



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

First of all, a huge thank you to all the parents and carers who joined us for Parents' Evenings this week. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout and have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress together.

This year's World Book Day at Chew Stoke Church School was a whirlwind of literary magic! From fantastical costumes to captivating activities, the entire school community embraced the joy of reading. Our classrooms were transformed into bookish havens. From Where's Wally? to Matilda, the staff truly brought the stories to life. We were treated to a dazzling display of creativity as children came dressed as their favourite literary characters. From the brave Harry Potters to the curious Alice in

Wonderlands, the corridors buzzed with excitement. The day was not just about dressing up, it was a celebration of the power of storytelling. The day fostered a love for literature that extended beyond the classroom walls. Thanks go to Miss Yates and Mrs Bester for organising the day.



## Mothering Sunday

We were all very proud of the pupils from our two choirs who sang on Mothering Sunday in St Andrews Church. We have had many lovely comments on how brilliant they were.



## Introducing Emotion Zones at Chew Stoke Church School!

As part of our PSHE curriculum we have introduced a new concept at Chew Stoke Church School, Emotion Zones. This framework will equip our pupils with valuable tools to manage their emotions and navigate their day-to-day school life with increased self-awareness.

The Emotion Zones are a colour-coded system which represents different emotional states: blue (sad, bored, tired, sick), green (happy, focused, calm, proud), yellow (worried, frustrated,

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silly, excited), and red (elated, panicked, angry, scared). Throughout the year pupils will learn to identify their current zone and develop strategies to move themselves into a zone that's more conducive to learning and to fostering positive relationships.

To introduce our Emotion Zones, Mrs Hope held a special assembly this week. The assembly was filled with fun and engaging activities that introduced the Zones concept to the children. Pupils participated in activities, songs and stories that helped them understand the different zones and the corresponding feelings associated with each.

We believe Emotion Zones will be a valuable asset to our school community. This program will empower our pupils to:

- **Identify their emotions:** By becoming more able to recognise their current emotional state, children can better understand themselves and their reactions.
- **Develop coping mechanisms:** The Zones framework provides students with a range of tools, such as deep breathing exercises or mindfulness activities, to help them self-regulate when needed.
- **Improve communication:** By learning to identify their zones children will become more able to communicate their needs more effectively to teachers and friends.

We are confident that the Emotion Zones will create an even more positive and productive learning environment for all our students.

## EASTER CELEBRATIONS

The term is moving on apace and we are now thinking about the Easter Festival. Kingfisher Class will be leading our Easter Service, which will be held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March at St Andrews Church starting at 9.30am.

We will be holding an Easter craft morning on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March, teachers may need some help with the activities, please look out for some emails direct from the teachers regarding this.

On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March we will be holding our Easter Eggshibition; details are as follows:

- Children will be able to enter a decorated egg from home (the egg should be either blown or hard-boiled)
- 2 items (different to the home item) will be produced in school
- Home-made items should be clearly labelled on the bottom (out of sight) with the child's name and class
- Entries should be brought in to school first thing on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March. Judging will take place after lunch
- The children will have an opportunity to look around the displayed entries once the judging is finished. Parents are welcome to view our Eggshibition from 2.40pm
- Certificates will be awarded for the first three places in each class.



## RED NOSE DAY

Today we have had great fun raising money for Comic Relief! Our usual blue uniform look was transformed into a sea of red. We will let you know next week how much we have raised. If you would like to donate, please use this link:



<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=14870>

## KEY STAGE 2 DRAMA CLUB

Key Stage 2 drama club will be continuing next term. It is limited to 20 pupils and runs after school on a Wednesday until 4.20pm. If your child would like to attend please sign up on Parent Pay.

## EASTER STORY TIME

Miss Hennessy will be running an Easter Story Time on the evening of Thursday 21st March at 5pm. Children are invited back to school for an Easter themed story in their pyjamas with a treat of a hot chocolate. This will be for Hedgehog and Owl Classes, but siblings are welcome.

## CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY



Congratulations to everyone who was awarded a Certificate or Golden Heart.

## NAIL VARNISH

Over the last few weeks we have noticed that a number of children have been wearing nail varnish. We kindly ask that this is not worn to school.

## HEDGEHOG CLASS LATE START

Hedgehog class only may come in to school later on the morning of Tuesday 19th March as they will have a late finish at the dance umbrella on Monday evening. We would ask that children are in school by 9.30am

## BOOK LINK

Following the recent visit to school by the author Kim Samuels, we attach a link if anyone is interested in purchasing her book.



## VALLEY ARTS EASTER HOLIDAY DRAMA CLUB

We are very lucky to have the excellent **Stevie Thompson**, Artistic Director of Flibbertigibbet Theatre ([www.flibbertigibbettheatre.co.uk](http://www.flibbertigibbettheatre.co.uk)) coming to run a 2 day clowning and comedy workshop on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April**, at **The Baptist Church, Chew Magna**.

This 2-day workshop is designed to help children aged 7 - 13 develop their physical storytelling skills and create their own comic characters. Over the course of the workshop, we will explore the art of clowning and slapstick comedy, and introduce the group to the silent movie greats, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, exploring their inspirations taken from pantomime and Commedia Dell'Arte. Why are some things still funny?! The group will learn how to use props and costumes to create hilarious routines as well as delving into the world of masks to discover how they can be used to tell stories and express emotions. No prior experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided.



Cost is £48 for 2 days, and the running time of the workshop is 10am - 4pm both days. Parents and carers will be invited to come and watch the group share back some of the skills they have learnt, at the end of the second day.

Click [HERE](#) to book a place. The holiday club is open for those in school years 3 - 8. Places are limited so please book asap.

## CHEW VALLEY 10K

Entries are now open for the 12th Chew Valley 10k - come and join in the fun! It's a beautiful, rural route with lots of support on the way and a very warm welcome home for everyone! All details and to enter at [www.chewvalley10k.co.uk](http://www.chewvalley10k.co.uk) - thank you so much for your support! If you would like to help our event as a marshal, please email at [email@chewvalley10k.co.uk](mailto:email@chewvalley10k.co.uk)

## ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Chew Valley 10K Poster - <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/CV10K.pdf>



## BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION

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20th March 2024

St. Andrews Church Hall, Chew Magna  
7.30pm-9pm



# RISING WATERS

A Community Play

Valley Arts are writing a brand new play for the Chew Valley. We are looking for members of our community to get involved as actors, musicians and backstage in areas of technical, design and costume.

Come along on 20th March, meet the team and find out more!

RSVP: [rising.waters@valleyartscentre.co.uk](mailto:rising.waters@valleyartscentre.co.uk)



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