



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Next week we will be holding the first parent conferencing appointments of the year. We hope that you have managed to book your appointments. The online system has now closed, so if you have not yet made an appointment for next week please contact Mrs Dagger who will be happy to book you a place.

### 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

#### November 2022

- 11/11/22 - Kingfisher Class Assembly
- 11/11/22 - PTA Quiz Night
- 14/11/22 - Parent Conferencing
- 15/11/22 - Parent Conferencing
- 16/11/22 - Parent Conferencing
- 18/11/22 - Owl Class Assembly
- 25/11/22 - Badger Class cake sale

#### December 2022

- 1/12/22 - Christmas Craft Day
- 2/12/22 - PTA Christmas Fayre
- 6/12/22 - Owl Class Christmas Concert
- 7/12/22 - Christingle
- 8/12/22 - Fox Class performances
- 9/12/22 - Hedgehog Class Nativity
- 9/12/22 - School Choir singing at St Mary's Church, Bathwick
- 13/12/22 - Key Stage 2 theatre trip
- 14/12/22 - Christmas lunch
- 15/12/22 - Woodpecker end of term service
- 16/12/22 - Reception/KS1 theatre trip

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 cycling, scooting and park and striding to school as well as educating children about how to do this safely, the health benefits of travelling 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, despite a global pandemic. We can proudly announce we are currently a Platinum school, who have won both the local and regional school of the year awards. We

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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.

The Festive season is moving closer and we are just a few weeks away from the start of our Christmas celebrations in school. Our Christingle service at St Andrew's Church will be held on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> December at 6.30pm. You will shortly be receiving a candle and collection envelope together with instructions for making your Christingle (spares are available from the

School Office). We hope you will be able to join us for this magical and very special start to Christmas.

After a three year break due to Covid we are finally able to reinstate our Christmas theatre trips. As a school we feel it benefits the children hugely to be able to see live performances. Children in Key Stage 2 will be seeing a production of 'Five Children and It' at the Egg Theatre in Bath and children in Reception and Key Stage 1 will see 'Belle and Sebastien' at the Bristol Old Vic. More details will follow shortly.

Our annual Christmas Craft Day takes place on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> December; this is also a super day in school and certainly gets us all in the Christmas spirit. The children may wear non-school uniform; in exchange for wearing 'home clothes' we are asking children to bring in a bottle or box of chocolates which we will donate to the PTA for their Bottle Stall at the Christmas Fair on the 2<sup>nd</sup> December. Parents are warmly invited to join us on Craft Day. It may be necessary to limit the number of parents in a classroom at any one time, so please only sign up for either a morning session or an afternoon session and we do require parents to leave the site during our lunch break. If necessary we will split the morning session into two parts. **Please sign up by 9am on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November.** If you would like to help out on the day please sign up using this link <https://forms.office.com/r/Q2EZ1zRQZZ>



Next Friday we will be raising money for Children in Need - this will be a non-school uniform day.

You may have noticed that we have recently got a new website for the school. This has a more modern design and is hopefully easier for you to find information when you need it. We do publicise school activities through the newsletter but please do also check the diary section of the website so you don't miss anything.



Today the children in Kingfisher Class led a beautiful Remembrance Service for their parents and the school. We were so proud of how well they all spoke, sang and the respect that they showed. Thank you to our Badger Class children who have been selling poppies this week; we will let you know shortly how much we raised.

Starting on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> November, we will be holding a Road Safety Awareness Week. Throughout this week we will be holding a number of assemblies, lessons, a breakfast and competitions which will promote safe, active and sustainable travel. Children in Key Stages 1 and 2 will be learning the importance of being bright now the clocks have changed; in EYFS they will be taking part in pedestrian training and learning the importance of holding hands with an adult when walking to and from school. We will be holding an intra-school competition throughout the week to see which class can complete the most journeys to school on a bike or scooter. We have lots of racks in school where scooters and bikes can be left throughout the day. The PE Council will tally the numbers in each class and the class with the highest number of journeys will win this year's trophy. To thank the children who have travelled to school using their bikes and scooters we will be hosting a breakfast in the school hall on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>

November from 8:30am. We hope this themed week will encourage children to cycle and scoot to school more frequently and thank you for your support with our continued work with Modeshift Stars.

