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# The Piggott School: Charvil Primary

No. 154

Dear Parents and Carers,

It feels a little late in the year to say it now but as this is our first Chatterings since, Happy New Year to you all.

Coronavirus continues to affect school life and cases within Wokingham schools have reached peak levels this week. There is some good news though, as those with positive test results can now leave isolation early with negative LFD tests 24 hours apart on day 5 and 6 **or** on any two subsequent days. Until this week, infection levels of COVID-19 had been low in school. We have now had four reported cases this week but these are all contained within one class at this stage. You can find all of our COVID related information on our school website [here](#). We will update this page weekly with the number of positive cases we have in school.

We are aware that many of you wish to support your children at home. To make this easier for you, we send book homes on a weekly basis to provide you with information about what your child has been doing in that subject in school. We send a different book home each week so you will see the full range of your child's work roughly once per term. You are welcome to support your child with any work they have done in these books or support them to research aspects which have interested them further. In addition, with Parents' Evenings being held remotely, this is also designed to enable you to see what your child is doing in school. This is in addition to the reading, spelling and Times Tables homework which your child should be completing daily.

In addition to this, we also have our Curriculum Maps on the school website. Please visit the relevant year group pages and you can see everything which your child will study each term. These are updated by teachers termly but with the way we are developing the curriculum, these updates and revisions will become much smaller.

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As with any matter, if you have any questions, please direct these to your child's class teacher, in the first instance.

Mr Gray, Mr Hillerton and Ms Quinell

**Charvil Chatterings**  
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## Upcoming Diary Dates

### 2022

Weds 26th January 2022  
Foundation Welly Wednesday

Weds 9th February 2022  
Foundation Welly Wednesday

Mon 21st - Fri 25th Feb 2022  
Half Term

Thurs 3rd March 2022  
Foundation trip to Rushall Farm

Thurs 3rd March 2022  
World Book Day

Fri 8th April 2022 1.00pm Finish  
Last Day of Spring Term

Mon 25th April 2022  
First Day of Summer Term

Mon 16th May - Fri 20th May 2022  
Walk to School Week

Mon 30th May - Fri 3rd June 2022  
Half Term

Mon 6th - Fri 10th June 2022  
Year 6 Residential to Croft Farm

Tues 14th June 2022  
Tempest Class Photos

Tues 19th July 2022 1.00pm Finish  
Last Day of Summer Term

Weds 20th and Thurs 21st July 2022  
INSET Days- School closed to Pupils



### PE Days are as follows:

**Monday:** Years 2, 4 and 5  
**Tuesday:** Foundation, Year 3  
**Wednesday:** Years 1, 3, 4 and 6  
**Thursday:** Years 2, 5 and 6  
**Friday:** Year 1

Please ensure your child comes to school  
in their PE kit. Thank you.

## Spring Term Clubs:

### Monday:

**Dance Starz:** 8:00 - 8:45am (Y2-6)  
10th Jan - 4th Apr

**KS2 Football:** 3:15 - 4:15pm  
10th Jan - 4th Apr

### Tuesday:

**Ukulele:** lesson during school (Y3-6)  
4th Jan - 8th Feb

**Spanish Club** 3:20– 3:50pm (Foundation)

### Wednesday:

**Judo Club:** 8:00 - 8:45am (Y1-3)  
12th Jan—6th Apr

**Piano:** lesson during school (Y2-6)

**Sewing Club:** 3:25 - 4:25pm  
12th Jan—30th Mar

### Thursday:

**Futsal:** 8:00 - 8:45am (Y1-3)  
6th Jan—7th Apr

**Guitar:** lesson during school (Y3-6)

**Spanish Club** 3:20– 3:50pm (Y1-2)  
13th Jan—7th Apr

### Friday:

**Judo Club:** 8:00 - 8:45am (Y4-6)  
14th Jan - 8th Apr





***Congratulations!***  
Head Teacher's Certificates  
have been awarded to:

Foundation - Antonella, Amelia & Khyrese  
Year 1 - Leah, Noah & Phoebe  
Year 2 - Mia, Archie & Shae  
Year 3 - Rabani, Henry & Aidan  
Year 4 - Dylan, Eloisa & Greg  
Year 5 - Ruari, Caitlin & Evie  
Year 6 - Evangeline, Jack & James

## Jumpers/Cardigans

Below is the pile of **18** unnamed school jumpers/cardigans from lost property over the Autumn Term. These will now be going to the CPSA who will be holding a Nearly New Sale in the coming weeks, where you will have the opportunity to buy them back!

We understand that Stephenson's new neck labels are difficult to name, but please write your child's name clearly on the wash label inside. Please can we also encourage you to periodically check that any name is still visible and your child has brought home their own jumper.

