

Charles Dickens School Fortnightly Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

With the Spring Term now just behind us we can look back over the many celebrations of the past few weeks with pride and joy and look ahead to some well-earned rest and relaxation.

For many children and parents in Years 3 and 4, the highlight has been the 'Coming to England' project and the opportunity for Year 3 and 4 families to tell their stories through the voices of their children. Many emotions were shared and all the children have learnt, through writing, dance, art and music to understand and value each other a little better. The project ended with what can only be described as breathtakingly good performance of song and musical composition which had parents shedding tears of joy and dancing in the aisles. Congratulations to the Year 3 / 4 team and project leader, the super talented Pete Letanka. We are so please to be able to welcome Pete to the Charles Dickens team to collaborate on future projects.

To avoid a creative overload and to spread out the fun, the Art exhibition, showcasing learning and talent from Year 5 and 6 and art clubs will now be taking place in the second week back after the holidays.

In the foundation stage your wonderful children have continued to care for the chicks which hatched last week. They were all thrilled to learn we will be keeping many of the chicks as future 'layers' - the Dickens Chickens are returning!

Finally the last week of term is always a celebration and reflection time with teachers on all the fantastic progress your children have made and the next steps for each child. As ever, the quality of reflections from the teachers and the teachers' depth of knowledge of each child are of the very highest standards and it is a reminder of the rigour, talent and dedication of our team. A huge thank you to all of them for the continued hard work and innovation!

To all of you, have a relaxing and healthy Easter holidays - let's hope that spring finally arrives and brings with it some sunshine!

Mrs Cassie Buchanan

Mrs Terri de Quincey

Art Exhibition

The Art Exhibition will be taking place on Monday 22nd April in the Artful Dodger Gallery and the middle hall. This is a culmination of all the art work that the children have been producing during the past term with our two artists in residence, Sara Byers and Ademola Akintola. Please do make time to come along to view their, as always, fabulous artwork.

Arrangements for last day of term and first day of next term

There will be no Football or Press Gang clubs after school but After School Club WILL be running this day.

We look forward to seeing you all again on **Tuesday 16th April** for another action-packed Summer term at Charles Dickens School!

School Photographs

You will have received the proofs of your child's school photos, can we remind parent/carers to please order these on line or by post and your photograph order will be sent straight to your home address. Please do not sent orders to the school office as we will not be able to process them for you.

Thank you.

PLEASE DO NOT BOOK HOLIDAYS IN TERM TIME

Term Dates

Last day of Spring Term - Thursday 28th March

Inset day - Monday 15th April (school closed to pupils)

Children back in school - Tuesday 16th April

May Bank Holiday - Monday 6th May (school closed)

Half Term holiday - Monday 27th May to Friday 31 May

Inset day - Friday 21st June (school closed to pupils)

Last day of Summer Term - Wednesday 24th July

Inset Day 1: Tuesday 3 September (school closed to pupils)

Children in School: Wednesday 4 September – Friday 25 October

Half term holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Children in School: Monday 4 November - Friday 20 December

Christmas holiday: Monday 23 December – Monday 6 January 2014

Inset Day 2: Monday 6 January (school closed to pupils)

Children in School: Tuesday 7 January – Friday 14 February

Half term holiday: Monday 17 February – Monday 24 February

Inset Day3: Monday 24 February (school closed to pupils)

Children in School: Tuesday 25 February – Friday 4 April

Easter Holiday: Monday 7 April – Wednesday 23 April

Inset Day 4: Tuesday 22 April (school closed to pupils)

Children in School: Wednesday 23 April – Friday 23 May

(May Bank holiday will be taken on 5 May)

Half Term holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May

Children in School: Monday 2 June – Wednesday 23 July

Inset Day 5: Friday 20 June (school closed to pupils)

Mint Street - The Building Exploratory

As you may already be aware The Building Exploratory has been appointed by Southwark Council to work with the local community to consider how the building at Mint Street Adventure Playground could be re-developed. We would like to hear your thoughts about what you like most about the Mint Street Adventure Playground and Building also what you would like to change?

Listed below are the consultation dates:-

Sessions for children, parents and local residents, with creative activities for children and young people:

Thursday 28th March, 3.30pm to 6.30pm

Friday 5th April, 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Wednesday 10th April, 1.00pm to 4.00pm

Session for parents, local residents and anyone interested in the future of Mint Street Playground:

Thursday 18th April 6.30pm to 8.00pm

Celebration Day - a fun day of celebration at Mint Street!

Saturday 11th May 11am to 4pm

To find out more about the Building Exploratory see www.buildingexploratory.org.uk.

Red Nose Day

As you know we held a Red Nose Disco and a bake sale last week to raise money for Comic Relief. A huge thank you to everyone who made these events a success. **The final total was an amazing £924.37!**

EHIC Cards

Is your child is going on the Year 5 trip to Paris in June?

If you are going online to get a EHIC card please be aware that it is free if you log-on to the following website:-

www.nhs.uk/NHSEngland