



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

We all had great fun dressing up yesterday to celebrate World Book Day. We started the day with a book themed assembly, which allowed us to see the fantastic costumes that everyone was



wearing (even the staff). The children spent the rest of the day working on book related activities in their classrooms. Reading is a real strength of our school, achieving year on year

well above national benchmarks. We see it as one of the key building blocks that opens up the wider curriculum to our pupils. Thank you to Mrs Bester for organising a brilliant day and well done to everyone; what a lovely array of costumes.

Next week we will be holding our second round of parent/teacher meetings. If you haven't been able to book an appointment yet please contact the school office who will assist you. If you are coming for a face to face meeting please sign in at the school hall.

This term in Collective Worship we are thinking about the value of Generosity. Over the last two weeks we have talked to the children about how people can be generous, not just by giving something material but more importantly by giving their time. The children are going to be looking out for people across the school showing Generosity this term. We look forward to hearing about what they have noticed and how this value is lived out throughout our school.

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 Friday 31st March at St Andrews Church starting at 9.30am.

On Wednesday 29th March we will be holding our Easter Eggshibition; details are as follows:

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- 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 29th 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 Eggshhibition from 2.45pm
- Certificates will be awarded for the first three places in each class.

Congratulations to Miss Yates and her partner who welcomed baby Isobel to the world just before half-term. We hope to see them in school for a visit very school.

Red Nose Day

On Friday 17th March we will be fundraising for Comic Relief. Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on the day. If you would like to donate to the charity you may do so through ParentPay by following this link (you don't need to have a ParentPay account to do so):

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9804>



Dates for your diary!

Term Dates

Term 1: 01/09/2022 - 21/10/2022
 Term 2: 31/10/2022 - 16/12/2022
 Term 3: 03/01/2023 - 10/02/2023
 Term 4: 20/02/2023 - 31/03/2023
 Term 5: 17/04/2023 - 26/05/2023
 Term 6: 05/06/2023 - 21/07/2023

March 2023

17th - Red Nose Day
 17th - PTA Quiz Night
 24th - Well-being drop-in session
 29th - Easter Eggshhibition
 31st - End of Term service, 9.30am

April 2023

17th - Start of Term 5

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING

Starting this term, on the penultimate Friday of every term Mrs Lewis will be hosting a drop-in session (with coffee, of course!) for all parents who are interested to know more about how we support children and parents will mental health and well-being in and out of school. This will be an informal forum where ideas can be shared, tips can be given and received and also a time to share any worries or concerns that you might have.

The sessions will be at 2.30pm until pick-up.
 Looking forward to seeing you there.

The first drop-in session will be on Friday 24th March.

PARKING IN SCHOOL LANE & PILGRIMS WAY

We have been contacted by the Police regarding parking near school. They have told us that they have been receiving complaints again regarding inconsiderate parking by parents during drop off and pick up times, along with parking on the zig zags near to the school entrance. Please be aware that the local Policing Team will start to issue fixed penalties to offending vehicles.

We have also received a request from a parent regarding parking in Home Orchard, at the top of School Lane. Parents who drive to school through the lanes from Regil park in Home Orchard so that they don't have to drive past the school to park. May we therefore request that parents coming to school from other directions park elsewhere in Chew Stoke rather than driving past the school to access Home Orchard. Our aim is to keep School Lane as clear of traffic as possible at drop-off and pick-up times for the safety of our children. Your co-operation would be much appreciated.

UPDATE FROM THE PTA

Thank you so much to all those who sent their children along to and helped at the Valentine disco. We raised almost £600. We will be funding a Badger Class trip and equipment for the Forest School with proceeds from the disco and upcoming quiz night.

Our quiz night will be held on the 17th March from 7.30pm. There are platters of food for every table, a bar and tables are for six. Email awkwardhayley@gmail.com to book your space and pay £10 per person to Chew Stoke School Parent Teacher Association on 08 92 99 and 67214321. Who will challenge 'Quizee Rascals' for the trophy?! Thank you. *Your PTA Team*

CHEW STOKE PLAY GROUP

Chew Stoke Play Group meets weekly in our school hall. Come and join us every Wednesday during school term time 10am - 11.30am. Play, snack and fun! £2.50 per family. For further information please contact Samantha Wise 07444 774852.



B&NES - MAY ELECTIONS - I.D. NEEDED TO VOTE

On Thursday 4 May 2023, local elections are taking place in Bath and North East Somerset. Changes to national legislation mean that voters will need to show photo ID when voting in person at a polling station.

You also need to make sure you are registered to vote first.

Are you on the Electoral Register?

You can check if you are on the electoral register by calling 01225 477333 or [emailing the elections office](#) at Bath & North East Somerset Council.

The deadline to register to vote for the May elections is **Monday 17 April**. Residents can apply for a Voter Authority Certificate at the same time as registering to vote.

Postal Voting

Remember that the requirement to show photo ID only applies to people voting in person at a polling station. If you choose to vote by post, you will not need to provide photo ID as you will not be permitted to vote at a polling station.

Voting at a Polling Station - types of photo ID that will be accepted

A wide range of photo ID will be accepted, including

- passport
- photocard driving licence
- blue badge
- older person's bus pass (including Diamond Travel Card)
- disabled person's bus pass.

- The full list of accepted forms of photo ID can be found on the [Electoral Commission website](#) or by calling 0800 328 0280.

You can still use your photo ID even if it has expired, providing that the name is the same as on the electoral register and the photo is recognisably you.

- full name
- date of birth
- the address at which you are registered to vote
- your National Insurance number.

What to do if you don't have photo ID

Voters who don't have an accepted form of photo ID can apply for a free [Voter Authority Certificate](#) on the Government website or by completing a paper application form. To request a paper form to apply for the Voter Authority Certificate, please contact Bath & North East Somerset Council by calling 01225 477333 or [get in touch by email](#).

From 27 February, you can also apply for a Voter Authority Certificate in person at Bath & North East Somerset Council's One-Stop-Shops at [Lewis House in Bath](#), [the Library in Keynsham](#) and [The Hollies in Midsomer Norton](#).

To apply for the certificate, you need:

- a passport-style photo*

* if you are applying in person at the council offices, staff will be able to take a photograph to accompany your application.

The deadline to apply for a Voter Authority Certificate for the 4 May elections is **5pm on Tuesday 25 April**.

FREE MUSIC WORKSHOP – FRIDAY 10TH MARCH

We're really excited to let you know about a **free workshop** that will be happening at St Gregory's School on Friday 10th March - we would like to invite your child to take part!

Classico Latino are a 3 piece band (piano, 'cello and violin) who perform in a unique style through a powerful blend of Classical and Latino. They have released five studio albums and entertained audiences from Ronnie Scott's Jazz Club in London to the foothills of the Colombian Andes. Their inspirational style is likely to be something that most young players will not have witnessed or engaged with before.

If you play **piano, percussion or strings (violin, viola, 'cello, double bass) or sing**, and are of at least grade 2 level, we'd love you to join us in a free workshop hosted by Classico Latino, on Friday 10th March, from 5pm-7pm at St. Gregory's College, Combe Hay Ln, Odd Down, Bath BA2 8PA.

You will also have the opportunity to perform alongside the group as an optional extra, in a concert on 11th March, 7:30pm-9:30pm, All Saints Church, Wrington BS40 5FL.

For more information and to book, visit bit.ly/classicolatinomar23