



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

It is hard to believe that we are already at the end of the first half of our Summer Term; so much seems to have been packed into the last six weeks. Next term already looks even busier; please do check the calendar on our school website for many important events. One key event for your diaries is coming up during the first week back; this is a virtual online safety training session for parents, please see below for more details.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 6 pupils who took their Key Stage 2 SATs last week. Throughout the week they demonstrated not only their academic abilities but also a fantastic display of resilience, focus, and teamwork. Their positive attitude and commitment to their studies truly shone through - well done Year 6!



Congratulations to all the children who took part in the Fun Run last week. It was a superb effort and fortunately the weather decided to be kind to us as well. If you still have sponsor money please pay it in via this ParentPay link:-

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=3616>

We will announce our Grand Total after half term! The money raised will be used to purchase additional resources for outdoor learning.

**SUMMER TERM  
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Our Christian Value for  
this term is

**TRUST**

Our British Value for  
this term is

**MUTUAL  
RESPECT**



We also had a great turn out for the PTA Duck Race. Thank you to everyone who came along and supported us and to the PTA for organising the event. We will let you know soon how much money was raised. Congratulations to Louie, Kit and Harry who were the owners of the winning ducks!



**A reminder that after half term the children return to school on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, as Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June is an Inset Day (with the exception of Badger Class who will leave for camp on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June).**

### **ONLINE SAFETY SESSION FOR PARENTS & CARERS**

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> June, 6pm to 7:30pm - virtual session.**

With a few of our neighbouring schools we are working with SWGfL to put on this training. With the growth in the use of online devices this is essential training for all parents. We would encourage all of our parents to join this training, it also aligns with an initiative currently being run by a group of our parents (more details below), who are keen on opening up a wider discussion about children and tech. The online safety training can be accessed from the link below:

#### **[Join the meeting now](#)**

Meeting ID: 375 544 166 696

Passcode: 3vifp4

This online training session provided by [SWGfL](#) provides parents with an insight into popular technologies and how young people utilise them. Demonstrating the massive benefits and potential pitfalls, the interactive presentation provides parents with advice, strategies and resources to help them understand and engage with their child's online lives in a healthy, positive, and productive way.

[SWGfL](#) are a charitable trust dedicated to empowering the safe and secure use of technology through innovative services, tools, content and policy, nationally and globally. We are proud to be a world leader in online child safety, a founding member of the UK Council for Child Internet Safety as well as an advisor to Governments and a partner in the UK Safer Internet Centre.

### **FOOTBALL CARDS**

With the end of the football season upon us, football cards should not be brought in to school after the half-term break.

### **SCHOOL MEALS**

The price of a school meal for pupils in Year 3 to Year 6 will rise to £2.70 per day from the start of Term 6. Pupils in Reception and Years 1 and 2 will continue to receive free school meals, as will children in receipt of benefits-related free school meals.

### **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](https://www.southwestschoolwear.co.uk) Alternatively, you can visit [www.uniformd.co.uk](http://www.uniformd.co.uk) where you can purchase good quality second-hand uniform via our PTA.

### 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

- 03.06.24 - INSET day
- 03.06.24 - Simonsbath camp
- 05.06.24 - New Parents' Meeting
- 11.06.24 - New Pupils picnic
- 14.06.24 - Woodpecker Class Assembly
- 18.06.24 - Sports Day (reserve 25<sup>th</sup>)
- 19.06.24 - Fox Class Assembly
- 28.06.24 - Owl Class Assembly

#### July 2024

- 02.07.24 - Class Changeover Day

### 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 !

### RISING WATERS WRITING COMPETITION

Valley Arts are excited to announce that the deadline for submissions for our writing competition has been extended to Friday 1st June. We are looking for pieces of writing inspired by the water to be included in our upcoming community play "Rising Waters". All writing submissions will be incorporated into the final performance taking place on 13th and 14th July at Yeo Valley Organic Gardens. Winning submissions will also be published on our website and in the show programme.

We welcome submissions from all ages and there are 3 different age categories. Winners will receive a 'Rising Waters' certificate and a Valley Arts Theatre Pass 2024, which includes 4 free tickets to Valley Arts shows of your choice. Your work is also published on the Valley Arts website. See further information attached (link below)

## LET'S TALK ABOUT CHILDREN AND SMARTPHONES!

Hi all,

With all the recent news about children and smartphones, a group of parents has started talking about our children and tech. We'd love to invite the Chew Stoke parent community to join our positive and non-judgemental conversations on this important subject.

To get started, it would be helpful to have a picture of where our school community currently stands on this and we'd love to gather your views. You can do this by **completing an anonymous survey that takes just 1 minute**.

Nearly 50% of families at school have already responded to the survey. If you haven't done it yet please add your answers by the end of Friday 24th May if possible.

This survey is for all parents, no matter your child's age or whether they use a smartphone. Your responses are completely anonymous, collected by a third party, and we'll receive only the collective results for our school.

<https://forms.office.com/r/FxrG82WyHb>

Thanks!

Becky, Annabel, Sally, Simon, and many others

## FREE 1-2-1 FAMILY CYCLE TRAINING - MAY HALF TERM BOOKING AVAILABLE

We are pleased to offer free 1-2-1 Family cycle training in Somer Valley during May Half Term. We thought you could maybe help us to promote this popular course.

It is a flexible training designed to instruct parents to shepherd the family group and increase everyone confidence on roads. The first hour will take place off-road where our instructor will introduce basic cycle skills to help prepare everyone to cycle together on roads. Then, the group will have activities on cycle lanes and selected local roads under guidance of our instructor. To attend this course, all riders must be able to ride a bike (set off, pedal, slow down and stop).

Parents can book a place\* by clicking [HERE](#)

*\* Please note that there is a high demand for this service and places are limited. We will operate on a first come first served basis. We will contact you by email to let you know a place is being hold for your family group.*

Course	1-2-1 Family cycle training
Cost	Free
Number of spaces	8 families
Duration	3 hours
Free loan bike & helmet	Available for children and adults
Location	Free Rangers Forest School Nursery. The Mill Barn, Manor Farm, Millards Hill. Midsomer Norton BA3 2BW
Dates & times	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May (9:30-12:30) Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May (13:00-16:00) Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May (9:30-12:30) Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> May (13:00-16:00)

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## ATTACHMENT LINKS

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

Rising Waters writing competition:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Writing\\_Competition\\_for\\_the\\_Chew\\_Valley\\_final.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Writing_Competition_for_the_Chew_Valley_final.pdf)

B&NES Library Events:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Library\\_Events\\_wc\\_27\\_May.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Library_Events_wc_27_May.pdf)

Let's Talk...about Smartphones:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Let-s\\_Talk...\\_about\\_Smartphones\\_\(1\).pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Let-s_Talk..._about_Smartphones_(1).pdf)

Somerset Cricket Dynamos 8 - 11 years:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Dynamos.jpg>

Somerset Cricket All Stars 5 - 8 years:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/All\\_Stars.jpg](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/All_Stars.jpg)