



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! On Tuesday the final group of our 23 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.

On Tuesday 4th October we will be holding our Harvest Service at St Andrew's Church, Chew Stoke, starting at 9.30am. Parents are most welcome to attend. We are inviting children to bring donations of tinned and dry food (in date please) which will afterwards be sent to the Bristol Food Bank for distribution. Donations should be brought into school on Monday 3rd or Tuesday 4th October.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the PTA AGM this week. Last year the PTA raised the amazing sum of nearly £8500. The money raised by the PTA makes a real difference to the children. Jo Warren and Lucy Brown did an amazing job of leading the PTA last year and Lucy will continue as joint chair with Hayley Yells for the coming year. The PTA are always looking for new members to join them, so if you would like to lend your support please do contact them.

I am pleased to inform you that Miss Yates is expecting her first child early next year and will be going on maternity leave in January. Further details for parents of children in Fox Class will follow closer to the time. Please do let us know if your child is displaying symptoms of any diseases that should be avoided during pregnancy e.g. Measles, Chicken Pox, Slap Cheek etc.

Congratulations to all of our children who have received a Values Certificate or a Golden Heart over the last few weeks.



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MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Our annual Macmillan Coffee event is being held next Friday (30th September) in the School Hall/Large Playground 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, so please do come and join us! 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 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? On the day children are invited to have a cake at morning break and to wear non-school uniform; details of how you can make a donation to the charity will be sent out next week.

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

- 30/09/22 - Macmillan Coffee Morning

October 2022

- 03/10/22 - School Photographs
- 04/10/22 - Harvest Service
- 19/10/22 - PTA Film Night
- 21/10/22 - Fox Class Assembly
- 21/10/22 - Fox Class Cake Sale
- 21/10/22 - End of Term 1
- 31/10/22 - Inset Day

REMINDER - BREAKTIME SNACKS

May we please remind parents that children should only be bringing in fruit and vegetables for their snacks at morning break time. This is in line with Healthy Eating guidelines and also in support of our status as a nut-free and allergy-aware school.

IMPORTANT - FLOODING AT THE FORD - PLEASE READ

After many weeks of fine weather it certainly feels like autumn has now arrived. I would like to set out the school's current position regarding flooding at the ford on Pilgrims Way and along School Lane.

MORNING DROP-OFF

ACTIONS BY THE SCHOOL

Parents will be alerted by text if the Environment Agency have indicated a risk of flooding. If an alert has been sent out, then a further update will be provided by staff when they reach the school - typically about 8.00am.

Please note however that the river level can change dramatically in a short space of time.

If the river is high we will ask pupils in Badger Class and Fox Class to enter the school grounds via the vehicle entrance.

ACTIONS BY PARENTS

Until children reach the school gate, parents have responsibility for their safety.

If there is a risk of flooding, please ensure that:

- a) Your child is appropriately dressed
- b) That he or she is accompanied to the school gate
- c) That you follow the guidance from the EA regarding flood water (see below).

If in doubt - do not attempt to get to school and under no circumstances walk through water. An absence from school due to flooding will not be counted as an unauthorised absence.

DURING THE DAY AND EVENING PICK-UP

ACTIONS BY THE SCHOOL

If access along School Lane and at the junction with Pilgrims Way has become difficult, children will not be allowed to leave the school unless accompanied by an adult.

There is no record of the school ever being flooded - the school was not flooded during the 1968 flooding - and therefore children should be safe at school.

The Breakfast Club and the Out of School Club will normally follow the school's decision on whether to open or not and will contact parents accordingly.

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ACTIONS BY PARENTS

Do not take any risks in coming to collect your child. Your child will be looked after at school for as long as is necessary.

Please ensure the school has your most up to date mobile number.

Environment Agency Guidelines

Stay out of floodwater

- avoid walking or driving through flood water
- be aware that flooding can cause manhole covers to come off
- keep children and vulnerable people out of floodwater
- don't walk on sea defences or riverbanks.
- take care or avoid crossing bridges when water levels are high.
- take care crossing culverts as they are dangerous when flooded.
- look out for other hazards such as fallen power lines and trees.
- wash your hands thoroughly if you touch floodwater as it may be contaminated.

If you have any questions concerning any of the above, please contact Mr Hewett.

MEETING FOR PARENTS OF PUPILS IN HEDGEHOG CLASS

Miss Hennessy will be holding another info evening on Tuesday 18th October at 5pm for parents of Hedgehog Class pupils. Parents will have an opportunity to learn about life in Hedgehog Class, with an outline of what Hedgehogs do in a day and then focus on Maths, how it is taught and how parents can support at home. We hope you can join us.

SCHOOL PHOTOS

On Monday 3rd October 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. Please note that you are under no obligation to buy if you do not wish to.

PTA NEWS

Thank you to all those that attended the AGM on Wednesday. We hope to have a permanent list of PTA dates on the school website soon plus the links to the parent Facebook page but in the meantime here are some dates for your diaries:-

19th October- Film night. More info to follow but will be straight from school.

21st October- Fox class cake sale

21st October - Clothes collection. Please put all good quality clothes and shoes in any bag and bring to school. The school are paid per kilo we collect. More info to follow.

November 11th- Quiz night. Teams of six. Start organising your team!

