



# Churchstanton Catch-up

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## Newsletter: 19th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had a very busy week thinking about friendship and how we can make our school an even happier and safer place to be. As part of Anti-Bullying Week, all classes have been discussing how to be a good friend and what to do if they ever feel they are being bullied or see others being bullied. We have explored this year's theme of "One Kind Word" and how this can make a big difference. As usual, our children have responded really well to their lessons and there are some photographs for you to see later in the newsletter celebrating their learning about this.

The School Council have also been selling cakes kindly donated by you today in order to raise money for Children In Need. Thank you for your generous donations. It was so lovely to see the children dressed in their colourful clothes for the day. We will let you know the grand total raised next week.

We are really glad that our after schools clubs have been able to resume this week. Thank you for encouraging your children to take part in these activities. We all know how important it is to get involved in all that school has to offer and children who do take part in extra curricular events show increased confidence and generally improved well-being.

All clubs are available to book in the usual way via ParentPay. Miss Soo in the school office will be managing the club bookings from now on, so do give her a ring or email on [sch.105@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sch.105@educ.somerset.gov.uk) to enquire about spaces. We are hopeful that a football club will start after Christmas on a Friday after school. Thank you to the parents who expressed an interest. More information will follow in the new year.

Christmas is only 5 weeks away (sorry!) and we are looking forward to some of our traditional events. The trip to the Brewhouse to see The Wind in the Willows is now live on ParentPay for you to give permission for your children to go. This is a wonderful opportunity for all children to see and experience live theatre and is fully funded by our amazing PTA. Christmas lunch is now available to book via ParentPay and this is usually a fantastic whole school event with crackers, Christmas music and a visit from Santa provided by the PTA. Please do encourage your child to join in.

We are currently rehearsing the School Nativity and Christmas Concert and are still hoping for a face to face performance. We have planned for this to be recorded for you if COVID restrictions are still in place in December. The situation will be reviewed by the Local Authority and PHE at the end of November and we are hopeful that these activities will be able to go ahead.

Please do attend the Christmas Craft Fair in the village on Saturday. The PTA have a stall and would love to see you there lending your support.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind Regards, Mrs. C. Halstead

**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](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)



# Celebration Catch-up

## Headteacher Certificates

### Hedgehog Class

Cameron for excellent maths - amazing work!

Monty for great writing on his whiteboard - super stuff!

### Squirrel Class

Finley for being kind and considerate of others - well done!

Evie for trying her best with her writing - keep it up!

### Badger Class

Lennon for working hard and persevering with his division in maths.

Lewis for sharing his excellent knowledge of spelling and grammar this week - keep it up.



## Writer of the week



Congratulations to Ylva for being writer of the week!

Her work is on display by the school office in a silver frame for all school visitors to see - well done Ylva!

## House Points (so far this School year)....

**Fantastic effort! Keep working hard for your team!**

**Blackdowns 673**

**Brendons 613**

**Mendips 669**

**Quantocks 665**





# Classroom Catch-up

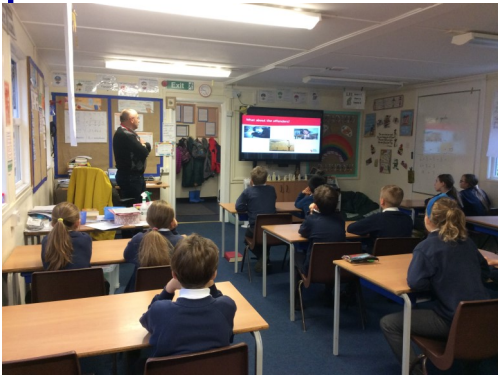


## ONE KIND WORD

### Anti-bullying Week - One Kind Word

This week all classes have been learning about how to be a good friend and have explored our school value of **friendship** for this half term. The week started with a whole school assembly online with Mrs Halstead and the children discussed the difference between falling out with a friend and bullying.

Here are some photographs of the children taking part in lessons this week



Some anti-bullying posters made by Badger Class

Badger Class—Stand Against Violence workshop



Hedgehog class—Anti Bullying Workshop

## Children in Need fundraising



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# Children in Need

Thank you so much for the wonderful donations of cake and biscuits today.

The school council really enjoyed selling them and the total raised will be shared with you all next week.

We are so proud of how generous and kind our school community is - thank you to you all!

**Here are some photographs of the children enjoying raising funds today**



## Notices and reminders:

### Hot School Lunches — reminder!



Please ensure that lunches are booked, and paid for if applicable, by no later than **21st November** for the week commencing **13th December** and for **1st January 2022**.

