



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM MR HEWETT

A very warm welcome to the start of this new school year. I hope you and your family have had a good summer. It has been a pleasure to see all of our children returning after the summer break so excited for the new academic year and their learning. This year we have twenty nine children starting in Hedgehog Class; I am sure you will join me in welcoming these new families into our school community.

I do place great importance on parents and school working together to ensure pupils are happiest and therefore make the most progress. It goes without saying that excellent attendance is vital. A gentle reminder that the government have changed the rules around unauthorised absences. Where unauthorised absence reaches 10 sessions (equivalent to 5 days) across any 100-day period the local authority is expected to issue a penalty notice. As a school, we are keen to have open communication with parents and I would ask that if there are any questions, please do get in touch.

Thank you to everyone for being so punctual at the start of the day this week; a reminder that the gates will be open between 8.40am and 8.50am (please note that being late after 9am does count as an unauthorised absence). At the end of each school day, children in Years 3 to 6 will be walked around to the large playground to meet parents. If you have a child in these year groups, you are very welcome to wait on the large playground once the gates have been opened. This is a good time to catch up with teachers if you have a question or to book an appointment with them for another time.

This year we will be continuing to focus on a different Christian value each term. This will be our focus for Worship and will also permeate into many other aspects of school life. This term's Christian value is 'creativity'. Shortly your child will be bringing home a sheet of ideas that can be worked on at home linked to the theme. We will also focus on a different British value each term, with the first one being 'The Rule of Law'.

Over the next few weeks you will receive a curriculum overview sheet from your child's class teacher detailing the learning for the term up until Christmas. As per last year homework will focus on regular spellings, reading, and times tables practice, with occasional curriculum consolidation activities. This consistent approach across the school will help reinforce these essential skills and ensure our pupils are well-prepared for their academic journey. Your child's

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class teacher will provide more specific details about how this new homework structure will be implemented in their classroom.

At the end of last term our Mini Melodies and Jubilee choirs were invited to take part in a very special event at Wells Cathedral. Reverend Ian's daughter, Iris, was baptised in the Quire on Saturday 19th July and our choirs joined with the adult Community Choir to perform a beautiful rendition of 'Be Thou My Vision' during the service. It was a huge privilege to be asked to be part of the occasion and the children were excited about being in the choir stalls and hearing the cathedral organ play (it was very loud!). Thanks to Mrs Hope, Mrs Dagger and Reverend Fran for looking after the children and to Reverend Ian and Kelly-Ann for inviting us.



School Clubs will be starting from next week and more details of the clubs we are hosting can be found below. The clubs are:

Club	Day/time	Ages	How to book
Korean Club	Friday 12.45-1.15pm	Key Stage 2	Sign up on ParentPay
Tennis Club	Thursday 3.20-4.20pm	Years 1 to 4	See below for further details
Mini Melodies Choir	Tuesdays 3.20-4.30pm	Ages 7 to 9	Contact the School Office
Football	Wednesday 3.20-4.30pm	Years 1 to 6	Ignite Sports – See link below**
Yoga	Starting in Term 2	Key Stage 2	See future newsletter for further details
Yoga	Starting in Term 2	Key Stage 1	See future newsletter for further details
Jubilee Choir	Thursdays 3.20-4.30pm	Ages 9 to 14	Contact the School Office
Basketball	Fridays 3.20-4.20pm	Years 5 & 6	Sign up on ParentPay

**** Ignite Football Club now open to Years 1 to 6!! Booking online via this link <https://www.abler.io/shop/ignitesport>**

Please can we ask parents to let us know if their child won't be attending their booked activity for whatever reason, to save us having to chase up non-attendees.

This Saturday sees the Harvest Home celebrations in the village. All of our children have entered two pieces of work/craft that they made in school during the last academic year and these will be displayed in the flower marquee. Our PTA are also very involved in the event, please see below for further information.

DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

May we remind parents and carers that dogs are not allowed on school premises at any time; nor should dogs be tied to the railings outside the playgrounds. Thank you.

MODESHIFT STARS MONTH

I would like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to a scheme which the school has been working very closely with since 2018. We are very proud that Chew Stoke Church School has been working with Modeshift Stars a scheme which aims to promote safe, active and sustainable travel. Through this scheme we have aimed to improve the number of children walking, cycling, scooting and park and striding to school as well as educating children about how to do this safely, the health benefits of traveling in these ways and the positive impact this has on our environment. Miss Hennessy and the PE Council have been busy working towards their accreditations. We have been an Outstanding school for 5 years, who have won both the local and regional school of the year awards for 3 years in a row. Last year we were thrilled to win the National School of the Year Award. We think these accolades demonstrate the school's commitment to promoting safe and active sustainable travel to and from school. We are incredibly grateful to our parents who continue to encourage our children to travel to school in a sustainable way and consider our car free zone if they are needing to use the car, so they can park and stride.

This September is Modeshift Month. Please keep an eye on your email and the school Facebook Page for activities taking place to promote Modeshift Stars and the activities taking place this will enable your child/ren to take part. We hope this themed month will encourage children to walk, cycle and scoot to school more frequently. Thank you for in advance for your support with our continued work with Modeshift Stars.

TENNIS AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Bishop Sutton Tennis Club are running an after school tennis club at Chew Stoke school. Thursdays 3:20-4:20pm, open to children 5-9 years old, 7 sessions for £38. A fun after-school club for children aged 5-9 that will introduce your child to the basics of tennis. Run by qualified coaches from Bishop Sutton Tennis Club, a great way to try tennis.

To book please visit: <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisinChewValley/BookCourse/6ce87185-28ab-4f00-bb4e-2e8b68617d63>

For any questions, please contact us at infochewvalleytennis@gmail.com

We're also excited to offer our annual promotion of 50% off for new Tots. Tots Coaching is open to children aged 4-5 and introduces them to the basics of tennis using a mix of games and fun activities to aid learning basic ball skills and hand/eye coordination.

Promotional offer is available for any child booking one of our weekday Tots courses (Monday, Wednesday, Friday) for the first time. To view courses and book please visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/TennisinChewValley/Coaching/Junior> and use discount code NEWTOTS50 at checkout.

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Are you parenting a child with ADHD? Join the Parents' Plus Children's ADHD Programme and meet other parents of children aged 6 to 12 in a supportive group to help your child reach their full potential. Please speak in confidence to Mrs Hope if you would like to attend.

Further details are available here:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/PP-ADHD_Parenting_Programme_Flyer.pdf

PTA NEWS

Harvest Home Sundowner Session

This Saturday - 5-7pm

Come and join your friends 5-7pm in the Harvest Home field for our special Sundowner Session.

100% of the profit raised from bar sales during this time goes to the school- a great way to kick start the fundraising efforts for the year as well as catching up with everyone after the summer.

Pizza Adorare will be on site so you can also sort the kids' tea out whilst you are there! Our very own DJ Doswell will be playing some tunes and the weather looks dry - hope to see you there! *Your PTA*