End of November (Date TBC) Christmas Wreath making. A fab thing to do with kids or friends. A really popular event last year

25th November- Badger cake sale

2nd December- Christmas Fayre- 5-7pm

14th December- Santa visits the school during the day and gives out presents to every child.

A very popular day in the school calendar!

Advent windows in the village- more info to follow

Christmas cards designed by the children- more info to follow.

Feb- Valentine disco. More info to follow.

March- Quiz night.

31st March- Kingfisher cake sale

12th May- Duck race and Owl cake sale.

23rd June- Hedgehog class cake sale.

30th June- Film night

7th July- School BBQ

Please look out for more info on all events on parent Facebook page, WhatsApp groups and school newsletter every two weeks.

We welcome new parents (to the school or who have been at the school for a while and would like to contribute) to help in all our PTA events. Fresh ideas and many hands make it easier and more fun for everyone. Please speak to Mr Hewett, Lucy Brown or Hayley Yells. People only help/ contribute as much as they want to.

We will give some information on how we plan to spend some of the money we have raised in the next newsletter.

Thank you for supporting us, *Your PTA Team.*

Festival of Angels and Harvest Festival Service SAT. 1ST & SUN 2ND OCT.



Join us to celebrate and share the unique interior of St Andrews Church, which has 156 angel figures gracing the arches and ceiling of the church.

We would love local organisations, schools, businesses, and individual families to create your own Angel in a choice of four categories (guidance only)

Lifesize! – up to 1.5 metres (5`)

Medium – up to 60cm (2`)

Small – up to 30cm (1`)

Miniature – up to 15cm (6`)

Any material – wood, glass, recycled plastics, fabric, wool, paper or artwork. Please place your name or business card beside your entry in the Church. Please register your angel entry with Andrew Troup andrewtroup@hotmail.co.uk
Entry is free, but donations at the Church welcome in appreciation of exhibits

Or join a WORKSHOP with Suzanne McDonald and Becky Lear. **SAT. 1st.**

10.00a.m. - 12.30p.m. at St Andrew`s Church to see how old books can be recycled into Angel figures – yes, really!

PLEASE BOOK AHEAD = suzanne@mcdonaldmccall.com There may be a small cost for materials. Any unwanted paperbacks (about 150 pages) or dried poppy heads will be very helpful.

Order of Events -

Setting up of Angels entries in Church - Friday afternoon 2p.m – 5p.m

Saturday morning 10.00 a.m. - 12.30 p.m,

Sat. morning Angel Workshop 10.00a.m. - 12.30p.m.

Saturday Afternoon 2.00.- 3.00.p.m. Teddy Angels Tower Leap! £1 entry.

An Exciting Zip Wire Experience for Teddies or your favourite soft toy!

Teddy or your favourite soft toy may like wings to help with their flight on the zip-wire, coming to land safely on the grass. Help Teddy up the Tower in the **Teddy Transporter!** In best Paddington style, a name label around the neck will help us cheer your favourite friend along.

Exhibition viewing and light refreshments Sat. 2p.m. - 5p.m.

Sunday Harvest Festival Service 10.30a.m.-11.15a.m. with Mini Melodies & Jubilee choirs . Coffee & biscuits to follow.

Sunday afternoon Exhibition viewing and refreshments. 2p.m. - 5p.m.

Open Bell Tower with John Bone for anyone interested in bell ringing.

Sun. 2p.m. - 5p.m.

Any queries – hazelwedlake@gmail.com

Adventurers

Crafts & Activities for the 8 – 11's

Dear Parent,

The programme for this year's Autumn term is shown below.

We meet alternate Fridays at West Harptree Hall from 6.30 pm to 7.30 pm for craft and artwork, games and sport activities. There is also an opportunity for the children to play and socialise together.

The Club is sponsored by the church and we try to have a Christian input into our evenings. All the leaders are local and have DBS clearance.

Adventurers is open to all children of junior school age (year 3 to 6) and who have reached age 8 this term. Suitable footwear is needed for running about and playing games. On occasions when we have evenings away from the hall, we may need help with transport. We are always pleased to talk to parents and answer any questions.

The cost for is £10.00 for the term or £2.00 per session)

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PROGRAMME For outdoor events, please wear substantial footwear

16 th September	Art and Craft night
30th September	Autumn Walk (meet at Salt & Malt car park)
14th October	Italian Supper
28th October	HALF TERM
11th November	Know your Highway Code
25th November	Puppets
9th December	Party games

Please complete the attached Health & Safety Questionnaire and return it on the first night (or email it to rdwilkins16@gmail.com)

**We are looking for more volunteer helpers for Adventurers night
Can you spare an hour – if you can, please speak to Hazel.**

October Half term Getsported Sports camp!

Come and join us this October at Winford C of E Primary School, Winford where your children will have an amazing time growing in confidence, building skills and having an experience they won't stop talking about!" Akeel - Camp Director

GET Sported (ages 5-12)

We offer a huge variety of different sports, including football, cricket, netball, rugby, gymnastics, basketball, hockey, dodgeball, volleyball and more! We also offer fun activities like dance, music, arts and crafts and much more!

Find out more about GET Sported camps on our CAMPS page.

How to Book

- **visit getsported.org for booking online**

If you need more information please contact Akeel Yousaf

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