



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

I hope everyone had a relaxing half term break; the children certainly seem to have returned to school full of energy and enthusiasm for their learning!

We have had a very busy start to our final term of the academic year. Badger Class spent five days at Simonsbath, Exmoor on their residential visit and had a wonderful time. Do look at the photos on our Facebook page to see what they did during their stay. Huge thanks go to Mr Jones, Mrs Bell, Mrs Box and Miss Tyson, without whose efforts this trip would not have been possible.



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Our Christian Value for
this term is

TRUST

Our British Value for
this term is

MUTUAL

RESPECT



Last week we held our induction meeting for parents of pupils joining us in September. It was lovely to welcome new families to the school as well as parents who already know us; we also welcomed some former pupils who are now returning as parents! Thanks to Miss Hennessy and her team for putting together a very informative evening, and to everyone who spoke at the meeting.

Our annual Sports Day is being held on Tuesday 18th June (or Tuesday 25th June if the 18th June is wet). The format for the day will be as last year, with the children moving around a carousel of activities based at the school during the morning and then up to Rectory Field after lunch for the more traditional races. The morning activities start at the school at 9.45am and will last just over an hour; there will be a break half way through.

The afternoon races will start at 1pm on Rectory Field. Please could we ask parents to sit on the opposite side of the running track from the children so that the children stay together in their House teams. Could parents also please refrain from giving the children snacks during the event, as children who don't have a parent watching the races feel left out and the younger children especially can become upset. We hope you will be able to join us for this special day in our school calendar.

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

June 2024

- 18.06.24 - Sports Day (reserve 25th)
- 19.06.24 - Fox Class Assembly
- 28.06.24 - Owl Class Assembly

July 2024

- 02.07.24 - Class Changeover Day
- 09.07.24 - Kingfisher Class Assembly
- 12.07.24 - Hedgehog Class Assembly
- 12.07.24 - PTA Barbecue
- 16.07.24 - Badger Class Performances
- 18.07.24 - Hedgehog Class Graduation
- 23.07.24 - Leavers Service, 9.30am

As we run up to the end of this academic year I wanted to highlight to all of our parents our curriculum offer. The teaching staff have been working hard over the last two years to put in place a very personalised and tailor made curriculum; this was praised by Ofsted during our recent inspection. At Chew Stoke Church School we value the uniqueness of each individual child, recognising and nurturing their potential for learning. We recognise that not only is each child an individual but also each class and each member of staff, who all have unique interests, skills and talents. Our ambitious curriculum is designed flexibly to meet the needs of these groups. Our aim, through our tailor-made curriculum, is to enable each child to fully participate in current and future society as a responsible, self-confident citizen.

We believe that our curriculum offers a balance between understanding and using knowledge as well as developing and applying skills, leading to better understanding and progression for the pupils.

Our curriculum has been designed with the following principles:

- It is personalised around what our children need, most importantly reflecting the background and experience of the pupils we have
- It is outward-facing, setting learning in local and global contexts wherever possible

- It celebrates diversity to emphasise unity and it is rooted in authenticity and context so that learning is relevant, purposeful and sequenced, because we want children to know certain things at certain points of their life.

Please do look at our full curriculum offer, which is available on the school website: <https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/learning/curriculum-overviews>

NON-SCHOOL UNIFORM DAY - FRIDAY 21ST JUNE

On Monday we are looking forward to welcoming Ken Biggs from Chelwood Rotary Club, who is coming to talk to us in Worship about the wonderful work the Rotary Club do to help supply clean water to disaster areas worldwide. We would like to support this work, so on Friday 21st June we are holding a non-school uniform day in aid of the Rotary Club's Water Survival Box Appeal. Children are invited to wear 'home' clothes to school on Friday and donations to the Appeal may be made via your child's ParentPay account.

PE KITS IN SCHOOL

Staff are noticing that an increasing number of pupils do not have a PE kit in school. PE sessions can take place at any time due to one-off visits from specialist sports coaches and not just on regular scheduled days. Pupils should therefore have a full school PE kit on their peg in classrooms at all times; kits are normally sent home by teachers every holiday for laundering.

May we also remind parents that the correct PE kit is:-

- T-shirt in the pupil's House colour
- Royal blue cotton PE shorts
- Plimsolls or trainers (please ensure your child can do them up themselves)
- (Optional) - Royal blue sports hoodie - this item is NOT to be worn in class and is only for sports use
- (Optional) - Royal blue joggers

Our children regularly take part in sports events with pupils from other schools, so having our children dressed in our school's kit helps us to identify our pupils easily. PE kit can be purchased from our uniform suppliers, South West Schoolwear (23 Broad Street, Wells Tel: 01749 670000) who also offer a mail order service and online ordering at South West Schoolwear - Chew Stoke Alternatively, you can visit www.uniformd.co.uk where you can purchase good quality second-hand uniform via our PTA.

