



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

This week children from across the school have taken part in a number of sporting events. Yesterday a group of KS2 girls and boys took part in the BANES Cross Country Tournament at Odd Down in Bath against other Bath schools. The children took part in a 1.2km race which was scored both individually and as a team. We have yet to hear the team scores, but we are very pleased to announce that Rory came 2nd overall in the Year 5 Boys Race. Huge congratulations to all the children who took part. They were fantastic representatives for the school and it was great to see them supporting/cheering each other on. We are very proud of them all.



Over the last year we have been developing a link with a partner school in Uganda. The link is now well established and the children and staff are regularly communicating with each other. The school in Uganda is currently closed due to Covid until January, however the children came into school specially to read the letters that the children in last years Owl Class sent them. Recently we received some beautiful weavings that the children had created for us, you can see one of these in the picture below. My thanks to Mrs Hope who has been instrumental in setting up our link.



After half term there will be an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher during the week starting 8th November. Thank you to the parents who completed our questionnaire as to whether you would like future parents' evenings all to be face-to-face or to have an option for an online meeting. The consensus was that going forward, parents would like to have an option and we plan to offer this in future. Due to tightened Covid controls for the next four weeks in schools (due to rising Covid numbers and the errors from one of the testing labs), along with

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other local schools, parents meetings will remain online. Booking information will be sent out to you before half term.

Attached to today's email is an important Covid update from Public Health England. I wish all of our school community a safe and happy half term. School resumes for the children on Monday 1st November.

Our Christian Values

This term we have been exploring the Christian value of 'Humility'. We explored with the children times when they have shown humility, we discussed people who have shown humility and also looked at examples within the Bible. Since 2014 schools are also required to promote Fundamental British Values, these being: democracy, the rule of law, individual liberty, mutual respect for and tolerance of those with different faiths and beliefs, and for those without faith. In Collective Worship this term we looked at these values again as we do each year and we focused on 'The Rule of Law'.

UNICEFs Right Respecting Schools Award

In our last newsletter we told you that we are working towards the silver level of UNICEFs Rights Respecting Schools Award. Each week in school we are given a different article from the award to focus on.

This week we are focussing on Article 16 - The Right to Privacy 'Every child has the right to privacy'.

Last week we focussed on Article 24 - Every Child has the Right to the Best Possible Health. Linked to this we asked children to wear something yellow last Friday to mark World Mental Health Day.

MORE SPORTING SUCCESSES

13th October - Netball

Congratulations to our girls' netball team who took part in the BANES High Five Netball Tournament at Wellsway School this evening. After only holding trials a couple of weeks ago and then being given matches to take part in so quickly, the girls and mixed team have given up lunchtimes with Miss Hennessy to learn the rules and put them into practice. They have worked so hard!

The girls were amazing tonight. They listened to feedback and improved game on game. They were awesome! They came third in their pool and went through to the play offs for third place overall. They didn't win the match but we are so proud of how well they played as a team. Great job girls!

12th October - Football

Huge congratulations to the school's mixed football team who took part in their first tournament of the year this afternoon against other Chew Valley schools. The team only lost one game, in which they conceded their only goal of the tournament. They were great representatives for the school and worked well as a team. Overall they came third. A brilliant achievement. Well done!

BRISTOL SPORT FOUNDATION CLUBS

Details of the after school activities being run by the Bristol Sport Foundation coaches in Term 2 are attached to this newsletter, together with the link to sign up your child.

WAKE & SHAKE

Our Breakfast Club staff have kindly offered to run Wake and Shake sessions on Wednesday mornings for KS2 pupils. The sessions will run from 8.35am to 8.45am - come to the gate by the large playground to be let in.

FOOTBALL AND MULTISPORTS CLUBS

The after school activities offered by South West Sports Project are now available on ParentPay for you to sign your child up for next term. We have agreed with the coaches, following feedback from pupils and parents, to amalgamate the separate boys' and girls' football into one club, running on a Wednesday afternoon. This club will provide coaching for children who are keen to improve their football skills, and attendees will be expected to take full part in the sessions. If your child would rather explore a wider range of sporting activities then they can sign up to attend the Multisports sessions held on Thursday afternoons instead.

USA CHALLENGE

In school we have been enjoying following Ben Smith as he prepares for his epic challenge in the USA to raise money for the 401 charity. It has been fantastic to hear about the wide variety of activities being undertaken by the children throughout the school in order to get as many steps for their children and their classes. We have also seen lots of children wearing their badges. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm for the challenge.

We would now like to collate the first round of step counts and add these together to create a class total. I wonder which class has travelled the furthest this term? Please could you fill in the online form (available by clicking this link <https://forms.office.com/r/WsDmxhBZB9>) by Friday 5th November so the PE council can organise the data.

PTA NEWS

It was great to have a lively and buzzing PTA meeting last week at The Stoke. It's fantastic to see so many new faces and we are all really pleased to have you on the team.

Thank you so much to everyone who brought clothes to our clothes collection. We raised the grand total of £155 for our school, which is not a record but a nice amount. Our next collection will not be until 24th May 2022 but we will send out reminders nearer the time.

Unfortunately we are not able to hold our Halloween Disco for the reasons Mr Hewett has explained but we are hoping that we can still hold some fundraising (and fun) events this term. Please pencil in Thurs 25th November for the Film Night and Fri 3rd December for the Christmas Fayre.

Fri 22nd October, Fox class are having a cake sale after school. Please bring 50p (smaller cakes) or £1 (big ones) and buy a delicious cake. Bring a container if you want to buy more and take home for the weekend or siblings.

Fri 26th November, Badger cake sale.

Fri 11th Feb, Woodpecker cake sale.

Fri 1st April, Kingfisher cake sale

Fri 27th May, Owl cake sale

Fri 1st July, Hedgehog cake sale.

If the Christmas Fayre goes ahead we will need lots of jam jars so please start saving. We also want good quality or unused unwanted gifts for our present room (toiletries, books, candles). We will let you know more nearer the time.

We are also hoping to hold a wreath making session in the next few weeks so hold off booking any classes elsewhere. Details to follow when we get some suitable dates.

We are planning to do another Festive window trail and we will be doing another raffle. Santa will also be hopefully visiting the children at school like he did last year (15th December).

Another great and easy way to help raise funds for the PTA is to use Amazon Smile every time you shop. Its so easy and means that each time you buy something from Amazon, the school gets a percentage. Individually it's a small amount but over the whole school it can be considerable and it all helps.

Head to your Amazon account, find settings on the main menu,, tap on Amazon Smile and follow the on screen instructions to set up "Chew Stoke Parent Teacher Association" as a beneficiary of your spending. Please try and do it now so that the Christmas shopping can be taken into consideration.

Please check out the **Chew Stoke School Parents Page** on Facebook for updates and info about events but we also try and keep everyone informed via the WhatsApp groups.

JOB VACANCIES AT ARTHUR DAVID

Arthur David are looking for extra staff to work evenings for in their Customer Excellence team. This role has previously been attractive to parents that live locally as it can fit around school hours. The hours they are looking for is 5pm-11pm. Email jobs@adavid.co.uk or visit their website: <https://arthurdavid.co.uk/vacancies/vacancies/> for further information.