



Chew Stoke Church School Newsletter



INTRODUCTION FROM THE HEAD TEACHER

It has been lovely welcoming parents into the school this week for parent conferencing; we hope you have managed to meet with your child's teacher/s. Today, your child should have brought home a school questionnaire for you to fill in. We would really appreciate it if you could complete this and return to us before Easter - the questionnaire can either be sent back in with the children or can be popped in the post box which is attached to the railing by the small playground.



Recent winners of our Celebration hearts and certificates

Last week Miss Hennessy, Mr Hewett and the PE council virtually attended the South West and Midlands Modeshift Stars Award ceremony. Modeshift Stars is the Centre of Excellence for the delivery of Effective Travel Plans in Education, Business and Community settings. The scheme recognises schools, businesses and other organisations that have shown excellence in supporting cycling, walking and other forms of sustainable and active travel. We can proudly announce that Chew Stoke Church School has won the Stars Local Authority Primary School of the Year and Regional Primary School of the Year for our work with sustainable and active travel. This is a huge achievement as we were up against all of the other schools in the South West of England. As the winning school of the regional award we will automatically be put forward for the National Award later in the year, which will take place at the Houses of Parliament!

We are in the process of renewing our award for this year, so please do keep up with the walking, striding, cycling and scooting to school - it really is making a difference. Not only is it the healthy option but by keeping School Lane and Pilgrims Way free from school traffic we are helping to make the journey to and from school as safe as possible. Please remember that we do have permission for parents to use the carpark of The Stoke Inn. The Parish Council

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have politely asked us to request that parents who park in the village do not park on the pavements.

The following statement is from the Modeshift Stars website: *Chew Stoke Church School, Bath and North East Somerset Council, Stars South West Primary School of the Region 2021/22 (pictured are members of the PE Council).*



Chew Stoke Church School have been striving to promote cycling and scooting across the whole school. With the help of the PE Council, their mission has been to educate the children and families of the school about the benefits of travelling to and from school in this way. They have highlighted the benefits to their health and wellbeing and how we can be doing our bit to help save the planet.

Their PE Council have also led their own project to increase the number of children cycling and scooting to school and as a result more than tripled the number of children actively travelling to school in both EYFS/ KS1 and KS2. It has been a whole school effort to improve the number of children taking part in active travel to and from school and they are very proud of their results. We are especially proud of all the work which has taken place despite a global pandemic!

Easter Craft Events

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>

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, it would be lovely if all the children in the school could make an entry at home for the 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.

Inset Day

A reminder that the first day after the Easter holidays (Monday 25th April) is an Inset Day and the school will be closed to all pupils.

RED NOSE DAY - DONATIONS STILL WELCOME



Thank you to everyone who took part in Red Nose Day last Friday. To date we have raised £225 for this worthwhile cause. There is still time to donate if you have not already done so and you can pay online at

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

This donation page will close on Thursday 31st March.

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 as soon as possible.

SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

The PTA will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Monday 4th April, to coincide with Easter Craft Day. The sale will be before and after school (8.30-9am, 3.20-4pm) and we suggest donations of £1 per item, with bulk discounts!

If you have any good quality uniform or school shoes to donate, please bring them in to school during the week 28th March to 1st April. Many thanks and see you there!

UPDATE FROM THE PTA

Jo and Lucy are meeting with Mr Hewett to get some dates in the diary about future events...watch this space!

In the meantime, Kingfisher will be having their cake sale next Friday on the 1st April after school. All cakes homemade or shop bought are most welcome. Please remember no nuts!

Our clothes collection will take place on the 24th May. Paired shoes, accessories and good quality clothes are acceptable. More info to follow nearer the time.

We are still looking for a treasurer to manage the PTA finances. Please speak to Jo or Lucy if you are interested.

Your PTA Team x

BRISTOL OLD VIC THEATRE SCHOOL YOUNG ARTISTS PROGRAMMES

On Sunday during term time, Bristol Old Vic Theatre School opens its doors to young people from across the South West who want to learn theatrical skills in a fun, creative and welcoming environment. We offer weekly classes in both performance and production, taught by our students at the height of their professional training.

The workshops are split across four age groups:

Upstage for ages 4 to 6;

Downstage for ages 7 to 10;

Stage Left for ages 11 to 14;

Stage Right for ages 15 to 18.

The BOVTS Young Artists term will start on Sunday 1 May and runs until Sunday 10 July 2022. Partial bursaries are available, and will be assessed via application on a case-by-case basis. Please visit www.oldvic.ac.uk for more information.

THE 10TH CHEW VALLEY 10K IS OPEN!

Sunday 12th June 2022, 9.30am, Bishop Sutton Village Hall

Come and join in the fun at the Chew Valley 10k on **Sunday 12th June** and enjoy our gorgeous, rural route, with lots of support on the way! To celebrate our 10th birthday, this year there are ten good causes benefiting from funds raised at the event. Alongside main beneficiaries NICU Support, Chew Valley School Society and Bishop Sutton School Society, this year's race is supporting Chew Valley Plants Trees, Chew Valley Rugby Club, Great Western Air Ambulance, Myeloma UK, Chew Valley Football Club, The Harvey Hext Trust: A Sibling's Wish and Lymphoma Research Trust. All details and to enter can be found at www.chewvalley10k.co.uk! If you would like to help on the morning as a marshal, please email us at email@chewvalley10k.co.uk - thank you for your support!

GET SPORTEED EASTER CAMP - 11th TO 13th APRIL

We are pleased to inform you that our booking page is now live for our Easter sports camp.

"Come and join us 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 and volleyball. 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. Visit getsported.org for more information and booking online. Bookings close midnight Friday 8th April so book your place now!

If you need more information please contact Akeel Yousaf (akeel@worldsportministries.com) 07809 650743

EVENTS & ACTIVITIES AT YOUR LIBRARIES W/C 28TH MARCH 2022

For any ticketed events, the link will be online via Social Media or via the blog. More information is on the attachments to this newsletter.

Bath Central Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Tuesday, 10.30 - 11.00 am, 29 Mar.

Thursday, 12.00 - 12.30 pm, 31 Mar.

Art in the Library - Bath Artist Printmakers

Monday - Saturday, 2 - 30 Mar.

Keynsham Library

Baby Bounce & Rhyme, Family Fun

Tuesday, 9.30 - 10.00 am & 10.30 - 11am, 29 Mar.

Midsomer Norton Library

Storytime Sessions, Family Fun

Wednesday, 10.30 - 11.00 am, 30 Mar.

Mobile Library

The Mobile Library may stop near you! Pop in for a visit, return your books, collect a reservation and choose something new to read. You can do all this and more with your B&NES or LibrariesWest library card.

For the Route Timetable, please visit: <https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/mobile-library-service>

'Share a Memory'

We're asking for you to share your memories and photos of the Coronation, Jubilees and Royal visits in BaNES.

Online or in Libraries, 1 March - 18 April

Keynsham Rotary 'Young Photographer Competition'

1-28 March

Digital

Women's History Month, All Social Media

Free Wills Month, All Social Media

Unboxed Festival, March - October, All Social Media

Great British Spring Clean, 25 March - 10 April, All Social Media

World Autism Awareness Week, 29 March - 4 April, All Social Media

International Children's Book Day, 2 April, All Social Media

Children's Book Review, 2 April, Bathnes Libraries Blog

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