



Churchstanton Catch-up

Churchstanton
Primary School
Somerset
TA3 7RL

Head Teacher: Mrs C Halstead
Tel: 01823 601354
Email: sch.105@educ.somerset.gov.uk
Website: www.churchstanton.somerset.sch.uk

Newsletter: October 23rd 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our brand new newsletter! I thought it was time to update the way we communicate with you each week and include more information about what your children are learning in school while you are unable to come onto site. It should read more easily on phones and other devices as it does not rely on Word. I hope you find it easy to access and as informative as ever. Do please let us know what you think.

We have had a busy and exciting time at school this week and the Classroom Catch-Up section will include a short summary with some photos for you to enjoy and will hopefully stimulate a conversation with your child.

Our new hot lunches have gone down really well—literally! There were lots of happy faces tucking into healthy, hot filling food this week and I am not just talking about the staff! I can personally vouch for the taste and portion sizes which were just right. We are noticing a lot less food waste at the end of lunches which can only be a good thing. The children were able to have seconds if they wanted it too. There are lots of photos on our Class Facebook Account so do please visit and see for yourself. If you haven't had a look at the menu, then please do. After lots of issues with ParentPay, the menus are now available to book ahead. It is not essential to have a hot dinner every day so you can pick and choose the days to suit you. As the winter approaches, a hot meal in the middle of the day can be a comforting boost. Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards, Mrs C Halstead

Headteacher Certificates:

Hedgehog Class: Elena Wood

Squirrel Class: Theo Foxwell

Badger Class: Caleb King

Well done to everyone!

House Points



Blackdowns	115
Brendons	137
Mendips	139
Quantocks	127



Safeguarding:

We take child protection extremely seriously at our school and this is especially important during any school closure. If you have any concerns you can ring Children Social Care on: **0300 123 2224** or email childrens@somerset.gov.uk





Classroom Catch-up

Hedgehog Class



Hedgehogs have been very busy with their learning this week. We have been finding out fascinating facts about hibernating animals. We imagined what it would be like to hibernate for the winter and wrote a list of what we would need.

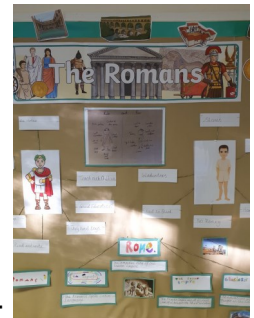
In Science we listened to the story of Funnybones by Alan Ahlberg and made a human skeleton. We learnt the names of the bones and made 'glow in the dark' skeletons for Hallowe'en.



Squirrel Class



Squirrel class have been using their Wassily Kandinsky sketches to create an original Kandinsky painting. They have been looking at the colours he uses, the shapes and lines he creates and how he adds depth to his pictures in the way his ideas cross over and merge with one another. The children have been thinking about their emotions when painting and reflecting this in the colours they chose.



Squirrel class have been looking at how the Romans conquered Britain and their fight against the Barbarians led by a fearless leader called Boudicca. We have been learning about the food they ate, the clothes they wore and the reasons why the Romans wanted to invade Britain in the first place.

Badger Class



Our Badgers have been working really hard to complete their Anglo-Saxon settlement models. They have spent the past few weeks building them and putting together the finishing touches, including crops, farm animals, water supplies and fencing. Some even have detachable roofs, allowing you to view the internal set-up of an Anglo-Saxon

home.

All of the children have really used their imagination and creativity, in order to finish these fantastic pieces of art!



Lunches—Important

Thankyou so much for all your patience with the lunches this term. We have hopefully found the solution to fix all of Parent Pay troubles with it. All the orders for the 2nd (November) have disappeared, this is correct, they have already been sent off and the Menu will be updated and back up and running for this Sunday (25th). So please once you notice the Menu going live could you please book in your child's order by Saturday 30th for the week of the 9th and 16th if it showing.

Notices and reminders:

IMPORTANT- Confirmed COVID case over half term

Any symptoms that develop on Saturday 24th or Sunday 25th of October that result in a positive case of COVID-19 will mean that staff and pupils need to self-isolate due to their contact with a positive case (within the 48 hours prior to the onset of symptoms). Please ensure that you email sch.105@educ.somerset.gov.uk if symptoms occur on these two days or during the half term break, so that school staff can look out for test results during half term (which should also be sent to the same email address).

Other forms of communication will not be checked during half term.

Please ensure you keep an eye on your own emails in the first few days of the holidays in case I need to contact you regarding bubble isolation.

