



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Last week we celebrated World Book Day. On Thursday we all had fun dressing up to celebrate our love of books. Thank you to Miss Yates for organising the day and well done to everyone; what a lovely array of costumes.



Thank you to all the parents who responded to the questionnaire we recently sent out about Parent Consultations; in response to that we are offering Video appointments with our teaching staff on Monday 21st March and In-Person appointments on the 22nd, 23rd and 24th March. Please note that not all teachers will be available on all days; details of individual availability is given on the booking system. The booking system is now open and you should have received details earlier in the week on how to book your appointment.

The term is moving on apace and we are now thinking about the Easter Festival. Kingfisher Class will be leading our Easter Service, which will be held on Friday 8th April at St Andrews Church starting at 9.30am.

This year our Easter Craft Morning will take place on Monday 4th April. On this day our normal timetable is suspended and children spend the morning taking part in Easter-themed craft activities. Parents of pupils in Year 1 and above are welcome to help in their children's classes during the morning (*please see below for Hedgehog Class information*); if you would like to help please sign up online via this link A: <https://forms.office.com/r/Q6XmiCqfq3>

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Hedgehog Class will be spending the whole of Monday 4th April making their Easter crafts and parents are warmly invited to join the class for part or all of the day. Please sign up online using this link B: <https://forms.office.com/r/bNVjb109Jt>

N.B. If you have children in Hedgehog and in other classes, please sign up for the morning using link A and then also sign up for Hedgehog Class for the afternoon using link B. Please sign up by 4pm on Wednesday 30th March

On Wednesday 6th April we will be holding our Easter Eggshibition; details are as follows:

- Children will be able to enter a decorated egg from home (the egg should be either blown or hard-boiled)
- 2 items (different to the home item) will be produced in school during our craft morning
- Home-made items should be clearly labelled on the bottom (out of sight) with the child's name, class and age
- Entries should be brought in to school first thing on Wednesday 6th April. Judging will take place after lunch
- The children will have an opportunity to look around the displayed entries once the judging is finished. Parents are welcome to view our Eggshibition from 2.45pm
- Certificates will be awarded for the first three places in each class.

Sporting Success

Earlier this week our mixed football team took part in not one but two matches as part of the Chew Valley Cluster Football League. We played both Bishop Sutton Primary School and Stanton Drew Primary School at Bishop Sutton Football Club. The match against Bishop Sutton went into extra time. It was a nail biter, but we did end up scoring in the last few minutes of the second half of extra time and won 1-0. The team had no time to rest, as they were straight back on the pitch to play Stanton Drew and won that game 3-0. Two fantastic games, well done to all of the girls and boys involved!



We would also like to take this opportunity to show everyone our brand new football kit. It was selected by the team and very kindly donated to the school by Mr Brown (parent in Badger Class) - thank you.

RED NOSE DAY - 18th MARCH

Comic Relief 2022 is Friday March 18th and our theme this year is 'Wear Red' (just clothes, not hair)! If you have something red at home please wear it to school - even a pair of red socks or a red hairband will be fine! For this event we are collecting donations electronically, so please send any donations for Comic Relief via this link

<https://app.parentpay.com/ParentPayShop/Foc/Default.aspx?shopid=6171>

MUSIC MARK AWARD FOR CHEW STOKE CHURCH SCHOOL

We are delighted to report that our school has been chosen to receive the Music Mark award. Music Mark is the UK Association for Music Education, championing and supporting access to music for all children and young people. Our school has been chosen because of our commitment to a broad and balanced curriculum which includes music, our recognition of the benefits of music to children's development and wellbeing and the value that we place on music.



The school offers a wide range of instrumental tuition to pupils in Years 2 to 6, which is provided by Bath & North Somerset Council's Music Service. The Music Service also provides whole-class instrumental tuition to Kingfisher Class as part of its First Access programme. In addition, we are offering pupils aged 7 and over a gentle introduction to music at our newly-formed choirs which run after school on Tuesdays (Mini Melodies for 7 to 9 year olds) and Thursdays (Jubilee! for 10 to 14 year olds). We already have a good take-up for both choirs but there is still room if your child wants to join. Please contact Mrs Dagger in the school office if you would like further information regarding music tuition and/or our choirs.

A PLEA FROM THE RESIDENTS OF QUARRY HAY

Whilst the residents of Quarry Hay have no issues with parents parking safely in the cul-de-sac they would kindly ask that children & parents use the designated footpath and avoid the grass bank area - the residents have planted daffodils and snowdrops over the years for everyone to enjoy. There have been a few incidents this week of people running down the banks and even cycling down trampling the flowers. Thank you.

HOST FAMILIES NEEDED

We are pleased to be welcoming two students to our school this June from a teacher training college in Switzerland. The students will be arriving on 26th June and leaving on 9th July and will make their own way to their host families, so they do not need picking up from airports. The students will be working in school as classroom assistants in literacy, numeracy, sport and foreign language lessons. Their native language is German and they speak very good English and French.

Host families are paid £300 to cover their accommodation, breakfast, packed lunch and dinner (breakfast, lunch and dinner at the weekend). Having a student to stay is great fun and mutually rewarding! If you are interested in hosting a student please contact the School Office by Friday 18th March 2022.

UPDATE FROM THE PTA

Kingfisher class will be having their cake sale on the 1st April.

Our clothes collection is on the 24th May.

We are still looking for a treasurer so please speak to your class rep or Jo or Lucy if you want to chat about the role. It's all been set up by Lynne who will be happy to do a handover before she leaves.

Your PTA Team

TREE PLANTING

Across March there is a great opportunity for families to take part in tree planting at the Chew Stoke waterfall, organised by the Strode Land and Waterfall Story Project. Last weekend a group of our parents planted some wild cherries, wayfarer trees, silver birch, wild pears and crab apples. There are still some spaces left on the 20th and 26th March if you would like to take part. For further information, and to book your space please go to

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/tree-planting-tickets-267430300227>