### **MEDICINES IN SCHOOL**

We have recently noted a few children bringing medication into school in their bags to self-administer during the day. This is NOT allowed under any circumstances and all medicines should be delivered to the School Office for safe-keeping and supervised administration by a member of staff. Please note that we require written instructions/consent from parents before we are able to administer any medication - a form for this purpose is available on the school website <https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/parent-information/forms-and-information-for-parents> These rules include medication purchased 'over the counter' as well as that provided on prescription. Thank you for your co-operation.

### **THE BOOK FAIR IS HERE!**

After quite a long break, we finally have the return of the Scholastic Book Fair! It will be open from today (Thursday **10<sup>th</sup> November**) until next Wednesday (**16<sup>th</sup> November**) from **3.20pm - 3.45pm**. The Book Fair will be run by Fox Class and for every pound we make, we earn money for books for our school. It is **cash only** - please bring small notes and coins where you can!

### **Non-Fiction Donations**

As a school, we are really keen to build up our **non-fiction book resources**. With our money earned from the Book Fair, we are going to purchase new non-fiction books for our classrooms but we also thought that we could ask for your help! If you have any little-used, high-quality (and up-to-date!) non-fiction books at home that your children have grown out of or grown bored of, would you consider **donating** them to the school? Any donations can be brought to Miss Yates in Fox Class - I will then sort them out to be added to our school library. Many thanks!

### **YOGA CLUB**

There are 3 spaces still available for Yoga Club on Tuesdays after school. The Club is open to all pupils, from Reception to Year 6. For further details and to make a booking please contact Emma Hasell on 07817467424.

### **FROM THE PTA**

Thank you so much to all those that came along to our film night and donated clothes to our second hand clothes donation. We raised £400 and £80. The film night was such a success that we are going to do another one on **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> December**. The film will be 'Arthur Christmas' and is a U rating. More details to follow.

Our next big events are the Christmas Wreath Workshop on the **27<sup>th</sup> November**. Timings are 3-5pm and 5.30-7.30pm. £40 includes a beautiful wreath, hot drinks, prosecco and mince pies. Contact Lucy on 07784 375215 to book a space.

Our Chew Stoke Festive Window Trail runs between **3-24<sup>th</sup> December**. Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter. Sign up your window by the **25<sup>th</sup> November** and it is £5 per window. Buy a map for £5 and crack the code. Prizes for best windows and cracking the code! We are looking for sponsors of the trail for £30 each.

Our PTA Christmas Fayre is on the **2<sup>nd</sup> December** between 5-7pm. We will need lots of helpers on the night! Please look out for the link to sign up and volunteer.

We need your help to make this a fabulous fundraiser and a fun night and are looking for certain items. This is a great opportunity for you to have a bit of a pre Christmas clear out! Please do not bring these into the school until just before the fayre. We need;

Spare wrapping paper (Christmas) and ribbons

Filled jam jars (sweets, stickers etc)

Items left over from party bags (rubbers, sweets, tattoos, marbles etc)

Unwanted good quality gifts for our ADULT present room (smellies, books, mugs etc )

Good quality children's toys and books for our tombola.

Santa is visiting on the **14<sup>th</sup> December** and every child will be given a present. We are looking for a donation for each child for this. Our fabulous raffle will also be drawn on this day and a list of prizes and raffle tickets will be going home with the children soon.

We know the next few weeks are going to be really busy so will put out regular updates and reminders so that you don't miss out. Thank you very much for your support. *Your PTA Team.*

### **B&NES COST OF LIVING SUPPORT**



Within our Cost of Living Support pages you will find information about B&NES' Warm Spaces Scheme, providing individuals with safe spaces to visit and access warmth, safety and comfort during the winter months. You will also find information about benefits, reducing energy costs, food support, debt advice, information about pension credit, help towards childcare costs, support if you are experiencing illness or disability, advice for carers, help with prescription charges, managing money and your mental health. Scan the QR code on the picture for more information.

### **FESTIVE FAMILY CRAFT WORKSHOPS**

The Community Farm, Chew Magna

Sat 3rd December 10.15am-11.45am and 1pm-2.30pm

Come and get in the festive spirit at a Festive Family Craft workshop over at The Community Farm on Saturday 3rd December. Suitable for children aged 3+ accompanied by an adult. You'll have the opportunity to make three gorgeous natural decorations for your Christmas tree, and your very own wreath, all whilst enjoying some delicious, mulled apple juice and yummy festive treats!

Subsidised tickets available for low income families. For more info and booking please visit: <https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/events>