NOTICE TO ALL HEDGEHOG PARENTS!

The PTA has asked us if we will perform our Dance Umbrella dance at the End of Year Barbecue, which is being held on Friday 12th July. Pupils will need to be brought to Hedgehog Class on that evening by 5.15pm for make-up and dressing. If your child will NOT be attending please let Miss Hennessy know as soon as possible. Thank you.

DRIVING IN SCHOOL LANE

Another reminder to parents - please can you NOT drive up School Lane at drop-off or pick-up to park in Home Orchard or School Lane, as this puts other members of our school community at risk, including your child's friends. Please ensure that this message is passed on to other family members (i.e. grandparents) who may be doing the school run for you. Thank you for helping keep our children safe.



COULD YOU BE A 'MYSTERY READER'?

Our next Reading Cafe is being held in school on Tuesday 9th July at 2:45pm and we are in need of a 'mystery' parent reader to join us. The parent would select a picture book to read to the children on the afternoon and the children then choose which book they would like to hear read based on the blurb rather than knowing who is reading what. We would just need to know which book you would like to read 7 days before the Café, so the children can vote on which book they'd like to hear. The reading would only last 15 minutes and there would be staff to support with behaviour and organisation on the day.

If you are interested, please contact the School Office.

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK - 24TH - 28TH JUNE

The PE Council would like to organise one last event for their Modeshift Stars work this year and will be holding a 'Walk to School Week' from the 24th to the 28th June. Each day will have a theme and some activities for all pupils to take part in.

Movement Monday - This is the kickstart of our Walk to School Week. We will be counting throughout the week all the children who walk or park and stride to school. This will be recorded and will take the form of a house competition. Points will be awarded to the houses who walk to school during this week.

Traffic Light Tuesday - Please can children walk and come to school wearing traffic light colours.

Walk or Wheel Wednesday - We will be encouraging children to walk, cycle or scoot to school on this day. Walking or wheeling is a great form of exercise and a fab start to your day.

'Think of your favourite view' Thursday - We will be asking children to think about what they like to look at on their way into school in the morning, to take a photo of it and send it into school for us to create a montage of images. Please send images to office@chewstokeacademy.org

Fun Friday - The PE Council will be creating a quiz for children to complete on their way into school on this day.

We hope your child/ren will enjoy the activities planned throughout the week. We understand not everyone can walk the entire route to school, but if you could park away from the school site and walk the last little bit, we would really appreciate it.

A big thank you from Miss Hennessy and the PE Council.

READING AT HOME

If you are looking for recommended books for your child to read at home please find links on our school website under the heading Learning and the subheading English - Phonics and Reading. You can find it by clicking here:-

<https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/learning/phonics>

PTA NEWS

End of Year Summer Barbecue

Friday 12th July - 5 to 8pm

If it's not already in your diary please save the date for the PTA End of Year Summer BBQ - more info to come after half term but there will be games, BBQ, ice creams, a bar and music.



If you have a 'fete style' game that you would be happy to share for the evening (e.g giant garden games, splat the rat, coconut shy etc) please contact Anna (07968 790929).

Thanks for your ongoing support !

RAGS 2 RICHES FOR SCHOOLS - NEXT COLLECTION MONDAY 24TH JUNE

Have a clear out ready for the summer and help the school raise some cash! Please bring your bagged, unwanted - but good quality - clothing to school before 9am on Monday 24th June.

The school will receive 40p per kilo and we've previously had 200-600kg so it adds up. See the website for more information <https://rags2riches4schools.co.uk/>

SUMMER SUNDAYS IN BATH

Celebrate Summer in Bath this year and support charities by taking part in Summer Sundays this year. Summer Sundays is returning for the fourth year this year and this year we have been working with charities to create pop-up activities for the whole family, flashmobs, choirs, woodland creatures on stilts and much more!

Every Sunday there will be something different!

Browse all Summer Sunday Events at: <https://www.welcometobath.co.uk/summer-sundays/>

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Chew Valley Nature Photography Competition:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Photography_Comppetition.jpg

Be A Chorister For A Day:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Poster_BACFAD_2024.pdf

Summer Camps at Mill on the Brue:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Summer_Camps_Newsletter_to_schools_24.pdf

Summer Sundays in Bath:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Summer_Sundays.pdf