



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

This week many of our children took part in our Christmas plays or concerts; all of the productions were fantastic and we are extremely proud of all of the children who took part - well done.



It was lovely to see so many of you at our Christingle service last Wednesday evening. 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 split between The Children's Society and our partner school in Uganda. Our partner school, Christian Life School, is

raising money to buy bricks to build much-needed new classrooms. The cost of each brick is just 4p, so we hope our donation will help buy several thousand bricks for the project. We had a number of parents ask if they could donate online to the project, we now have a link on ParentPay if you would like to do this.

We now have a total for the amount raised at the Christmas Fayre, which was approximately £1000, an amazing amount of money. This doesn't yet include the raffle which will be drawn later in the week. I would like to thank our Chairs of the PTA, Hayley and Lucy, Claire as Treasurer and the rest of the PTA for their efforts. The money raised by the PTA makes a huge difference in school; the PTA has subsidised the theatre trips for us this month and made a large donation to the improvements to the large playground.

Our final week in school is extremely busy and full of festive fun for our children. Tomorrow, Key Stage 2 children will be



going to The Egg theatre in Bath to see a production of 'Wendy, a Peter Pan Story'. 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 Thursday, we have our Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church, which Woodpecker Class children will

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be leading. Please come and join us; parents of Woodpecker Class children are invited to join us back at school for a warm drink and a mince pie afterwards. 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 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. Thursday is also Christmas lunch day and we are hoping that a very special visitor will be arriving during the afternoon with some gifts for the children! On Friday, children may wear non-school uniform, with a Christmas theme if they wish.



Yesterday our **Team Modeshift STARS** Regional Primary School of the Year 2023/24 South West Award arrived. Our PE Council were very excited to receive it!

On behalf of the staff, I would like to wish you and your family a very happy Christmas and peaceful New Year. We look forward to seeing everyone back in school, refreshed and ready for a new term on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2024** (please note **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January is an Inset Day and school will be closed to all children**).

### 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

#### December 2023

- 13/12/23 - Key Stage 2 Theatre Trip
- 14/12/23 - Christmas Church Service led by Woodpecker Class  
9.30am  
- Christmas Lunch
- 15/12/23 - End of term

#### January 2024

- 02.01.24 - INSET DAY
- 03.01.24 - Start of Term 3

### **MENU CHANGE - WEDNESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> JANUARY**

We have been notified by the kitchen staff of a change to the published menu on the first day of next term. The kitchen will now be serving Pizza on this day - the published menu choices will then be available from Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January onwards.

### **KEY STAGE 2 DANCE CLUB**

We are hoping to run a Key Stage 2 Dance Club next term, which will work towards a performance at the Dance Umbrella at The Bath Forum on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March. The club will run on Mondays after school, finishing at 4.15pm. Club members must commit to attending every session and to taking part in the performance.

There will be a charge of £20.50 per pupil, which will cover the cost of transport to The Forum in March, plus any costumes etc. required for the

performance. Details of how to purchase tickets to watch the performance will follow next term.

Spaces for the club are limited and will be on a 'first come, first served' basis - if your child is interested, please sign up on ParentPay as soon as possible.

### **SPORTS CLUBS - SPRING TERM 2024**

Attached to this newsletter are details of the after school activities being run on Tuesdays by Bristol Sport Foundation. Details of how to sign up and pay are also included on the attached flyer: [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew\\_Stoke\\_ASC\\_Poster\\_T3.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_ASC_Poster_T3.pdf)

## MAD SCIENCE AFTER SCHOOL SCIENCE CLUB

Our children loved the presentation by Mad Science, held during a recent school assembly and we already have some children signed up for the after school science club, starting after the Christmas break. If you have mislaid the details about the club you can find further information via this link:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew\\_Stoke\\_-\\_ASP\\_Digital\\_Flyer\\_.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_-_ASP_Digital_Flyer_.pdf)

## PHONICS INFORMATION SESSIONS FOR PARENTS

25<sup>th</sup> January 2024, 5pm - 5:30pm Example Phonics Meeting for Hedgehog Class parents in Hedgehog Class. Come and experience a phonics lesson with Miss Hennessy to get a flavour of how phonics is taught in reception. Please book your space via the school office on [office@chewstokeacademy.org](mailto:office@chewstokeacademy.org)

1<sup>st</sup> February 2024, 5pm - 5:30pm Phonics Screening Check Meeting for Year 1 parents in Owl Class. Come and meet with Miss Hennessy to understand the Phonics Screening Check that will take place for all Year 1 children in June this year. Please book your space via the school office on [office@chewstokeacademy.org](mailto:office@chewstokeacademy.org)

## PTA NEWS

Just a reminder that Father Christmas will be visiting the school on Thursday afternoon during school time. If you are happy to donate £5 towards the gifts (payable via the PTA bank account) that would be much appreciated. However, all children will receive a gift.

A second reminder to please bring in any raffle tickets by this Thursday as this is when the draw will take place.

Lastly, pre-loved Christmas jumpers are now available on the [www.Uniformd.co.uk](http://www.Uniformd.co.uk) website and can be delivered to school in time for Friday's Christmas Jumper Day! Please make sure any payments to the PTA are correctly referenced.

Thank you!! We are nearly there! *Your PTA*

## SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHEW STOKE



## **ATTACHMENT LINKS**

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

Mad Science after school club - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew\\_Stoke\\_-\\_ASP\\_Digital\\_Flyer\\_.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_-_ASP_Digital_Flyer_.pdf)

Christmas Crafts at Wells Cathedral - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/202312\\_FHA\\_Christmas\\_Crafts.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/202312_FHA_Christmas_Crafts.pdf)

Bristol Sport after school activities - Term 3 - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew\\_Stoke\\_ASC\\_Poster\\_T3.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Chew_Stoke_ASC_Poster_T3.pdf)

Keeping Children Safe Online at Christmas - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Keeping\\_children\\_safe\\_online\\_Christmas.jpg](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Keeping_children_safe_online_Christmas.jpg)

E-Scooter Safety Information - [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/E-scooter\\_flyer\\_A4\\_poster\\_June\\_2023.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/E-scooter_flyer_A4_poster_June_2023.pdf)