**ALL your children's clothes and belongings that may come into school should be named (uniform, shoes, gloves, coats, water bottles, hairbands etc) and please name lunch bags on the OUTSIDE.**

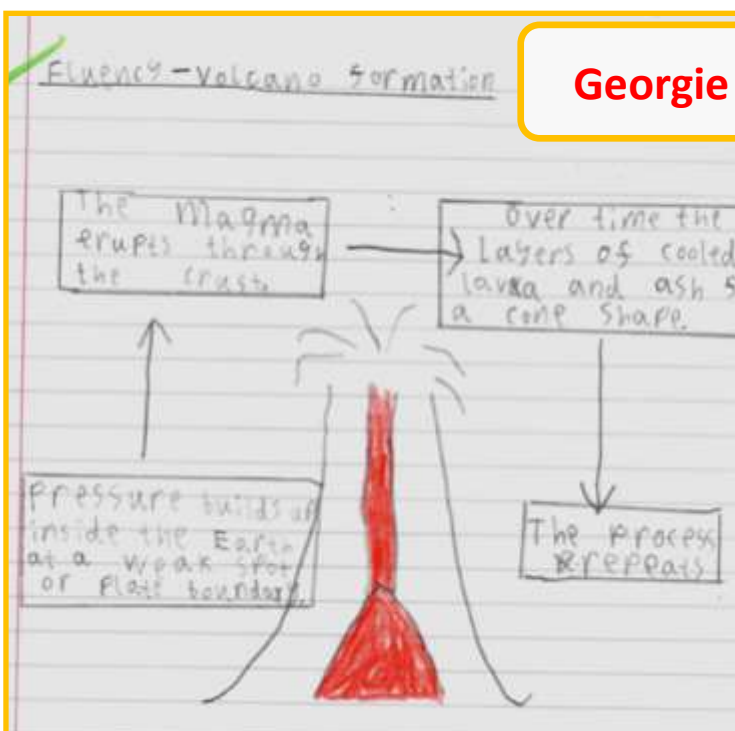
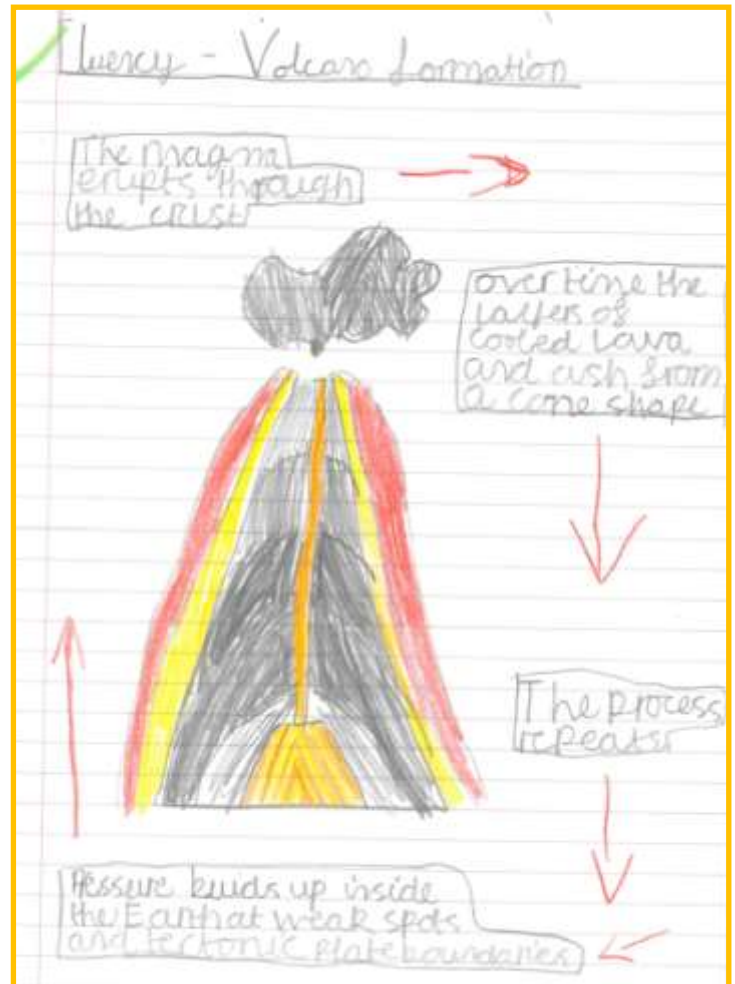
Thank you for your support.





# Year 3 - Volcano Formation

Our Year 3 Class are learning about Volcanos. They have produced some brilliant diagrams detailing how they are formed.



**Mollie-Grace**



Fluency - Volcano Formation

The magma rises through the crust

Over time the layers of cooled lava and ash form a cone shape

Pressure builds up inside the Earth at a weak spot or plate boundary

The process repeats

**Maala**

Fluency - Volcano

The magma rises

Over the years the layer cools and forms a layer

Pressure builds up inside the earth at weak spots and tectonic plate boundaries

The process repeats

**Jack**

**Aidan**



Fluency - Volcano formation

The magma rises through the crust

Over the years the layer cools and forms a layer

Pressure builds up inside the earth at weak spots and tectonic plate boundaries

The process repeats



# Year 2 - PE

During PE this week our Year 2 class have been learning the Haka!



