



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

This is our last week before the end of term, as we finish tomorrow (Friday 8th April). The Summer Term begins on Tuesday 26th April; please note that Monday 25th April is an Inset Day and the school will be closed for all children. From all of the staff, we hope you have a happy and peaceful Easter.

After Easter we welcome Mr Elliott Jones, our new permanent teacher for Fox Class. I am sure you will join me in welcoming him to the school and thanking Mr Hughes for leading Fox Class so diligently since Christmas.

During the last two weeks we have been thinking about Easter in school. This coming Sunday, churches across the country will celebrate Palm Sunday, remembering the time when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. In our collective worship this week we looked at that story. Our friends at St Andrew's Church will kindly give all of the children a palm cross tomorrow, as is the tradition in churches on Palm Sunday.



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.



We finish this term with children in Kingfisher Class leading our Easter service at St Andrew's Church on Friday. Reverend Ian will be introducing the service and Angela Fraser our school Chaplain will be leading a 'thought for the day'. If you would like to join us for this celebration we will be arriving at church for a 9.30am start; please could I ask parents to sit in the pews to the right of the door as you enter the church as this will allow us enough room to seat all the children. Parents of

children in Kingfisher Class are then invited to join us back at school for refreshments.

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NATIONAL VIRTUAL COMMONWEALTH GAMES

Our school is taking part in the National Virtual Commonwealth Games during the summer term. The Commonwealth Games brings nations together in a colourful celebration of sport and human performance. Underpinned by the core values of humanity, equality and destiny, the Birmingham 2022 Commonwealth Games aim to unite the Commonwealth family through a festival of sport and culture. Often referred to as the 'Friendly Games', the event is renowned for inspiring athletes to compete in the spirit of friendship and fair play. There has never been a more important time to galvanise and drive the positive impact of sport on society. Using the values, we wish to inspire and motivate young people to create a long-lasting legacy.

Each month there are virtual challenges for young people to take part in, inspired by the three values:-

Humanity:

14 March-14 April (the Commonwealth Sports Movement's purpose and potential is inspired by athletes and citizen)

Equality:

25 April-27 May (the Commonwealth Sports Movement's sports and Games are a level-playing field, bringing people together as equals)

Destiny:

07 June-08 July (together, the Commonwealth Sports Movement can create a more peaceful, sustainable, and prosperous future)

Each theme includes **three challenges** (attached), which are examples of how it is possible to use a high-profile event to engage children and young people. These challenges will help develop physical literacy skills, strength, or aerobic capacity, whilst aiming to inspire children and young people to be more active. Also attached are personal challenge sheets for your child to keep track of their scores.

We will be talking about this event regularly in school and we hope you will encourage your child to take part at home as well.

SAILING CLUB - SUMMER TERM

Miss Hennessy is looking into running a sailing club again this summer for pupils in Key Stage 2. Sadly, the company are no longer running sessions from Chew Valley Lake, but they have offered us sessions at the Harbourside in Bristol. At the moment we are looking at 5 weeks on a Thursday starting the second week back after the May half term. The sessions are 2.5 hours long and will start at 4:30pm to allow time to get there. The children will be in groups of 9 and we need to fill 2 groups to make the club cost-effective. The cost will be in the region of £56 for the 5 weeks but this will be confirmed.

At this point we need to know how many children would be interested and also whether they would like fun sessions or to work towards sailing grades. Would you therefore please complete the form, which can be found by clicking this link:-

<https://forms.office.com/r/Jq5US8Z1Mk>

If we have sufficient interest to go ahead we will contact you again at the beginning of next term to make further arrangements.

SPORTS CLUBS - TERM 5

Bristol Sport Foundation will be running sports clubs on Tuesdays after the Easter break, starting on Tuesday 26th April. They are running Tag Rugby for KS1 pupils and Rounders for KS2 pupils. Booking details are on the attached leaflet.

South West Sports Project are running Football club on Wednesdays and Multi Sports on Thursdays starting the first week of term. Bookings and payment should be made via ParentPay.

UPDATE FROM THE PTA

Thank you to all those who contributed and bought cakes at last week's cake sale. We are totting up the amount and will let you know the amounts. It will be Owl class cake sale next time on the 27th May.

We had a successful second hand clothes sale this week and raised £90 for the school. We hope to make this a more regular feature moving forward so please hold onto any old uniform. Our second hand clothes collection will be on the 24th May. More details will follow nearer the time but any good quality clothes and paired shoes (not uniform of any kind) are most welcome.

The school are getting quotes for a new playground so hopefully we will find out more about this shortly.

Your PTA Team

VACANCY - SCHOOL KITCHEN

Edwards and Ward are looking for a *General Assistant* to join our catering team at Chew Stoke Church School.

The position is for 12.5 hours a week, Monday to Friday, term time only, at £9.50 per hour. You will be working as part of the integral catering team, helping serve meals to our pupils and assisting with general duties in the kitchen.

To apply for this position or if you have any questions, please contact Stephen Drane, Head of Operations, on 07973 803380.