



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

The school year is drawing to a close and the following days are a time for both reflecting on the past three terms and looking forward to the future. Next Tuesday, we will say goodbye and good luck to our Year 6s as they embark on the next stage of their school careers. We wish them well for the future and hope they will take with them many happy memories of their time here. I hope that parents of pupils in Year 6 will be able to join us at the Leavers' Service on Tuesday at St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke, which starts at 9.30am, and afterwards at school for some refreshments.



On Tuesday Badger Class children performed their end of term production for the parents, 'The School-O-Vision Song Contest'. The children were brilliant and certainly very talented! The Year 6 parents have also

presented the school with a planter for the playground. Thank you to all of our Year 6 parents for this fantastic gift.

Last week we received the KS2 SATs results for our year 6s. We could not have been more proud - a great set of results! In virtually every area, the pupils have achieved significantly above national results. Well done to the children and to the teaching team who worked so hard. Across the whole school we have had fantastic results this year. Well done Chew Stoke!



Yesterday all of our pupils who have joined us this academic year were presented with a Bible and got to put a pebble in our Unity Bowl, our leavers also got to take a pebble out. We also presented the Hilary Padfield Award, which is awarded in recognition of a pupil who has demonstrated

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Our Christian Value for
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our Christian Values to the highest standard. Congratulations go to Paige in Year 5 who was this year's recipient of the award!

May I take this opportunity to thank all the staff for their support and dedication over the past year. Running a school is a team effort and we definitely have an amazing team here! Next week we say goodbye to a few of our staff. After 37 years in teaching, we will be wishing Mrs Simmonds a very happy retirement. To mark her retirement we have several celebrations planned in school. Mrs Simmonds also wanted a surprise for the children, so came up with the idea of the ice-cream van visiting us yesterday for everyone to have an ice-cream - Thank you Mrs Simmonds. We also wish Miss Gale and Mrs Mathieson all the best as they move on to pastures new. I would also like to say thank you to our school governors who work tirelessly behind the scenes and, in particular, to Marita Price, our Chair of Governors, who has put an amazing amount of time and energy into her role. After three years of leading our governors, Marita is stepping back from the role of chair and passing the baton to Mr Nick George, who will be the new chair from September.



Last Friday the PTA held their final event of the year, the school barbeque. The event was very well attended. Thank you to the whole of the PTA for a great year and, in particular, to Hayley Yells and Lucy Brown who have been fantastic chairs over the last few years.

Finally, may I wish all our families a restful and relaxing summer break. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 3rd September (please note that Monday 2nd September is an Inset Day), refreshed and ready for another exciting year.

New Attendance Rules: Important Changes from September 2024

From September there are some important changes to attendance rules being introduced by the Department for Education (DfE). These changes aim to improve school attendance and support children who are struggling.

What's changing?

Daily attendance data sharing: Schools will now share attendance data with the DfE every day. This will help identify children who are persistently absent and allow for quicker support.

New support measures: Schools will be required to offer more support to families whose children are struggling with attendance. This might include working with parents, providing additional support in school, or referring families to external agencies.

Revised rules on holiday absences: Schools will have stricter rules about granting leave of absence during term time. **Please note that from September the local authority is likely to issue a penalty notice to parents whose child/ren have 10 or more (5 days) unauthorised absences in a 100 day period. A 'late' after 9am will also count as an unauthorised absence.** The penalty cost is also increasing.

LARA'S FUNDRAISING SUCCESS!



Lara in Badger Class would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who bought cakes and hair scrunchies from her in aid of Secret World Wildlife Rescue Centre in Somerset. Lara raised £89.60 from the sale and we are delighted to say too that Lara has also now received her Brownie Gold award!



NOW OPEN - THE ECO BUG HOTEL

No, we're not advertising a new eco-glamping venue in the Valley - although if you're about 1cm long and have wings you may be interested to know that we now have a new Eco Bug Hotel in our Wildlife Garden. Many thanks to Mr Littler and Mrs Gauthier for helping our Eco Team to build our beautiful hotel - it's the new 'place to be seen' for bugs!





YOUTH THEATRE SUMMER CAMP

Mon 5th - Fri 9th August 2024 10am-4pm

Chew Magna Baptist Church, BS40 8SP

£135 (including booking fee)

Valley Arts' fabulous "A Play in a Week" Youth Theatre Summer Camp is back!

Once again led by experienced writer and director Toby Hulse, of Roustabout Theatre, this week-long holiday club is designed for young people aged 7 to 13 (school years 3 - 8).

Throughout the week they will learn a range of theatre skills, including improvisation, storytelling and devising, in order to create their own play from scratch, which they will then perform to an audience on the final day! Places are limited so please book now to avoid disappointment.

To book see our webpage <https://www.valleyartscentre.co.uk/Events/holiday-youth-drama/>

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/>

SUMMER AT RSPB HAM WALL

Pond Dipping Hire at RSPB Ham Wall!

Various - check website for dates and times

Kit Hire is £4 per kit an hour

Hire a pond dipping kit for one hour and see what you can find in the water...will you find a Damselfly Larvae or a Water Scorpion! Available most Saturday and Sundays.

Big Wild Summer PJ Party at RSPB Ham Wall!

3 August 2024 6:30pm - 9pm

£16 child member, £20 child non-member, £8 adult member, £10 adult non-member

Join us at bedtime to discover the wonders of nocturnal wildlife! We'll play games, go on a walk by torchlight, sit around a campfire, toast marshmallows, and listen to a bedtime story. Booking fee included in price.

Kids Bio-Blitz at RSPB Ham Wall!

9 August 2024 10:30am - 12pm

£7 child member, £8.50 child non-member

Join us to find what is lurking in the pond, hiding in the grass or under a stone, or singing from the trees! We will spend some time pond dipping, bug hunting and birdwatching, recording what we find as we go along. Booking fee included.

Family Friday Fun Day! Marvellous Mammals!

23 August 2024 11am - 12:30pm

£6 child member, £7.50 child non-member

Join us for an exciting adventure into the world of the UK's most fascinating mammals! Listen to stories, play some games, discover who did the poo and create some amazing crafts! Booking fee included.

Facilities and Location

Car Park and Toilets: 5am-8pm

Info Point: 10am-4pm

Catering Kiosk: 10am-4pm, guaranteed opening on weekends. Open on weekdays when a volunteer is available. Selling hot and cold drinks, pre-packaged snacks and ice creams.

Address: RSPB Ham Wall, Meare near Glastonbury, BA6 9SX

Find out more: <https://events.rspb.org.uk/hamwall>

ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Bristol Sport Foundation Summer Holiday Activities:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/What-s_On_Summer24_Holiday_Poster.pdf

Free Healthy Family Courses:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Summary_course_poster_v3_with_dates.pdf

Harvest Home Hoedown:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Harvest-Home-Hoedown.pdf>

Summer Holiday Football Camp - Winford:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Copy_of_Winford_football_camp_-_SUMMER_20240709_121440_0000.png

Music Tuition in School:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/1-1_AND_GROUP_BNES_TUITION.pdf

Family Cycle Training:- https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Family_cycle_training_-_Summer_2024.pdf

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