If you do not book a meal, we cannot order one for your child and a packed lunch must be provided.

Just a friendly reminder...

### Booking for our whole school Christmas dinner is live!

#### Menu:

**Main:** Turkey with Stuffing and pig in blanket, roast potatoes and vegetables. The Vegetarian option is a Festive Hotpot.

**Dessert:** Chocolate caramel Cheesecake Or Mince pie and Ice cream.



ParentPay are going to make this live by the end of **today** for booking on the **15th December**. Parents must book by **Sunday 21st November**. Anyone who does not book must provide a packed lunch for that day.

If you are experiencing any difficulties with ParentPay, please contact Hazel in the office for support via email on [hburt@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:hburt@educ.somerset.gov.uk) Thank you.

### Events to book on ParentPay



- Wind in the Willows theatre trip - by Friday 26th November - fully funded by the PTA
- Christmas Lunch - book by **Sunday 21st November** - payable for all pupils unless in receipt of UIFSM or FSM.

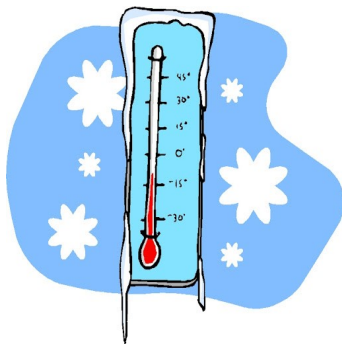
Please ensure you book by the deadlines or your child will miss out!

### Winter weather procedures - timely reminder for all parents/carers!

As winter approaches, I would like to remind you of our procedures for any Snow closures. We will make the decision to close the school due to bad weather, snow or ice before 7.30am on the day.

This decision will be communicated to you in the following ways:

- **Via email to all parents - be sure to check your emails on the day.**



- **Via the School closure notification website <https://www.somerset.gov.uk/education-and-families/school-closures/>**
- **Via our School Facebook account**

Should it be necessary to close the school for a day or two, these will be treated as "snow days". If the closure is longer, then we will revert to remote learning via Google Classroom to ensure your children's education is not disrupted any further. Fingers crossed for a disruption free winter!

### Spare Wool

If any parents/Carers have any spare wool that can be donated for the Forest School, please hand it in to the school office.





## PTA Catch-up:

Lots of exciting things this term, PTA dates and information to remember please:



- \* **Saturday 20th November:** Hummingbird Christmas Craft Fair, **11am to 2pm.** Please spread the word and help us raise some funds on our stall. Thanks to Abbie for helping, please let me (Becca) know if anyone else can help.
- \* **We will be doing:** A fabulous lucky dip, guess the weight of the yummy cake to win it & name the reindeer to win them. Who will give this cutie a new home?!
- \* **Monday 22nd November:** Churchstanton Primary School's marvellous Christmas raffle will launch, look out for your raffle letter, including your hamper item request please. Thanks to Rosie for gaining some epic prizes!
- \* **Wednesday 24th November:** Xmas card orders deadline, you will have your wonderful design and order form that was given this week.
- \* **Thursday 9th December: MORNING** please drop off hamper raffle prizes etc to school. (See letter next week for full details).
- \* **Thursday 9th December: 9.30am** hamper construction thank you to Clair, Amy & Keri for helping on this.
- \* **Sunday 12th December:** Churchinford table top sale, **10am-1pm.** For the benefit of Churchstanton Primary School. Please let Becca know if you can help. It's going to be fantastic!
- \* **Tuesday 14th December:** See Santa and his glamorous helper draw the Christmas raffle online. This will be on the **Facebook school page** in the evening.
- \* **Wednesday 15th December:** Wear a Christmas jumper over school uniform in exchange for bringing an item for Taunton food bank (look out for letter with more information).
- \* **Wednesday 15th December:** Santa will be visiting school! (Albeit it to current guidelines at that time).
- \* Thank you to Gemma for being chief elf & to helpers Keri & Cara.
- \* Thanks to our fabulous new caretaker for filling the black boots!



## **With Christmas in mind:**

- \* Do you work for, or own a business that would like to donate a raffle prize in return for some promotion? Please let Rosie or Becca know.
- \* Have you got any items suitable for a tombola or as a raffle prize? Please let Becca know. Needed by **Wednesday 9th December please.**
- \* Outgrown your Christmas jumper or have unwanted Christmas things, why not pop on the schools preloved page & make some pennies for the PTA pot.
- \* Having a clear out before Christmas? Don't forget to pop bagged clothes in our school recycling bank.
- \* When buying your presents, why not raise some pennies for the PTA? Register easily with Easy fundraising—see link below.

