

Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

A very warm welcome to the start of this new school year. I hope you and your family have had a good summer. This year we have twenty two children starting in Hedgehog Class and a number of children joining the other classes; I am sure you will join me in welcoming these new families into our school community.

I do place great importance on parents and school working together to ensure pupils are happiest and therefore make the most progress. It goes without saying that excellent attendance is vital. As a school we are keen to have open communication with parents and I would ask that if there are any questions you do have, please do get in touch.

Over the next few weeks you will receive a curriculum overview sheet from your child's class teacher detailing the learning for the term up until Christmas.

This year we have introduced a new phonics scheme, 'Unlocking Letters and Sounds', that will be used to assist with the teaching of Phonics across Key Stage 1. Miss Hennessy will be leading a training session for parents of children in Hedgehog and Owl Classes on 21st September at 5pm.

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School Clubs will be starting from next week and more details of the clubs we are hosting can be found below or attached to this email. The clubs are:

Club	Day/time	Ages	How to book
Korean Club	Tuesdays 3.20-4pm	Key Stage 2	Contact the School Office
Mini Melodies	Tuesdays 3.20-4.30pm	Ages 7 to 9	Contact the School Office
Choir			
Cricket Club	Tuesdays 3.20-4.25pm	Key Stages 1 & 2	See flyer attached for booking info
Football Club	Wednesdays 3.20-4.30pm	Key Stages 1 & 2	Book via ParentPay
Multisports Club	Thursdays 3.20-4.30pm	Key Stages 1 & 2	Book via ParentPay
Jubilee Choir	Thursdays 3.20-4.30pm	Ages 9 to 14	Contact the School Office
Yoga	Tuesdays and Thursdays	Key Stages 1 & 2	See flyer attached for booking info

This Saturday sees the Harvest Home celebrations in the village. All of our children have entered two pieces of work/craft that they made in school during the last academic year and these will be displayed in the flower marquee. Our PTA will be hosting the Harvest Home After Party from 7.30pm - 11pm at the show site, with all profits going to the school and the Harvest Home funds. If you would like tickets please

email: <u>chewstokeschoolpta@gmail.com</u>. We hope you can join us. The PTA could also really do with help at the After Party, if you would be able to lend a hand please sign up via this link: <u>https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0F4AA5A62CAAFDC61-ptaharvest</u>

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

September 2022

- 14/09/22 Badger Class visit to Lifeskills
- 19/09/22 Swimming starts for Fox Class
- 21/09/22 Phonics evening for Hedgehog Class and Kingfisher 6pm

October 2022

- 04/10/22 Harvest Service
- 21/10/22 Fox Class Assembly
- 21/10/22 End of Term 1
- 31/10/22 Inset Day

NEWS FROM ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

The 10.30am service at St Andrew's this Sunday 11th September will include prayers and a blessing for those returning to school. Children from Chew Stoke Church School would be particularly welcome, with their families. If a small group of children were free and willing to be involved as Junior Sidespeople etc. all the better. Please let the School Office know tomorrow (Friday) if your child is able to help.

PTA NEWS

Welcome back everyone and welcome to any new parents at the school. We hope everyone had a great summer.

The PTA are made up of a small but dedicated group of parents. We work really hard to

fundraise to purchase things at school for everyone's children and we put on fun events for the children and parents to all enjoy. We pay for supplies for the classroom, larger pieces of equipment, theatre trips and things that the staff identify and request that we purchase.

There are many ways that parents can support us. The easiest way is to put Chew Stoke School down as a beneficiary when you buy things on Amazon. This can be done via Amazon Smile. It's really really easy. <u>https://www.aboutamazon.com/news/community/how-to-sign-up-for-amazonsmile</u>

Please look out for events that you can support us with. We normally have regular cake sales and raffles with other bigger events throughout the year such as a Christmas Fayre, summer BBQ etc. Updates and info about these events are advertised on the school parents Facebook page, the class WhatsApp groups and school newsletter.

Our first event of the year is at The Chew Stoke Harvest Home this Saturday. We desperately need bottles for our tombola. Any bottle will do. Please hand in at the office. We URGENTLY need bottles of wine, shampoo, squash etc. Please come along to the fantastic after party that the PTA are putting on after the Harvest Home event on the 10th September. We are using the marquee and there will be food, snacks, music and dancing. Email <u>chewstokeschoolpta@gmail.com</u> for your tickets. £10 for adults and £5 for children. We need help to run the event so please sign up below if you can spare an hour on the night. https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/10c0f4aa5a62caafdc61-ptaharvest

We have the first of our biannual clothes collections taking place on the 21st October. Bring any GOOD quality clothes in to school on this Friday before school and they are collected, weighed and we are given money per kilo. More info to follow nearer the time.

Thank you - Your PTA Team