



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

A very warm welcome to the start of this new school year. I hope you and your family have had a good summer. This year we have twenty six children starting in Hedgehog Class and a number of children joining the other classes; I am sure you will join me in welcoming these new families into our school community. We also welcome Miss Gale to our teaching team.

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 from this September penalty notices may be issued by B&NES for low attendance. 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.



During the summer break we have had a number of improvements made across the school. You may have noticed that we have a fantastic new climbing structure in the large playground; the children have thoroughly enjoyed playing on it this week. My thanks go to the PTA who supported us on this project.

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 'courage'. 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'.

Thank you to everyone for being so punctual at the start of the day; a reminder that the gates will be open between 8.40 and 8.50am. 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.

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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.

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	Tuesdays 3.20-4pm	Key Stage 2	Contact the School Office
Mini Melodies Choir	Tuesdays 3.20-4.30pm	Ages 7 to 9	Contact the School Office
Netball Club	Tuesdays 3.20-4.25pm	Years 3 to 6	See flyer attached for booking info
Multisports Club	Tuesdays 3.20-4.25pm	Years 1 and 2	See flyer attached for booking info
Football Club	Wednesdays 3.20-4.30pm	Key Stages 1 & 2	Book via ParentPay
Multisports Club	Thursdays 3.20-4.30pm	Key Stages 1 & 2	Book via ParentPay
Jubilee Choir	Thursdays 3.20-4.30pm	Ages 9 to 14	Contact the School Office

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 will be hosting the Harvest Home After Party from 7.30pm at the show site, with all profits going to the school and the Harvest Home funds. More details can be found below.

RAAC

You may have seen recent media coverage regarding Reinforced Autoclaved Aerated Concrete (RAAC) and its use in educational settings. RAAC is a lightweight form of concrete; because it is weaker than regular concrete, concerns have been raised about its long-term durability. The Department for Education (DfE) has recently changed its guidance to education settings on the management of RAAC to take a more precautionary approach. We wanted to inform you that a full structural survey of the school has been undertaken and we do not have RAAC in any of our buildings.

CLIMBING CLUB

Following our note in the last newsletter of last term, we can confirm that we will be running Climbing Club after half term. The club will run on Wednesdays starting on 1st November for 5 weeks. The sessions will start at 4.30pm for 1 hour and would take place at Redpoint Climbing Centre, Winterstoke Road, Bristol. Please note that we are unable to offer transport to and from the sessions so parents would have to make their own arrangements in this respect. The cost would be in the region of £55 for 5 sessions.

Parents who previously expressed an interest online should sign up and pay on ParentPay as soon as possible to secure their child's place. There will initially be 6 spaces available but if there is sufficient interest we will open up another 6 spaces.

TRAVELWISE WEEK 2023

TravelWise Week is a worldwide, week-long Travel Challenge where Modeshift asks everyone to Travel Wisely!

Miss Hennessy has devised a TravelWise Action Plan and with the support of our PE Council will be leading a range of activities and competitions across the week of September 16th - 22nd. TravelWise Week will provide the perfect opportunity to present realistic travel alternatives, whilst raising awareness around the impacts of travel choices on health and wellbeing, and on the environment. All organisations taking part have the opportunity to be recognised through Modeshift's new and exciting **TravelWise Week Awards!**



What to Look out for:

Saturday/ Sunday - An email explaining our events throughout the week and explanations as to how you, your child/ren and family can get involved.

Monday - The start of our Sustainable Travel class competition and keep your eyes peeled for TravelWise Posters around school.

Tuesday - Lunch time scooter club in the large playground.

Wednesday - Whole school worship promoting sustainable and active travel. Design a poster competition at lunchtime.

Thursday - Walk to school day. Design a poster competition at lunchtime.

Friday - Dress in red, orange and green (traffic light colours) for the day. Announce poster competition winners.

We would love the whole school community to get involved in as many activities as possible throughout the week in our bid to promote the importance of sustainable travel. Thank you so much in advance for your support.

