



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEADTEACHER



It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christingle service this week. It is always such a beautiful sight to see all the Christingles lit and to hear the first Christmas carols of the festive season. We hope our families enjoyed it as much as we did! The donations taken at the service will be given to The Children's Society.

Yesterday we had the most brilliant Christmas Craft Day. The children had a great day focussing on festive art and craft. Thank you to everyone who was able to come in and help us, we hope you enjoyed the day as much as we did!

On Wednesday Hedgehog Class visited Chew Stoke Village Hall and performed a selection of songs from their upcoming nativity 'Hey Ewe' for the Christmas village soup lunch. The children were super enthusiastic and sang beautifully for the villagers. Great job Hedgehogs!



Our final two weeks in school are going to be extremely busy and full of festive fun for our children. Next Thursday, Key Stage 2 children will be going to The Egg theatre in Bath to see a production of 'Robin Hood'. Our Reception and Key Stage 1 pupils will be visiting the Old Vic in Bristol during the last week of term.

If you haven't yet given permission for your children to go on these trips please do so via ParentPay, without this permission we are unable to take your child. We see our theatre trips as an important part of the school's curriculum and a great opportunity for all of our children to see a live production. On the final day of term, we have our Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church, which Woodpecker Class children will be leading. We will be walking through the village and arriving at the church for a 9.30am start. As seating is limited please could I ask that

**AUTUMN TERM  
2024/25**

06/12/2024

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this term is

**COMPASSION**

Our British Value for  
this term is

**THE RULE OF  
LAW**



parents only sit on the chairs to the right of the doorway inside the church; it is important we are able to seat all of the children. Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas lunch day and we are hoping that a very special visitor will be arriving during the afternoon with some gifts for the children! Children may wear a Christmas jumper on this day

### CHRISTMAS STORYTIME - WEDNESDAY 11TH DECEMBER, 5PM TO 5.45PM



On the evening of Wednesday 11th December Miss Hennessy will be hosting a Christmas-themed Storytime for all children in Hedgehog and Owl classes (siblings are also welcome). Children will be invited back in their pyjamas for a Christmas story with their parents, and a hot chocolate to truly get into the Christmas spirit! We hope activities like this will encourage a lifelong love of reading and will support parents in the types of questions that can be asked when reading with your child at home.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER

Our School Christmas Lunch will be held on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December at the normal price (free to pupils who are entitled to free school meals and all pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2). As we normally have an overwhelming response, with only a few children bringing sandwiches, we will assume **all** children are having a Christmas Lunch **unless** you let the Office know by Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December to say your child will be **bringing sandwiches**.

### 'BLING YOUR BIKE'

As part of our work with ModeShift Stars the PE Council are organising a 'Bling your Bike Day'. This will take place on the last Wednesday of term (Wednesday 18th December). There will be a prize for one child in each class and winners will be chosen by the PE Council.

Children can be as creative as they like, decorating their bikes with fairy lights, tinsel, stockings or creating their own props from cardboard. We have attached photographs from previous

years to get the creative juices flowing.



#### Dates for your diary!

##### Term Dates

Term 1: 02/09/2024 - 25/10/2024  
Term 2: 04/11/2024 - 20/12/2024  
Term 3: 06/01/2025 - 14/02/2025  
Term 4: 24/02/2025 - 04/04/2025  
Term 5: 22/04/2025 - 23/05/2025  
Term 6: 02/06/2025 - 22/07/2025

##### December 2024

- 06/12/24 - PTA Christmas Fair
- 10/12/24 - Fox Class Christmas Play
- 11/12/24 - Owl Class Christmas Play
- 11/12/24 - Hedgehog & Owl Christmas Storytime
- 12/12/24 - KS2 Theatre Trip
- 13/12/24 - Hedgehog Class Nativity
- 18/12/24 - School Christmas Lunch
- 19/12/24 - EYFS/KS1 Theatre Trip
- 20/12/24 - END OF TERM
- 20/12/24 - Christmas Service, 9.30am

### PARKING COMPLAINTS

We have received a number of complaints regarding driving/parking in School Lane and Pilgrims Way over the last few weeks. We respectfully ask that School Lane and Pilgrims Way are kept free from school traffic during the morning drop-off and afternoon pick-up. We also request that parents do not drive up onto the school premises during these times (unless permission has been sought) We are aware of a near miss with a car reversing down the school drive this week. Please help us to keep the walk to school safe for everyone.