

Charleston School News: Dear Residents,



On our first morning back this term, we took delivery of 20 chicken eggs, complete with incubators and brood boxes. Ten eggs went into nursery, with the other ten being placed centrally

in the school for all to see.

Following an assembly explaining what the children could expect to see, the excitement mounted, with each crack and chirp being monitored! Staff were as excited as the pupils! Nineteen of the eggs hatched successfully. Once they were in the brood boxes, we were able to gently handle them. We watched their feathers come in and saw how quickly they grew. Everyone was engaged with the experience, with parents visiting the chicks during Parents' evening and after school.

After two weeks, the chicks returned to the farm, where they will be able to scratch and run about to their hearts' content.

Across this session, our Eco team have been working hard. They have collected old clothes and bedding which we have exchanged for new science equipment, as well as installing a water butt and new rubbish bins in the playground. All this work has been submitted and this term we are awaiting a visit from the committee who will decide whether or not we are eligible for a second green flag. That would be a fitting achievement after all the eco team's hard work and effort.



Summer term is always a busy one with induction meetings for the oldest and youngest pupils in school and nursery as they move on with their education. We look forward to running our transition programme to school, and to supporting our primary 7 pupils as they move to their new school of choice.

The pupils in primary 6 are visiting our allotment in groups with Mr Pirie to plant up the vegetable patch. We are also taking part in the potato growing competition which involves schools across the city. Charleston has been quite successful in this in recent years, so hopefully with a little rain and plenty sun, we will be lucky tattie growers again!

We are also hoping to see the sun so that we can have a successful health week in June, which will culminate in our Sports Day. The nursery will run their sports first on the Thursday, followed by the school sports on the Friday. Perhaps it is time to get your trainers on, just in case there is a mums or dads race to join in with...!

At the start of this term, I was successful at interview and have been appointed Head teacher at Charleston. I look forward to working with the school and the wider Cove community for the foreseeable future.