Dates for your diary!

Term Dates

- Term 1: 01/09/2023 - 20/10/2023
- Term 2: 30/10/2023 - 15/12/2023
- Term 3: 02/01/2024 - 09/02/2024
- Term 4: 19/02/2024 - 28/03/2024
- Term 5: 15/04/2024 - 24/05/2024
- Term 6: 03/06/2024 - 23/07/2024

September 2023

- 15/09/23 - Badger Class visit to Lifeskills
- 18/09/23 - Swimming starts for Fox Class
- 28/09/23 - Harvest Service
- 29/09/23 - Macmillan Coffee Morning

October 2023

- 02/10/23 - School photographs
- 05/10/23 - Woodpecker trip to The Newt
- 20/10/23 - End of Term 1
- 30/10/23 - Inset Day

SUNDAY FIRST

Please join us on **Sunday 10th September 2023**, for our new Family Worship, starting at 10am, at St Andrew's Church Chew Stoke. There will be a (free!) light breakfast, followed by a short time of worship for all ages. There will be fun crafts and stories for the children based on Noah's Ark. Please bring something connected to school to be blessed. (Your bookbag or pencil case would be ideal.) Everyone Welcome!

PTA NEWS

The first fundraising event of the school year is the Harvest Home After Party - this is held in the Harvest Home Marquee on Saturday 9th September from 7.30pm where there will be a bar, DJ and BBQ. The event is open to everyone, not just parents of the school so feel free to bring friends and family!

Tickets can be bought in advance or on the gate on the night itself but it really helps the PTA plan food / drinks if you are able to buy your ticket in advance. Thank you!

Tickets are £10 and include a burger or hotdog and a selection of salads. The PTA relies on parents donating salads so if you are able to bring one along to share it would be much appreciated!

You can buy tickets in advance by emailing lucybrown100@yahoo.co.uk.

Would you be able to volunteer your time to help out on the night for an hour? There are slots that the PTA still need support with throughout the night - bar, BBQ, set up and clear up! To sign up, please visit : <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62CAAFDC61-ptaharvest1>

Lastly, there will be an 'Auction of Promises' on the night - it's not too late to pledge a gift if you have a product / service that we might be able to auction off in order to raise money for the school. We hope to see as many people as possible there to have a great night and kick off fundraising for this year.

Finally, the PTA would love to welcome new members should any parents be interested in joining. Several long standing members left last year as their children headed off to secondary school so we are a little light on numbers! There will be a meeting to meet faces both new and old in the next few weeks - date to be confirmed in the next newsletter!
Thank you - *Your PTA Team*

REGIL & WINFORD HARVEST SUPPER

Friday 15th September 2023

Church Service at 6.30pm, Supper in hall at 7.30pm

BYO Drinks. Tickets - Adults £12 Children (4-11yrs) FREE if accompanied by an adult.

Tickets available from Mrs Hope.

KID CARPET & THE NOISY GARDEN CENTRE

Saturday 16th September 2023 - 2.30pm, St Andrews Church Hall, Chew Magna

Something brand new for kids and families from Kid Carpet.

Kid Carpet really wants to win the Royal Fancy Garden Contest. The Noisy Animals really want to run a garden centre. It's a perfect match! Nothing could possibly go wrong. Surely first prize is in the bag?

Featuring their signature relaxed performance style of catchy songs, lo-fi puppetry, video magic and audience participation!

For more info and tickets, click the link:

[Kid Carpet & The Noisy Garden Centre - 16 Sept 2023 - Valley Arts Centre](#)

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Avon Dance Academy - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Avon_Dance_Academy.pdf

Bishop Sutton Tennis Club - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Bishop_Sutton_Tennis_Club.jpg

Chew Valley Foxes - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Valley_Foxes.jpg

Community Children's Choir - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Choir_Flyer.docx

Harvey's Scarecrow Trail registration form - https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Scarecrow_Registration_form_2023.pdf