



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

The Festive season is finally upon us and next week sees the start of our Christmas celebrations with our Christmas Craft Day on Thursday. This is always a special day in school with a fantastic community feel; please note for this event we are unable to accommodate pre-school children. Children are invited to wear non-school uniform on Craft Day for which the PTA are asking for a donation of a bottle or some chocolates for the tombola stall at the Christmas Fair. The Christmas Fair takes place next Friday between 5.00-7.00pm - we hope you will be able to join us.

This week I have had the opportunity to observe some of the Christmas play rehearsals that have been taking place. The children are busy learning their lines and the singing is coming along well. If you are coming in to see one of our plays or concerts you are in for a real treat!

To complement the children's learning experiences we will be taking all of our pupils to see a live theatre performance over the next few weeks. Letters should have come home to you last week with the details of each of the trips. For Reception and Key Stage 1 the children will be going to The Old Vic in Bristol to see a performance called 'Belle and Sebastian'. Key Stage 2 children will be going to The Egg Theatre in Bath to see a production of Five Children and It. Parental permission is required for these trips via Parentpay.



Last week we were visited by Ken Biggs from Chelwood Bridge Rotary Club. The Rotary Club kindly donated dictionaries to all of our Year 3 children. Later in the academic year we will be supporting the Rotary Club by raising money for their emergency water box appeal.

We had great fun raising money for Children in Need last Friday; we raised nearly £250 for the charity - well done everybody.

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It was great to see so many children at our bike and scooter breakfast last week. Thank you to all our parents for helping us to encourage the children to cycle and scoot to school. It was lovely to see a full hall of children enjoying their breakfast together. Thank you also to the adults who helped keep the toast and juice flowing!



Huge congratulations to Oliver and Rory who last Saturday took part in the County Cross Country finals at Ashton Park Secondary School. The boys were selected from the

BANES Cross Country event last term. We can announce that both Oliver and Rory came 14th in the county within their year groups and both the year 5 and 6 BANES teams came 2nd overall. Well done to the boys.



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

December 2022

- 1/12/22 - Christmas Craft Day
- 2/12/22 - PTA Christmas Fayre
- 6/12/22 - Owl Class Christmas Concert
- 7/12/22 - Christingle
- 8/12/22 - Fox Class performances
- 9/12/22 - Hedgehog Class Nativity
- 9/12/22 - School Choir singing at St Mary's Church, Bathwick
- 13/12/22 - Key Stage 2 theatre trip
- 14/12/22 - Christmas lunch
- 15/12/22 - Woodpecker end of term service
- 16/12/22 - Reception/KS1 theatre trip

BLING YOUR BIKE DAY - WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER

Our PE Council will be holding a Christmas-themed Bling your Bike Day on Wednesday 14th December. Children are invited to decorate their bikes and scooters in a festive way and the PE Council will select a winner from EYFS and Year 1 and KS2. To celebrate the amazing bikes and scooters we will also have a bike and scooter parade on the day.



CHRISTMAS STORYTIME - TUESDAY 6TH DECEMBER, 5PM TO 5.45PM

On the evening of Tuesday 6th December Miss Hennessy will be hosting a Christmas-themed Storytime for all children in Hedgehog and Owl classes. Children will be invited back in their pyjamas for a Christmas story with their parents, and a hot chocolate to truly get into the Christmas spirit! We hope activities like this will encourage a lifelong love of reading and will support parents in the types of questions that can be asked when reading with your child at home.

FROM THE PTA

Thank you to all those that attended the quiz night, we made nearly £500! The food looked amazing too!

The Christmas Wreath Workshop is on the **27th November**. Timings are 3-5pm and 5.50-7.30pm. £40 includes a beautiful wreath, hot drinks, prosecco, and mince pies. Contact Lucy on 07784 375215 to book a place.

Our Chew Stoke Festive Window Trail runs between the **3-24th December**. Please see the flier at the end of the newsletter. **TIME IS RUNNING OUT TO REGISTER YOUR WINDOW**. This must be done by the **25th November** and is £5 per window. Buy a map for £5 and crack the code. We are looking for sponsors of the trail for £30 each.

Our PTA Christmas Fayre is on **the 2nd December** between 5-7pm. We need lots of volunteers to make this a success. Please sign up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10COF4AA5A62CAAFDC61-christmas>. We will have crafts, stalls selling gifts, a bar, food, tombolas, lucky dips, a present room, sweet stall and much much more.

We urgently need wrapping paper, filled jam jars (sweets etc), unwanted good quality goods for our ADULT present room (smellies, books, mugs) and good quality children's toys and books for our tombola. Please bring into the office next **Thursday 1st December onwards**.

Our film night will be on **the 12th December** straight after school. We will be showing a U Christmas film. More details to follow nearer the time.

Santa is visiting on **the 14th December** and every child will be given a present. We are looking for a donation for each child for this. Our fabulous raffle will also be drawn on this day and a list of prizes and raffle tickets will be going home with the children soon.

We know that it is an incredibly busy time of year so will make sure that we send out lots of reminders and updates as we go along. *Your PTA Team.*

SOUP LUNCH - WEDNESDAY 7TH DECEMBER

Do come to the Soup Lunch at the Church Hall from 12.30pm till 2pm on Wednesday 7th December where all ages are welcome - high chairs available! Only £5 for a choice of home made soup with cheese and pates, and baked beans for kids. There is also tea or coffee and lots of homemade cakes. Proceeds will be donated to Crisis at Christmas.

Take the opportunity to browse around the Fairtrade stall who will be selling their usual stock together with Christmas gifts and cards from around the world.

FESTIVE FAMILY CRAFT WORKSHOPS

The Community Farm, Chew Magna

Sat 3rd December 10.15am-11.45am and 1pm-2.30pm

Come and get in the festive spirit at a Festive Family Craft workshop over at The Community Farm on Saturday 3rd December. Suitable for children aged 3+ accompanied by an adult. You'll have the opportunity to make three gorgeous natural decorations for your Christmas tree, and your very own wreath, all whilst enjoying some delicious, mulled apple juice and yummy festive treats!

Subsidised tickets available for low income families. For more info and booking please visit:

<https://www.thecommunityfarm.co.uk/events>