



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

It was lovely welcoming parents into the school last week for parent conferencing; we hope you have managed to meet with your child's teacher/s.

Last week Miss Hennessy, Mr Hewett and the PE council virtually attended the South West and South East Modeshift Stars Award ceremony. Modeshift Stars is the centre of excellence for the delivery of effective travel plans in education, business and community settings.



The scheme recognises schools, businesses and other organisations that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel. We can proudly announce that, for the second year running, Chew Stoke Church School has won the Stars Local Authority Primary School of the Year and South West Regional Primary School of the Year for our

work with sustainable and active travel. This is a huge achievement as we were up against all of the other schools in the South West of England. As the winning school of the regional award we will automatically be put forward for the National Award later in the year, which will take place in London!

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 Friday 31st March at St Andrews Church starting at 9.30am.



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On Wednesday 29th 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, class and age
- Entries should be brought in to school first thing on Wednesday 29th 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 2.45pm
- Certificates will be awarded for the first three places in each class.

RED NOSE DAY

Tomorrow we will be fundraising for Comic Relief. Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on the day. If you would like to donate to the charity you may do so through ParentPay by following this link (you don't need to have a ParentPay account to do so):

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=9804>



ONLINE SAFETY

Every year, Comic Relief goes all out to help people, both in the UK and internationally, who are going through a tough time. One area they support is online safety by funding guides for parents and pupils. As a parent, trying to keep up with the ever changing digital world that are children are part of can be bewildering. Over the coming months we plan to share with each newsletter a different online safety guide. The first of these is attached to your newsletter email.

RED NOSE DAY MENU

Tomorrow our kitchen team are serving a special menu for Red Nose Day. The menu will be:-

Red Nose Pepperoni Pizza

Or

Red Nose Cherry Tomato Pizza

Chips, Cherry Tomatoes,

Cucumber, Carrot Sticks

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Cherry Swirl Sponge with Custard

This menu will replace our normal Friday menu and is at the normal price.

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

March 2023

17th - Red Nose Day
17th - PTA Quiz Night
24th - Well-being drop-in session
29th - Easter Eggshibition
31st - End of Term service, 9.30am

April 2023

17th - Start of Term 5

MENTAL HEALTH & WELL-BEING DROP-IN

Starting this term, on the penultimate Friday of every term Mrs Lewis will be hosting a drop-in session (with coffee, of course!) for all parents who are interested to know more about how we support children and parents will mental health and well-being in and out of school. This will be an informal forum where ideas can be shared, tips can be given and received and also a time to share any worries or concerns that you might have.

The sessions will be at 2.30pm until pick-up. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The first drop-in session will be on Friday 24th March.

A PLEA FROM THE STAFF RE. PARKING IN SCHOOL LANE

A number of our staff park in School Lane every day, as they need to be able to access their vehicles during the course of the school day. Recently, it has been noted that parents are parking in School Lane at morning drop-off, meaning that there is nowhere for staff to park. We would be very grateful if parents could park away from School Lane and then walk their children up to school in the mornings. Thank you.

UPDATE FROM THE PTA

We are all ready for the quiz night at the school on Friday. The food looked amazing last time and it was a great evening generally, so we are really looking forward to hosting this again. Well done to Badger class for getting three tables together for this event!

We have Kingfisher Cake sale at the end of the month but apart from that it's a quiet one for the PTA.

We look forward to seeing lots of you on Friday- may the best team win!

Your PTA Team

SERVICES AT ST ANDREW'S CHURCH, CHEW STOKE

Our two children's choirs, Mini Melodies and Jubilee! will be singing at St Andrew's Church this Sunday, as part of the Mothering Sunday celebrations.

Details of forthcoming services are as follows:-

Sunday 19 th March	10.30am	Mothering Sunday Family Service
Sunday 26 th March	10.30am	Eucharist
Sunday 9 th April	6.30pm	Easter Day Evensong
Sunday 23 rd April	10.30am	Eucharist

Further details are on the Benefice website at www.chewvalleywest.org

JOB VACANCY!

Chew Stoke Church Hall is looking for a cleaner for 1.5 hours a week. The rate is £15 ph and it's flexible in terms of timings to fit around hall bookings.

Please contact Lucy Masters on 07825 501696 if you are interested in finding out more.

CHEW STOKE PLAY GROUP

Chew Stoke Play Group meets weekly in our school hall. Come and join us every Wednesday during school term time 10am - 11.30am. Play, snack and fun! £2.50 per family. For further information please contact Samantha Wise 07444 774852.



VALLEY ARTS EASTER HOLIDAY CLUBS

Valley Arts have two fantastic holiday clubs this Easter, for children in school year groups 3-8.

Wednesday 5th April 10am-4pm in Chew Magna we have A Play in a Day drama workshop with actor, musician and director Casey Lloyd.

Thursday 6th April 10am-4pm in Winford we have Become a Drummer in a Day with award winning drummer, composer and producer Jimmy Norden.

Head to the website to find out more and to book - [Youth Holiday Clubs - Valley Arts Centre](#)

EASTER FAMILY HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

Tuesday 4th, Wednesday 5th and Thursday 6th April

Families are warmly invited to celebrate Easter and take part in craft workshops for children. You can also follow one of our self-guided children's trails and view the Shroud of Turin exhibition during your visit at any time over the holiday.*

(*Access to some areas of the Cathedral will be restricted during certain times due to Holy Week services. Please check www.wellscathedral.org.uk/services-music-list)

Tuesday 4th April - Easter Birds' Nests

Ever wondered how birds make their nests to protect their eggs? Have a go at making your own using natural materials.

Wednesday 5th April - Easter Gardens

Follow our Easter story trail then make your own beautiful Easter garden to tell the best part of the story!

Thursday 6th April - Beads and Crosses

Follow our treasure hunt to collect beads which you'll use to make a cross necklace.

For further details and to book a craft workshop, go to wellscathedral.eventbrite.co.uk

£2 per child / £1 per child if eligible for free school meals. Accompanying adults free.

Each child will be provided with materials to make one item to take home.

Children must be accompanied by a responsible adult.

THE 2023 CHEW VALLEY 10K IS OPEN FOR ENTRIES!

This year's Chew Valley 10k will take place on Sunday 11th June at 9.30am and entries are now open!

Come and join in our fun community event on this beautiful, rural route from Bishop Sutton Village Hall, with plenty of friendly marshals to support you and a bespoke event medal for all

finishers! There are a range of categories and all runners will also be able to upload a professional photo of themselves in action. All details and to enter can be found at www.chewvalley10k.co.uk and you can keep up-to-date by following the event on Facebook, Instagram & Twitter - thank you for your support - we hope you can join us!