



# Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



## INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

An excited Fox Class left for Mill on the Brue on Wednesday. Sadly their trip had to be cut short due to the weather but they enjoyed their visit nonetheless; do visit our Facebook page for photos of their activities. Huge thanks go to Miss Hennessy, Mrs Hope and Mr Hughes for accompanying the children.

When we return to school on the 28<sup>th</sup> February after the half-term break we will be half way through this academic year. It is important that we continue to grow the children's independence and self-reliance and we need your help in achieving this.

- Please make sure your child has arrived to school by 8:55am (gates open from 8.45am to 8.55am) at the latest each morning; this allows the children to settle, have the register taken and to arrive at Worship without rushing.
- Please encourage your child to check they have everything they need for their day in school before they leave home. We aim to reduce the number of telephone calls the School Office is asked to make! In emergencies, we will of course ring home if a child has forgotten vital equipment (i.e. medication, lunch etc.).

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I've had the pleasure of spending time in a number of lessons this week and have been impressed by the high standards of behaviour and attitude to learning from all of the pupils. The children talked enthusiastically about what they were learning, and enjoyed the challenges set before them! I was particularly impressed by the deep thinking of the pupils in Woodpecker Class; they had to design and create paper spinners that took longer to fall to the ground and they came up with some excellent ideas.

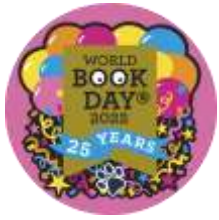
Our next round of parents evenings will be held in March - more details will follow after half-term.

I am pleased to say that the number of positive Covid-19 cases across the school has fallen dramatically over the last week, with just a few children and staff still needing to isolate. Hopefully next half term will continue to see a return to more normal times.

We have just heard today that the PTA raised £3290 from all of their great fundraising activities during the festive period. This is a truly outstanding sum seeing we were not able to hold our traditional Christmas Fayre. The money raised by the PTA benefits every child who attends the school; next term we will detail the ways in which this money is going to benefit the children this year. Thank you to the whole of the PTA for your fundraising efforts.

I hope our school community has a safe and happy half-term break and we look forward to seeing all of the children back on Monday 28<sup>th</sup> February.

### **A REMINDER – WORLD BOOK DAY – 3<sup>rd</sup> MARCH**



World Book Day is next term on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March so you have plenty of time to plan your costume. We would like to encourage everyone to come to school that day dressed as their favourite book character, ready for a day of fun-filled, book-themed activities! We are looking forward to seeing your outfits and the staff are already planning theirs, too...

### **RED NOSE DAY – 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH**

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March. Children are invited to wear their home clothes on this day.

### **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS AT CHEW STOKE CHURCH SCHOOL!**

You will have seen the letters sent home to parents regarding our new choirs which are starting here after half term. Mini Melodies (7 to 9 year olds) will start on Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> March and Jubilee! (10 to 14 year olds) will start on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. We already have a good take-up for both choirs but there is still room if your child wants to join. Further details can be found at [www.chewvalleywest.org/childrens-choir](http://www.chewvalleywest.org/childrens-choir)



### **AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS CLUBS IN TERM 4**

Details of clubs being run next term by Bristol Sport Foundation and South West Soccer Project are attached and we would encourage you to sign your child up as soon as possible. Bookings for Bristol Sport Foundation (Tuesday clubs) should be made direct by scanning the QR code on the flyer; bookings for South West Soccer Project (Wednesday and Thursday clubs) can be made via ParentPay.

### **UPDATE FROM THE PTA**

We can confirm that we raised a whopping £3,300 from our Christmas fundraising efforts! We have some ideas on how to spend some of it and will let you know after we have spoken to Mr Hewett.

Thank you to Woodpecker Class for putting on a fabulous cake sale last Friday. You raised £90 for the PTA. The next cake sale is Kingfisher Class, which will take place on the 1<sup>st</sup> April.

Don't forget our clothes collection which is taking place on the 24<sup>th</sup> May.

**HELP NEEDED!!** We are looking for a new treasurer to take over the role from Lynne Blakely. This role mainly involves making payments from the PTA bank account for expenses incurred during fundraising events, banking any money raised and making sure there are floats at events. Lynne has organized online banking and has clear and easy systems in place. Please have a chat with her if you are interested in this role or let Jo Warren or Lucy Brown know. Thank you Lynne, you have done a great job getting everything set up and running so smoothly.

Your PTA Team

## THE GRIMM SISTERS



Valley Arts are bringing *The Grimm Sisters* to the valley on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> March! A brilliant family production suitable for everyone aged 6+. Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/the-grimm-sisters-tickets-251140848037>