



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

This week we have been reflecting on the amount of exciting enrichment activities we provide for our children at Chew Stoke Church School. Since the pandemic, we have made it one of our priorities to be able to give the children a wide range of experiences, including sporting, cultural, musical and different places to visit. We hope that through this the children will be motivated to have a new interest or hobby and give them inspiration for their future careers. Linking to this, the last few weeks of school look to be very busy indeed - please do regularly check the diary section of our website that details all of the upcoming events.

What a brilliant day we had last Tuesday, celebrating sport and physical activity through our annual sports day. Our intention, by running events like this, is to promote positive physical activity experiences, teamwork and to develop children's skills and confidence.

This year our Year 6s had a leadership role within their teams. They had stickers promoting our school games values e.g. teamwork, passion and resilience and were awarding them throughout the day to adults and children alike. A huge thank you to Miss Hennessy for organising the event, the teaching staff for their hard work organising their teams and our families for coming out to support the children and their efforts. A huge well done to Red Team who were this year's winners.



This week we have been welcoming to school the children who will be joining us in Reception next academic year. We have a very full induction programme at the school and hopefully by the time the children join us in September they are already feeling quite at home. I am sure you will join me in welcoming all of our new families to the school.

On Monday you will receive a letter informing you which class your child will be in next academic year. On Tuesday, the children will be spending the morning with the teachers who will be teaching them from September. Children should go to their current classrooms at the start of

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the day; they will move to their new classrooms after Worship. In September we will be welcoming several new member of staff to our teaching team. Miss Evans will be the full time teacher for Owl Class, Miss Tyson the full time teacher for Woodpecker Class and Mrs James will teach alongside Mrs Yates in Fox Class. I am sure you will join me in welcoming them to the school.



Well done Chew Stoke. Our non-school uniform day last week raised over £200 for the Rotary Club's Water Box Appeal.

Lara in Badger Class will be running a charity event for Secret World Wildlife Rescue Centre in Somerset to get her Brownies Gold Award. Lara will be selling handmade scrunchies and homemade tray bakes and cupcakes. Lara will have a table at the top of the school



drive after school on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July (under the kitchen cover if wet), please support her if you can.

### VISIT FROM AN OLYMPIAN

To help get Chew Stoke into the Olympic Spirit and excited for a Summer of Sport, Miss Hennessy has organised a visit from Adele Nicoll. She is a great example of determination, resilience and setting out to achieve your goals. After quickly becoming shot put champion, Adele swapped to Team GB bobsleigh. Not only has Adele taken part in the Winter Olympics, but last year she returned to shot put and took part in the Birmingham Commonwealth Games!

Adele will be coming to Chew Stoke on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July. She will be hosting a whole school assembly and Q and A, followed by PE sessions with our older children. Further information about Adele can be found here:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Adele\\_Nicoll\\_-\\_AIS\\_Bio.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Adele_Nicoll_-_AIS_Bio.pdf)

### UPCOMING CLASS ASSEMBLIES

Kingfisher Class will be presenting their class assembly on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July and Hedgehog Class on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Assemblies start at 9.10am, but parents and guests should be seated in the School Hall by 9.00am. We hope you will be able to stay on afterwards to enjoy some refreshments.

### OUR WILDLIFE GARDEN

The Wildlife Garden has been full of activity over the past few weeks. Using the Hedgehog



House and our wildlife camera, we have captured pictures of a hedgehog and a squirrel!

The Eco Team hope to have a stall at our PTA BBQ to continue to raise funds for our garden.



### HEDGEHOG CLASS GRADUATION - TUESDAY 18<sup>TH</sup> JULY

The Hedgehog Team would like to invite the parents and carers of Hedgehog Class to an end of year graduation for Hedgehog Class, to celebrate the end of their first year at Chew Stoke

Church School. The ceremony will include some favourite memories, a song the children have been learning and, most importantly, the presentation of the certificate. We ask that parents are seated in the hall for a 2:30pm start.

