



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

In two weeks' time we will be holding our second round of parent/teacher meetings. The booking system is now live and will close on 6th March, so please do book an appointment as soon as possible. All of the meetings will be face-to-face as we have had less call for online appointments over the last year.

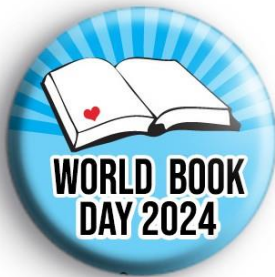
Yesterday Kingfisher Class held a live lesson with our partner school in Uganda. The two classes shared a book with half being



read by Chew Stoke and the other half by Christian Life School. The children in both schools then completed artwork linked to the story. The lesson finished with pupils from

both schools sharing their work and discussing it. It was great to see another example of how this partnership has flourished and thanks go to Mrs Hope for developing this link for us.

A REMINDER - WORLD BOOK DAY - 6th MARCH



We will be holding our Chew Stoke World Book Day this year on Wednesday 6th March and we are looking forward to celebrating with your children. Through the activities that we have planned, we aim to encourage and further the love of

books and reading for pleasure that is such an important part of your children's lives.

The official World Book Day is on Thursday 7th March - don't let this confuse you!

Costumes - Dressing up for World Book Day is something that so many of your children love and we are again inviting all children to come dressed as a favourite book character on the day. We encourage you to use things that you already have at home to make a creative costume, or perhaps to swap with other families so that you don't have to buy a new costume each year!

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Book Swap - We hope to host a Book Swap on our World Book Day so that every child in school will go home with their very own new book to read. For this to work, we need nearly 200 good quality, suitable books that are ready for a new home! Please have a chat with your child/ren and help them to decide on 1 or 2 books (no more than 2) that they are willing to part with and bring them in on Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th March so that we can start to sort them ready for our Book Swap. We do understand that some families may find it more difficult to contribute, but with some children bringing in 2 books we will have enough for everyone!

Token for a FREE BOOK! - Every year, the World Book Day charity works with incredible authors to write exclusive books to give to children for free. The token can also be used for a £1 discount on a full price book but this just isn't as much fun! All you have to do is take the barcode from the WBD Token in to a participating store and you can walk away with a free book. It's really that easy.

EASTER CELEBRATIONS

The term is moving on apace and we are now thinking about the Easter Festival. Kingfisher Class will be leading our Easter Service, which will be held on Thursday 28th March at St Andrews Church starting at 9.30am.

We will be holding an Easter craft morning on Monday 25th March, more details to follow.

On Wednesday 27th March we will be holding our Easter Eggshibition; details are as follows:



- Children will be able to enter a decorated egg from home (the egg should be either blown or hard-boiled)
- 2 items (different to the home item) will be produced in school
- Home-made items should be clearly labelled on the bottom (out of sight) with the child's name, class and age
- Entries should be brought in to school first thing on Wednesday 27th March. Judging will take place after lunch

- The children will have an opportunity to look around the displayed entries once the judging is finished. Parents are welcome to view our Eggshibition from 2.40pm
- Certificates will be awarded for the first three places in each class.

RED NOSE DAY

On Friday 15th March we will be fundraising for Comic Relief. Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on the day, with an optional theme of 'red'. If you would like to donate to the charity you may do so through ParentPay, more details to follow.



PARKING IN WEBBS MEAD

We are very sad to have received a complaint this week from a local resident who lives in Webbs Mead. '.....I've just had one parent try to pretty much abandon their car in the middle of Webbs Mead, because she was "late picking up her daughter"! I understand the struggles of parking near the school, but that doesn't mean parents can just park where and how they like. I found this same parent had completely blocked the entrance to Webbs Mead a few weeks ago! A number of residents in the Webbs Mead/Pilgrims Way area have been

commenting on the parents' parking on pavements, dangerous and narrow corners, blocking the entrance to The Street, and it's getting beyond a joke.....'.

We rely on the goodwill of the residents for so many of the activities we carry out at school and we don't want anything to jeopardise this. Not only is this sort of parking upsetting people, it is in many cases also illegal. Please think carefully about where you park and leave enough time to park safely when you come to school. Thank you.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY - FRIDAY 23RD FEBRUARY



Congratulations to everyone who was awarded a Certificate or Golden Heart last Friday.

VALLEY ARTS EASTER HOLIDAY DRAMA CLUB

We are very lucky to have the excellent **Stevie Thompson**, Artistic Director of Flibbertigibbet Theatre (www.flibbertigibbettheatre.co.uk) coming to run a 2 day clowning and comedy workshop on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April**, at **The Baptist Church, Chew Magna**.

This 2-day workshop is designed to help children aged 7 - 13 develop their physical storytelling skills and create their own comic characters. Over the course of the workshop, we will explore the art of clowning and slapstick comedy, and introduce the group to the silent movie greats, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, exploring their inspirations taken from pantomime and Commedia Dell'Arte. Why are some things still funny?! The group will learn how to use props and costumes to create hilarious routines as well as delving into the world of masks to discover how they can be used to tell stories and express emotions. No prior experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided.



Cost is £48 for 2 days, and the running time of the workshop is 10am - 4pm both days. Parents and carers will be invited to come and watch the group share back some of the skills they have learnt, at the end of the second day.

Click [HERE](#) to book a place. The holiday club is open for those in school years 3 - 8. Places are limited so please book asap.

CHEW VALLEY 10K

Entries are now open for the 12th Chew Valley 10k - come and join in the fun! It's a beautiful, rural route with lots of support on the way and a very warm welcome home for everyone! All

details and to enter at www.chewvalley10k.co.uk - thank you so much for your support! If you would like to help our event as a marshal, please email at email@chewvalley10k.co.uk

ATTACHMENT LINKS

Further items of interest can be found by clicking the following links:-

Chew Valley 10K Poster - <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/CV10K.pdf>

A promotional graphic for the Bristol Sport Foundation. It features a white text box on the left with a colorful geometric border. The text box contains the organization's name, tagline, mission statement, and contact information. To the right of the text box is a photograph of a young child in a yellow sports vest with the Bristol Sport Foundation logo, kicking a soccer ball on a paved surface. In the background of the photo, other children in green vests are visible.

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