do not get sponsorship or products donated costs need to come out of entry money and not as much profit will be made. As previously mentioned the advertising opportunities for all that support this event is huge.

Entries for the event are now open at www.charmouthchallenge.co.uk The fun run also has chipped timing and it is now only £2 for accompanying parents to enter. All those 8 and under need to be accompanied by an adult. The fell run is for adults only.

Lastly, this event can not run without full support from parents. I need help on the day with registration, marshalling, first aid and a million other jobs so PLEASE HELP. Bear in mind this is the biggest fund raiser for the school and all money goes directly to your children. Please contact Lucy Watkinson on email organiser@charmouthchallenge.co.uk

Thank you for your support.



School Car Park

The school bus has had difficulties getting into the carpark in the mornings. Where possible, please use the car parks close by. If you do not yet have a permit, please speak to the school office.



Attendance

Letters will be sent out to families where children have had attendance below expected standards. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please make an appointment to see me.



Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre

Attenborough and the Sea Dragon Competition



The Sea Dragon was found without it's head leading to a murder mystery!

We want you to draw what you think the Attenborough Sea Dragon looked like when it was alive and with it's Head! You might like to draw the environment the dragon lived in or even the predator that chomped off it's poor head!

Finder of the Sea Dragon Chris Moore will be choosing 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in November. Closing date 31st October!

Postal entries to: Alison Ferris (Sea dragon competition). Charmouth Heritage Coast Centre. Lower Sea Lane. Charmouth. DT6 6LL.
Write your name and contact details on the back!

Seahorse and Starfish Open Assembly

Thank you for your understanding in regards to the date change for the Seahorse and Starfish open assembly. We are looking forward to a full hall on Thursday 22nd February at 2:45.