



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

Week three already and we are now really settled back into school life and of course some fantastic learning! Yesterday the final group of our 27 reception children started school. Well done to the children and to the EYFS team for settling down so well, it's like the children have always been here.

Next Wednesday (29th September) we will be taking part in the National Talk like a Pirate Day. This is a literacy event for the whole school and children will spend the day in their classes taking part in pirate-themed activities organised by class teachers. To help children engage with this event we are inviting everyone to come to school dressed as pirates, so look out those tricorne hats and get ready to buckle your swashes!

On Tuesday we had our first visit from our new Anglican Minister Rev. Ian Mills. Ian led a fantastic Worship for us and taught the children a new hymn. Ian is an accomplished musician and the children were captivated by his piano playing - please do ask them about it. Ian has asked for some children to help out at St Andrew's Harvest Service on Sunday 3rd October. The children will help handing out hymn books etc. The service starts at 10.30am, children would need to be at the church at 10.15am. If your child is able to help please drop us an email by Monday to let us know office@chewstokeacademy.org

Attached to this newsletter is a reminder of our guidelines when dropping children off at school in the morning and collecting in the afternoon. We all have a responsibility to keep our school community safe. The basic rule is that we ask for no school traffic in School Lane or Pilgrims Way at drop off and pick up. We have received several complaints over the last few weeks about cars parked outside the village hall blocking access for larger vehicles. Please do take a look at the accompanying information which gives more detail.



Thank you to everyone who came along or helped out at our PTAs event after the village Harvest Home show. The evening was a great success and well over £1000 was raised for the school. I also want to say well done to all of our children, the work they produced for the show was excellent and I hope they all felt very proud having their work displayed. Thanks also go to Mrs Lewis, Mrs Bell and Mrs Priday for setting up the display for us.

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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our annual Macmillan Coffee event is being held THIS Friday 24th September in the School Hall from 9am to 11.00am. This popular occasion transforms the school into a place where you can meet and talk together, a great chance for new parents to meet each other and catch up on school news while enjoying a coffee and cake! The funds raised all go to the Macmillan Cancer Support charity. Parent help is very welcome for this event.

**COFFEE,
CAKE AND
COMPANY**

As usual, we will welcome your yummy cakes (please remember that we are a nut free school, so please do check ingredients). Please bring your cakes in on the afternoon before or Friday morning. This year we are also having a Non-Uniform day. At the last coffee morning we had some fantastic raffle prizes; please could you spare a prize or two again this year? If your child wishes to buy a cake at morning break time and participate in the non-school uniform day please send in a donation to support the Macmillan charity.

PERMISSION FOR PHOTOS

This year we would like to include more photos in the newsletter of the learning that is taking place in the classrooms. To do this we need permission for your child/rens photo to be published in the newsletter. Please note that we do also put a copy of the newsletter on our website. Please could you let us know via this link whether you give permission or not:

<https://forms.office.com/r/BENVMuEx1G>

AHOY, ME HEARTIES!

As a school, we like to do something fun to celebrate our love of reading early on in the year. This year, it's **Talk Like a Pirate Day!**

We would like to invite all your young pirates to dress up for a day of pirate-themed books, nonsensical vocabulary and nautical activities with their classes on **Wednesday 29th September**. Go pirate crazy if you like, but a pair of jeans and a stripy t-shirt will do just as well...



SCHOOL PHOTOS

Next Monday 27th September our photographer will be visiting school to take individual photographs of the children and sibling groups, so please ensure your child has a clean jumper with them. Where there are pre-school aged siblings the photographers are happy to take family group photos; to avoid toddlers becoming fractious by being kept waiting these photos will be taken in the school hall at 8.30am. Access for this will be via the gate to the large playground at the top of the driveway by School House.

A proof of your child's photo will be sent home shortly afterwards with details of how to place orders.

PTA NEWS

We have our "Cash for Clothes" collection on Monday 11th October. Please bring in all unwanted clothes (they must be GOOD quality, clean and wearable. NO bedding, towels, linen or uniform) by 9am. Clothes can be brought in any bag and please tie the top so that if it is raining the clothes don't get wet. The school are paid 40 p per kilo of clothes collected and it is a great fundraiser.

Paired shoes, bags and accessories are accepted.

Please look for updates on the Chew Stoke Parents Facebook page (ask someone to add you if you are not on it) and texts from the school.

FAMILY ADVENTURE TRAIL - SUNDAY 3RD OCTOBER

Mrs Georgie Littler (mum of Max and Charlie) is running a family Adventure Trail in Ashton Court on Sunday 3rd October on behalf of the 'Let's Walk Bristol' Festival. The aim is to encourage families outdoors together to have some fun, get some exercise and embrace all things nature and outdoorsy!

This is a lovely event for parents and children to enjoy together PLUS all proceeds go to a charity which enables and encourages inner-city Bristol families to access and enjoy the green spaces around them.

Tickets for the adventure trail are £5 and need to be pre-booked. More information can be found at <https://letswalkbristol.co.uk/>

FUTURE BRIGHT CAREERS SUPPORT FOR ADULTS

Do you know someone who is in work and wants to take the next step in their career? Future Bright offers FREE careers coaching, support and access to training. Future Bright Careers Coaches work with individuals to create and action a plan to help them improve their work and pay. Check out the Future Bright [newsletter](#) to read about those who have already benefitted from the project.



For more information go to www.futurebright.org.uk or give us a call 01225 395555.

FESTIVAL OF THE MOON AT WELLS CATHEDRAL

This autumn, Wells Cathedral is hosting a festival to celebrate the visit of Luke Jerram's spectacular touring artwork: *Museum of the Moon*. A whole constellation of activities and events, including live shows, music, school displays and tours, will be on offer throughout the Moon's stay from 12th October to 3rd November, with something to satisfy all tastes and ages! Why not visit the Moon this October half-term?

Wallace & Gromit's 'A Grand Day Out'

Thursday 14th October 2021 at 7.00pm

Wallace and Gromit enjoy a day out with a difference when a quest to find cheese prompts a visit to the moon! Watch this comic classic on the big screen at Wells Cathedral's family-friendly evening under the *Museum of the Moon*. This show includes a performance of *Captain*

Noah and his Floating Zoo, performed by the Choristers of Wells Cathedral Choir! Tickets: £5-£10 (family tickets available)

'Man on the Moon' at Wells Cathedral

Friday 15th October 2021 at 6.30pm, 8pm and 9.30pm (three performances)

On Friday 15th October, watch ropewalker-extraordinaire Chris Bullzini perform a breathtaking highwire routine above the *Museum of the Moon*, and explore the extraordinary spaces of the Cathedral by night. Tickets: £8-£10

Full details and booking information can be found at

<https://www.wellscathedral.org.uk/cathedral-events/festival-of-the-moon/>