Haka are traditional dances of the Maori people, originating from New Zealand.

Haka are dances performed by a group in unison. This means dancers perform the same routine at exactly the same time.

Traditionally, haka were performed by warriors before a battle, to show their strength and unity in order to intimidate their enemies.



Today, haka are performed for different reasons. They are danced at occasions such as funerals, birthdays and weddings, and to welcome special guests.

Famously, a haka is performed by New Zealand's All Blacks and Black Ferns rugby teams before they play a rugby match.

Ca-mar-tay  
Ca-ma-tay

Tenney Te



Poo Huru Huru

Naana nay ticky my

Facka Fitty tay ra



A upe-aan-ay A Ko-paan-ay





# Foundation



On Welly Wednesday we were Polar explorers, searching for the animals hiding around the field (but where was the Arctic fox?). We sorted a basket of animals into those which live in a very cold environment and those which might live amongst the trees in Charvil. Then we matched some Polar animals to their silhouettes. We checked on our daffodil bulbs, which are beginning to grow, and then enjoyed our hot chocolate!







The children loved seeing the bulbs they planted in the autumn starting to appear. The Foundation garden will soon be full of beautiful flowers.





In Foundation Class we have been looking closely at our faces and drawing self portraits!





We would like to wish a very Happy Birthday to all our pupils celebrating their birthday in January!

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Dylan - Year 6  
Kian - Year 1  
Jacob - Year 1

Teddy - Year 1  
Nigel - Year 1  
Ryan - Year 5  
Sadie - Foundation

Emma - Year 3  
Ellie - Year 6  
Aadhi - Foundation  
Julia - Year 3

Molly - Year 4  
Max - Year 5  
George - Year 3  
Patrick - Year 4

Daniel - Year 2  
Harrison - Year 4  
Betsy - Foundation  
Isabelle - Year 3







# CPSA Update



Hi everyone,

I was recently contacted by our local councillor, Sam Akhtar, on behalf of the group Twyford Rethinks Its Plastic (TRIP). Mitali Kelly from TRIP has been helping schools to achieve 'Plastic Free Status' and would like to do the same at Charvil Piggott. They would need a volunteer (or group of volunteers) to act as a liaison between TRIP and the school – if you are interested in this role, please could you contact us at [charvilpsa@gmail.com](mailto:charvilpsa@gmail.com) and we will pass on your details.

Our focus now is on our AGM on 28<sup>th</sup> February at 8.15pm (you'll receive a letter via the school shortly). Five of the Committee members, including myself and Rachel Matthews (Treasurer), will be stepping down at this meeting. It's been a challenging 2 years for PTAs and the CPSA is no exception. Newcomers to the school are very likely not aware of the events we would run in more normal times so won't realise what their families will be missing out on if no one steps forward:

**Tea and Tears.** A chance for Foundation parents to meet each other after they drop their kids for the first full day at school.

**Foundation Curry Night.** Another chance to meet other new parents and carers, helping to form those all-important friendships.

**School Discos.** An absolute winner with the children and a chance for them to let their hair down. Guest visits from some of the teachers are very popular.

**Cake (& Pizza) Sales.** Held in the playground after school, once per term, these are a regular feature that the kids love.

**Wine & Wisdom.** The CPSA quiz night is my personal favourite of our events. Held in the school hall, this event is lots of fun, although our participants seem to be much better at the Wine than the Wisdom!

**Christmas Fayre.** This hasn't been held for the last 3 years but we were due to re-start in 2022. While Sarah Townsend is stepping down from the Committee, she is keen to organise this event with the new members. She even has most of the stock boxed up and labelled, ready for when we get the go-ahead!

**Frosty Fridays.** Ice cream and ice lollies in the school playground. It really hasn't felt like summer without this one.

**Summer BBQ.** Probably the main event of the year. Just for school families and held inside the school grounds, it's a chance for parents to socialise, possibly with a beverage or two, while the kids enjoy themselves at the stalls and bouncy slide. We invite the new starters for the following school year, so they get to meet other families ahead of time. Oh, and the teachers run a BBQ too!

**Christmas Tree Sale.**

Plus, our new Covid-possible events - **Nyama Street Food Takeaway** and **Veg Plant Sale**

Many of you may also not be aware of the items that the CPSA has funded. These include the playground markings, outdoor classroom, picnic benches, swimming lessons, Christmas entertainment, playground equipment and associated storage locker, football kits, wooden climbing frame plus also the new summer house and sensory garden (under construction). Additionally, we will be contributing substantially to the planned Daily Mile Track.

If you would like more information or are able to attend the AGM (it will be in a virtual format), please email us at [charvilpsa@gmail.com](mailto:charvilpsa@gmail.com). It is worth noting that none of the events I have talked about are compulsory. It would be entirely up to the new Committee to decide what they would like to run, depending on their other commitments and the time they have available. Both Rachel and I are more than happy to support our replacements in their new roles so you wouldn't be thrown in at the deep end!

Alex Mclean, CPSA Chair

