

Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

On my learning walk this week it has been clear how focussed our children are on their new class topics and the enthusiasm of the children is clear. During the morning sessions Literacy and Numeracy are taught to meet the specific learning objectives of each year group in a class, whilst in topic work, generally in the afternoons, we focus on building learning skills and knowledge through the topics taught. Although the class topic is different in each of our classes, the learning skills being developed are the same for each individual year group whichever class they are in.

This week we have had more detail on the outcomes of the children who sat Year 6 SATs last year. We are so proud of how well all of our children did. Despite the disruption to learning due to the pandemic, their results are fantastic and show that the extra support we have put in place over the last year has made a real difference. The table below shows how our children compare to the national averages of children meeting the expected standards.

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Subject	Chew Stoke Data	National Data
Reading	83%	74%
Maths	90%	71%
Writing	83%	69%
Spelling, Punctuation, Grammar	83%	72%
RWM Combined	73%	59%



On Wednesday we held our Harvest service in St Andrew's Church. It was lovely to see the church so full. We were so proud of the children who helped Reverend Ian and Angela lead the service through a mixture of readings, poems and songs. We had a very generous amount of harvest gifts, which will be delivered to the Community of the Sisters Church in Bristol tomorrow ready for distribution.

Last weekend the school exhibited two angels at St Andrew's Church Festival of Angels. The angels were made by every child in the school tracing around their hands. Thanks to Mrs Lewis and Miss Duffety who helped the children create the angels, they looked absolutely fantastic!

A gentle reminder that all children who have hair longer than shoulder length should have it tied back whilst in school.



MACMILLAN CANCER SUPPORT

Well done to everyone for your efforts in raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support. The non-school uniform day and cake sailed raised £550. Thank you to Mrs Lewis for organising the day.

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

October 2022

- 19/10/22 PTA Film Night
- 21/10/22 Fox Class Assembly
- 21/10/22 Fox Class Cake Sale
- 21/10/22 End of Term 1
- 31/10/22 Inset Day

November 2022

- 11/11/22 Kingfisher Class Assembly
- 11/11/22 PTA Quiz Night
- 14/11/22 Parent Conferencing
- 15/11/22 Parent Conferencing
- 16/11/22 Parent Conferencing
- 18/11/22 Owl Class Assembly
- 25/11/22 Badger Class cake sale

ROALD DAHL DAY

Next Wednesday 12th October, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day. We have decided to do this slightly later in the term so that our newest children have settled in and we can all take part in this together - Roald Dahl's birthday was actually on 13th September!

For Roald Dahl Day, children are invited to come to school in their own clothes. There is no money collected for this day - we just want to celebrate some of our favourite stories together! Each class will be exploring a chosen Roald Dahl book and we will come together in the afternoon to share some of the different activities that have taken place.

REMINDER - CHILDREN'S FLU VACCINATIONS

Flu vaccinations are being delivered in school by the School Nursing Service on Tuesday 18th October. Parents should have received emails giving details of how to register pupils for flu vaccinations - please

note that registrations will close at midnight on Monday 10th October.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF PUPILS IN HEDGEHOG CLASS

Miss Hennessy will be holding another info evening on Tuesday 18th October at 5pm for parents of Hedgehog Class pupils. Parents will have an opportunity to learn about life in Hedgehog Class, with an outline of what Hedgehogs do in a day and then focus on Maths, how it is taught and how parents can support at home. We hope you can join us.

PTA NEWS

We hope that everyone has found the paper list with all the details of where PTA info can be found and the list of events for the year useful. There is a lot going on and we know that it can be hard keeping track of everything.

THANK YOU to all those new parents that have recently come onto the PTA. Your help is so appreciated!

Upcoming events are- Film night on the 19th October - Children will stay on after school to watch "Monster Family" and need to be collected at 5pm. It costs £5 per child and this can be paid by cash or BACS (sort code 089299 account number 67214321). Hopefully most people will have seen and signed a sheet giving permission to watch a PG film. Please speak to the teacher if not. Popcorn and a drink are included in the price. No extra money is required to buy any extras on the night.

<u>Fox class cake sale 21st October -</u> Please bring in shop bought or homemade cakes on the Friday am or pm for us to sell. Please no nuts as we are a nut free school.

<u>Rags to Riches clothes collection 21st October -</u> Bring in unwanted GOOD QUALITY clothes and shoes (paired) plus accessories (hats, scarves, gloves) in any bag on the morning of the 21st October. Please make sure that the bag is tied and brought in by 9am. They can be left in the big playground. The school receive 40p per kilo of clothes collected and we often make £200 per collection.

NEW EQUIPMENT FOR BIG PLAYGROUND- The PTA are delighted to tell you that we will be funding the bulk of the costs for the new equipment in the big playground. This was supposed to happen two years ago but had to be delayed due to COVID. Mr Hewett thinks that it is likely the work will be done in Spring next year. The club house will be taken down and be replaced with some kind of climbing structure. The wooden base will be taken away and replaced with a rubber base and this will mean that it is more accessible.

The PTA also helped with the costs towards the Lifeskills course that the Year 6 children did recently, are contributing towards drumming for Kingfisher Class, a CD player for Miss Hennessy and will pay for some of the lunch time activities organized by Miss Milton. We also hope to donate some money towards the costs of theatre trips for the school.

The money we raise and you give makes a difference! Your PTA



Chew Stoke Amateur Dramatic Society are putting on a show in the village hall called "EBENEEZER". It's on 17th, 18th and 19th November at 7.30pm.

Based (very) loosely on Charles Dickens' "A Christmas Carol", "Ebeneezer" is a light-hearted tale of a man forced to confront the consequences of his actions. Through a series of visions, and with the help of the mysterious "Spirit of Christmas", Ebeneezer learns the errors of his ways. But can he repent? Can he change his ways? Is it possible he could even find love...?

Expect all the usual laughs, silliness and singing you've come to expect from Chew Stoke Am Dram, though not suitable for young audiences.

Tickets £10 on sale now by emailing ebeneezerchewstoke@gmail.com

Profits are being donated to the DEC Appeal (Ukraine/Pakistan relief) and Wallace & Gromit Grand Appeal.

Thanks for your support!!