



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

This is our last week before the end of term and it has certainly been a very busy week in school as we mark the Easter festival. From all of the staff, we hope you have a happy and peaceful Easter and we look forward to seeing you all on Monday 15th April for the start of the Summer Term. Next term will be the last one for one of our longest serving teachers, as Mrs Simmonds will be hanging up her school bag for a well-deserved retirement after 35 years in teaching.



On Monday we held our traditional Easter Craft Day, our curriculum was transformed to include a range of Easter art and craft activities. Thank you to the parents who were able to join us during the day, we appreciated your help. Yesterday we held

our traditional Easter Exhibition. The hall looked absolutely fantastic with all the craft exhibited. During the afternoon children were able to tour the exhibition and it was lovely to see the parents who were able to make it. Well done to all of our children, your work was amazing.



This morning the children in Kingfisher Class led our Easter service at St Andrew's Church. It was a very moving service, we were all so proud of our children, their acting and singing was outstanding. Thank you to Mrs Hope for supporting the children to put on such an amazing performance.



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Our Christian Value for
this term is

TRUTHFULNESS

Our British Value for
this term is

**INDIVIDUAL
LIBERTY**





As you are probably aware, our school has very strong links with Christian Life School in Uganda. At our Christingle Service earlier in the academic year we helped to raise money for a new classroom block at the school. I am pleased to share with you the photos we received from Uganda this week, showing the new block ready for use. Thank you to everyone who supported this project.

Last week, the children from Hedgehog Class took part in the Dance Umbrella at the Bath Forum. This was an amazing opportunity for the children to dance in front of many hundreds of people. We also had the children from our Dance Club dance at the Forum this week. I was so proud of both groups - their dances were fantastic but more importantly the way they upheld our school values was exemplary. Thank you to all of the staff who helped make this event possible.



ECO TEAM NEWS

With the help of Mrs Simmonds and Mrs Gauthier our school Eco Team have had a busy few weeks. They have laid a new hedge, put up more bird feeders, added another nesting box, installed a new wildlife camera (thank you to Mrs Simmonds for donating this to the school) and carried out necessary pruning. Next term they plan to lay some stepping-stones so that small groups can begin to access our Wildlife Garden later in the spring.



Celebration assembly Golden Heart recipients



Congratulations to Mrs Yells and Mrs Priday for completing their British Sign Language Level 1 certificate



Celebration assembly Christian Values certificates recipients

EASTER TRAIL

Come and experience Easter at St Andrew's, Chew Stoke, on Saturday 30 March from 1-3pm. Craft stations, entertainment from Mini Melodies and Jubilee Children's Choirs, and refreshments, with a trail to find the all important aspects of Easter! Free - donations appreciated. Contact Revd Fran for more information, curatechewvalleywest@gmail.com

PTA FILM NIGHT

The PTA will be holding a film night on Friday 10th May. Children can stay from the end of school and will need collecting at 5.30pm. The film will be Wonka. More details to follow.

KEY STAGE 2 DRAMA CLUB

Key Stage 2 drama club will be continuing next term. It is limited to 20 pupils and runs after school on a Wednesday until 4.20pm. If your child would like to attend please sign up on Parent Pay.

BRISTOL SPORT AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please find attached details of the after school sports clubs that Bristol Sport will be running after the Easter break.

VALLEY ARTS EASTER HOLIDAY DRAMA CLUB

We are very lucky to have the excellent **Stevie Thompson**, Artistic Director of Flibbertigibbet Theatre (www.flibbertigibbettheatre.co.uk) coming to run a 2 day clowning and comedy workshop on **Tuesday 9th and Wednesday 10th April**, at **The Baptist Church, Chew Magna**.

This 2-day workshop is designed to help children aged 7 - 13 develop their physical storytelling skills and create their own comic characters. Over the course of the workshop, we will explore the art of clowning and slapstick comedy, and introduce the group to the silent movie greats, Charlie Chaplin, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, exploring their inspirations taken from pantomime and Commedia Dell'Arte. Why are some things still funny?! The group will learn how to use props and costumes to create hilarious routines as well as delving into the world of masks to discover how they can be used to tell stories and express emotions. No prior experience is necessary, and all materials will be provided.



Cost is £48 for 2 days, and the running time of the workshop is 10am - 4pm both days. Parents and carers will be invited to come and watch the group share back some of the skills they have learnt, at the end of the second day.

Click [HERE](#) to book a place. The holiday club is open for those in school years 3 - 8. Places are limited so please book asap.

Basic Life Support Training

- Do you understand Basic Life Support?
- Would you know what to do in an **emergency**?
- Do you know how to use a **defibrillator**?

If you answered **no** to any of the above, then sign up for our Basic Life Support Training.

£20 per person (RRP £25-£50/pp)

2 hour Basic Life Support training incl defib training incl certification

Chew Stoke Village Hall

Friday 12th April

10am – 12noon (12 spaces)

or

1pm – 3pm (12 spaces)



Please contact Rhian on 07930 280217 to secure your space and place your deposit (£10/pp)

Proceeds will go to Chew Stoke Village Hall, to help much needed funds to help maintain our community asset.