Thank you.

Mrs Halstead



Punkie Day

Thankyou to everyone who came in today wearing you lovely orange outfits. We have raised a very impressive £60 to go towards the PTA and the amazing events they have planned this school year.

Harvest Donations — Thank you for generosity!

Taunton Foodbank have passed on their thanks and appreciation to the School for your generous donations. We were able to fill a whole trolley at the Sainsbury's drop off point! An amazing achievement and it will make a huge difference to the families in the Taunton area that need this support.



Remembrance School Council Representatives will be selling Poppies and other fundraising merchandise for the Royal British Legion from **Tuesday 3rd November**. Churchstanton Primary School always raises a significant amount for this very important causes so please give what you can.

Children in Need Mrs Adams is currently planning some fun and engaging activities for your children to be able to get involved and raise more money for charity. CIN day is on **Friday 13th November**. More information to follow after half term.



Polite Reminder

Please take care when driving on the narrow lanes around school especially in the wet. We do have some families with children who walk to and from school who have been splashed with puddles as cars have driven by very quickly.



Churchstanton Chronicle

Budding newspaper editor and reporter, Fina Birrane, has been working on this month's Churchstanton Chronicle. Some pupils have made contributions. Please see attached PDF for all the news from the pupils' perspective.



Community Catch-Up

CBO news this month can be found on line here

www.cbonews.org.uk October's newsletter is here www.cbonews.org.uk/docstore/161.pdf with a piece from Mrs Halstead retelling the events leading up to the Lockdown and subsequent re-opening of the school in September.



York Inn

During half term the York Inn is offering children entitled to free school meals a free meal with an adult purchasing a meal.

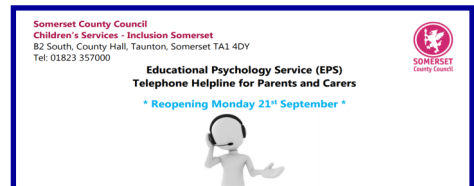
DO YOU HAVE YOU A CHILD WHO IS DUE TO START SCHOOL OR TRANSFER TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2021

If your child is due to start or transfer school for September 2021, it is now time to make your application. The deadline for primary phase applications is **15th January**. The deadline for secondary phase applications is **31st October**.

Please apply online by visiting <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/>

Somerset EPS

Please see attached Helpline information for parents from the **Educational Psychology Service**. They may be able to offer support and advice if your child is feeling anxious or is experiencing difficulties in coping with worries.



Online Safety

In school we have regular Online Safety Lessons, to help your children develop resilience and understand their own role in staying safe and healthy when they are online.

<https://www.childnet.com/resources/online-safety-activities-you-can-do-from-home>

The NSPCC also have advice for how to have a conversation with your children about Online Safety at :

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/talking-child-online-safety/>

PTA Catch-up:

Saturday 31st Oct:



1-4pm Horrible Halloween Hunt @ Churchinford Community Field

Tuesday 3rd Nov: Deadline to return Christmas decorations order slip and to send payment



Easy Fund raising: Please register and earn money for the school with your normal shopping. It's easy to do and will help raise much needed funds for the school.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchstantonpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=gs-f1

Due to COVID restrictions we are experimenting with new ways to generate funds for the school without our usual events. Please support them and any other ideas you may have are most welcome.

Contact the PTA on churchstantonschoolpta@hotmail.com

Churchstanton Primary PTA



working on behalf of the school



Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

October 2020

Monday 26th October 2020 – Friday 30th October 2020 - **Half term break**

Saturday 31st October - PTA's Horrible Halloween Hunt

November 2020

Monday 2nd November 2020 – **INSET** Day

Tuesday 3rd November 2020 – Back to School

Monday 9th November 2020 First Aid Training for Years 4, 5, and 6.

Tuesday 10th November 2020 – School photos

Friday 13th November 2020- Children in Need fundraiser TBC

December 2020

Thursday 10th December 2020 – KS1 Nativity 9.30am - TBC

Friday 11th December 2020 – KS1 Nativity 2.00pm - TBC

Thursday 17th December 2020 – KS2 Carol Concert - TBC

Friday 18th December 2020 – Break up for Christmas Holidays

January 2021

Monday 4th January 2021 – **INSET** Day

Tuesday 5th January 2021 – Return to school

Monday 15th—Friday 19th February **Half Term Break**

Thursday 1st April—Friday 16th April Easter Break

Monday 19th April—**INSET** Day