**1 July 2019**

Dear Mums, Dads and Carers,

**Summer Fair**

It was lovely to see so many of our school community at the fair on Saturday. As always the event was a tremendous success raising a great deal of much needed money for the school; exact figure still to be totted up but I’ll let you know. Many of you comment that our school fairs are significantly “bigger” / have more going on than those of other schools and this doesn’t happen by magic. I am sure you will all join me in thanking and congratulating Sandra Burrows, Sarah Hudd and all of the other dedicated and hardworking FOTSA members and their partners for all of their time, effort, organisational prowess and skill. In this age of shrinking school budgets my staff and I are extremely grateful for the support provided from such events and our children will reap the benefits. Thanks again to everyone for your support whether that be as a helper or an attendee.

**Cake Sale**

Cakes left over from the Summer Fair will be sold at break time tomorrow, all cakes will be 20p.

**National Sports Week**

Upon returning from a brilliant week on residential with the Y4 classes, it was brilliant to hear of our participation and success in wide ranging activities as part of National Sports week. Particularly pleasing were the multiple messages I received from organising staff at other schools and HCoEHS of our children’s exemplary attitude and sportspersonship! Very well done to you all; I am very proud!

**After school clubs**

**Please note this is the last week of after school clubs, EXCEPT Taekwondo which will run on until next Monday 8th July due to a previous cancelled lesson.**

**Book Fair**

There will be a book fair in school from tomorrow until Friday, parents are welcome to come in from 8.30am each day and again at 3.15pm

**Classes next year**

Sadly we say goodbye to two teachers at the end of this term with both Chris Marland and Kelly Holloway moving on to new challenges. Chris and his girlfriend are taking up teaching positions in China, which I am sure will be an incredible experience and opportunity for them both. Chris has been teaching Y1 with us for three years and has done a superb job. I am sure you will all join me in extending thanks and best wishes for his adventure to come. Kelly Holloway is taking on a Deputy Headship at a school in Chester. Kelly has been at Charles Darwin for six years and has been instrumental in our success over that time.  Again I know you will join me in wishing her the very best of luck in her new position.

Parents and carers of Reception children will be told which class they are going to in a separate letter; we split the year group evenly paying particular attention to friendship groupings but also ensuring an equal split of boys and girls, behaviours, personalities and abilities.

**Classes for September are listed below, this year’s class in brackets. Teaching assistant support still to be finalised. Children will spend time with their new teacher in their new classrooms on Thursday of this week.**

**Reception**

Mrs Anna Wood / Miss Jo Tilley / Mrs Steph Cowburn (part time, Steph has worked with Y6 this year but is delighted to be moving back to younger children)

**Y1**

Mrs Cat Holden

Miss Annie Barrow (Annie has done a brilliant job teaching part time in Reception this year)

**Y2**

Mrs Sharon Ronald (Mr Marland’s class)

Mrs Wendy Ford / Mrs Helen Ball (job share) (Mrs Holden’s class)

**Y3**

Mr Mark Solan (Mrs Ford’s & Mrs Ball’s class)

Mrs Cat Kenyon / Mrs Natalie Wharton (job share) (Mrs Ronald’s class)

**Y4**

Miss Sophie Ashton (Mrs Kenyon’s & Mrs Wharton’s class)

Mrs Katie Holmes (Mr Solan’s class) Katie is a new appointment; she was superb at interview and I have no doubts she will be a brilliant addition to the Charles Darwin team.

**Y5**

Mrs Sharon Harley (mornings) / Mrs Marianne Bennett (afternoons) (Miss Ashton’s class)

Mrs Amy Mowat (Mrs Holloway’s class)

**Y6**

Miss Ashley Tench (Mrs Harley’s & Mrs Bennett’s class)

Miss Lisa Bilotta (Mrs Mowat’s class)

**Music afternoon**

Parents and family are welcome to join us on Thursday from midday for a picnic lunch followed by a singing / music afternoon. There will be NO hot lunches served on this day, only picnic bags. As already stated Y6 will not be participating in this as many of them are on High School induction days, parents of Y6 children will see their musical prowess soon enough as they perform Aladdin. The afternoon is obviously weather dependent; we aim to start for 1.00 / 1.15pm.

As always thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Adam Croft