### **PTA officers:**

Chair: Becca Williams

Vice Chair: Rosie James

Secretary: **VACANCY**

Treasurer: Tamara Paul autumn term & Amy Day from spring term.

Contact us on:

**Churchstantonschoolpta@hotmail.com**

**Easy fund raising:** It's so easy to register and then even easier to earn money for school, no hard work needed. Some companies give 8% on your purchase as a donation! Get money for school whilst you make those Christmas purchases and more.

[https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchstantonpta/?utm\\_campaign=raise-more&utm\\_content=qs-f1](https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/churchstantonpta/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_content=qs-f1)



# UK Safer Internet Centre

## Talking to your young children about Online Safety

Many parents and carers worry about their children staying safe when using technology. Research shows that one of the best ways to keep them safe is to talk to children about the technology they use, when they are using it. But knowing how to talk to children about technology can be challenging.

This [saferinternet.org.uk](https://www.saferinternet.org.uk) blog sets out five tips for talking to children of all ages about their technology use.

These are:

- 1) Play games together
- 2) Read together
- 3) Explore the online world together
- 4) Watch shows and films online together
- 5) Laugh together

Read the full details of these tips at:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/blog/five-tips-talking-about-online-safety-young-children>



# Diary Catch-up

## Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

**Parents Consultation Evening** via phone calls:

8th November - Hedgehog Class

9th November - Badger Class

10th November - Squirrel Class

15th-19th - Anti-bullying week with SAV workshops for KS2

17th - **ETC closed** for sessions 1 & 2 after school.

## December 2021

1st December - Winter flu vaccinations 1pm

KS1 Nativity - Tuesday 7th December at 2pm

14th - Whole School Theatre trip to the Brewhouse - Wind in the Willows

15th - Christmas Dinner Day & Christmas Jumper Day & Visit from Santa!

16th - KS2 Carol Concert 2pm

17th - End of Term

## January 2022

3rd - Bank Holiday - school closed

4th - Return to school - Spring Term

## February 2022

18th - half term begins

28th - INSET school closed to pupils

## March 2022

1st - Return to school

## April 2022

8th—End of term

25th—Return to school

## May 2022

2nd - Bank Holiday

9th –12th - Year 6 SATs week - **Y6 parents, please avoid booking any trips or holidays during this week.**

19th-20th - Squirrel Residential to Wildside

27th-5th June - Half Term

## JUNE 2022

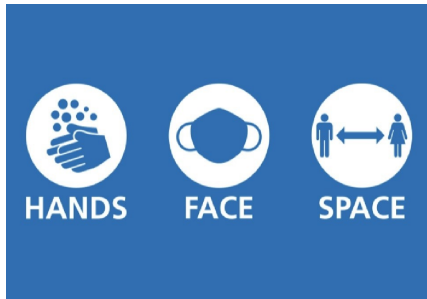
6th June - Queens' Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

7th June - Return to School

## JULY 2022

22nd - End of term - summer holiday begins.





## COVID update

**Just a reminder of the procedures for parents if your child is displaying any of the symptoms associated with Coronavirus.**

### What to do if your child develops symptoms of COVID-19

If your child develops symptoms of COVID-19, please **DO NOT** send your child to school. Contact the school office and leave a message on **01823 601345** **and** email **[sch.105@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:sch.105@educ.somerset.gov.uk)** **and your child's class account** to be sure that the message is received. You should organise for your child to take a PCR test via the NHS online portal or by calling 119. Members of the household do not need to isolate unless they themselves have symptoms.

### Symptoms of COVID 19

The most common symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are recent onset of:

- new continuous cough and/or
- high temperature and/or
- a loss of, or change in, normal sense of taste or smell (anosmia)

For most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

### How to stop COVID-19 spreading

There are things you can do to help reduce the risk of you and anyone you live with getting ill with COVID-19

#### **Do:**

- wash your hands with soap and water often – do this for at least 20 seconds
- use hand sanitiser gel if soap and water are not available
- wash your hands as soon as you get home
- cover your mouth and nose with a tissue or your sleeve (not your hands) when you cough or sneeze
- put used tissues in the bin immediately and wash your hands afterwards

**Further information is available at <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/coronavirus-covid-19/>**

### 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](mailto:childrens@somerset.gov.uk)**