### SCHOOL UNIFORM RULES

The onset of summer usually means a growth spurt for most children and, for parents, a trip to the shops! Before buying new uniform for the next academic year, please take a moment to visit our website and take a note of the correct school uniform. Details can be viewed here:- <https://www.chewstokeacademy.org/parent-information/school-uniform>

Please note that joggers and leggings are not to be worn as trousers during school time. School jumpers and cardigans should be either logo'd with our school badge or plain royal blue.

#### 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

##### July 2024

- 02.07.24 - Class Changeover Day
- 09.07.24 - Kingfisher Class Assembly
- 12.07.24 - Hedgehog Class Assembly
- 12.07.24 - PTA Barbecue
- 16.07.24 - Badger Class Performances
- 18.07.24 - Hedgehog Class Graduation
- 23.07.24 - Leavers Service, 9.30am

##### September 2024

- 03.09.24 - Start of Term 1

Footwear - we have noticed some girls wearing ankle boots with heels and large buckles/studs. These are not appropriate for school wear and should be kept for wearing at home. Likewise, trainers are only permitted to be worn for sports, not for everyday wear in school.

Our uniform suppliers are 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. 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.

#### **NOTICE TO ALL HEDGEHOG PARENTS!**

The PTA has asked us if we will perform our Dance Umbrella dance at the End of Year Barbecue, which

is being held on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July. Pupils will need to be brought to Hedgehog Class on that evening by 5.15pm for make-up and dressing. If your child will NOT be attending please let Miss Hennessy know as soon as possible. Thank you.

#### **COULD YOU BE A 'MYSTERY READER'?**

Our next Reading Cafe is being held in school on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July at 2:45pm and we are in need of a 'mystery' parent reader to join us. The parent would select a picture book to read to the children on the afternoon and the children then choose which book they would like to hear read based on the blurb rather than knowing who is reading what. We would just need to know which book you would like to read 7 days before the Café, so the children can vote on which book they'd like to hear. The reading would only last 15 minutes and there would be staff to support with behaviour and organisation on the day.

If you are interested, please contact the School Office.

#### **RISING WATERS - MAKE YOUR OWN FISH PUPPET**

In just over 3 weeks, Valley Arts' community play 'Rising Waters' will be taking place at Yeo Valley Organic Gardens on 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> July. Performed by members of the Chew Valley community, and produced by a professional creative team, influenced by the ideas and lived

experiences of Chew Valley residents, 'Rising Waters' is an exciting project that has been a year in the making.

The creative team at Valley Arts has recently visited our school to make fish puppets for the show with Fox Class. They have kindly put together a 'Make at Home' instruction sheet so that other children at the school can have a chance to make their own fish puppet. The template and the instructions are attached (see list at the end of this newsletter). Any child that makes a fish puppet can get in for free to watch the show, as long as they are with an adult that has purchased a ticket; further details about the show can be found here:- <https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Rising-waters-flyer-email.pdf>

The Rising Waters project is so exciting. It will be a beautiful show in a beautiful location, and it really would be wonderful to see as many of the children there with their fish as possible!

## **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).

We also need volunteers to help run the event. If you can spare half an hour, please sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62CAAFDC61-49940488-endofyear>

Thanks for your ongoing support !

## **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:-

Rising Waters Fish Puppet Instructions:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/FISH\\_PUPPET\\_INSTRUCTIONS.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/FISH_PUPPET_INSTRUCTIONS.pdf)

Rising Waters Fish Puppet Template:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Fish\\_Templates\\_for\\_Schools.pdf](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Fish_Templates_for_Schools.pdf)

Family Cycle Training:- [https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Family\\_cycle\\_training\\_-\\_Summer\\_2024.pdf](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](https://files.schudio.com/chew-stoke-church-school/files/documents/Summer_Sundays.pdf)