



# Churchstanton Catch-up

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## Newsletter: 4th February

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for all your support as we manage the current COVID cases in School. It has been a particularly challenging time for School staff but I am hopeful that we are over the worst. With this in mind and after consulting with the Local Authority, other local Headteachers and staff at Churchstanton, we feel that after half term might be the right time to move back to our operating procedures in place in September.

I will of course confirm this just before we break on 18th February, but felt that we all needed a little bit of hope and something to look forward to, to see us through this period. Therefore, we plan to invite all parents back onto the playground at pick up at the end of the day and will finally reunite the children from all classes at playtimes and lunchtimes. We will also reinstate whole school assemblies in the hall and this will give the children a chance to get used to being together again ready to perform to you at the end of term. I will confirm all this with you in our next Catch-up, so for now please continue as you are.

Plans for our "Circle of Life" project are developing well and we will be working with two artists (a dancer and visual artist) to work towards an exhibition of learning at the end of term. More information on this will follow after half term. The letter regarding the "Lion King" theatre trip will be out next week and permission can be given via ParentPay in the usual way. We are very excited about the whole project and can't wait to share the children's learning with you.

We are delighted to announce that we will be moving back to face to face Parent Consultation meetings this term. You have been unable to view your children's books in school for almost two years and we think that managed carefully, a move back to traditional meetings is possible. Arrangements for this will be confirmed very soon, but please do make a note of the dates in your diary - it would be awful not to be able to make it after so long!

We are very pleased to welcome three new pupils to Churchstanton this week -Thiago & Hannah in Year 4 and Mia in Year 2. I am very proud of how our pupils have welcomed them into our School and helped them settle in so well. I am sure they will be very happy with us. We also will welcome a SCITT Trainee teacher into Hedgehog Class for the remainder of this term. Mrs Selwood will work with the Hedgehog team and I know she will enjoy her village school experience.

As the signs of spring are slowly appearing around the School, there does feel to be more hope in the air too. Hope for a slow return to normal at last maybe? Whatever you are doing this weekend, take care.

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

Jemima - Writer of the Week Award - well done Jemima! Super work.

Oscar for making huge improvements with his writing -excellent stuff!

Isaac for writing an exciting "Wild Things" story - fantastic!

### Squirrel Class

Jasmine for working very hard on her spelling and handwriting - keep it up!

Ben for super learning in Maths for solving money problems - brilliant!

### Badger Class

James for showing perseverance in Maths when learning about fractions - amazing!

Seb for trying very hard in Maths lessons - keep it up!

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

Fantastic effort! Keep working hard for your team!



**Blackdowns** 1,301

**Brendons** 1,247

**Mendips** 1,346

**Quantocks** 1,304



## Attendance

This week, the Golden Gnome is awarded to ...

### **Badger Class**

Well done! Good attendance is directly linked to good progress. Keep it up!





# Classroom Catch-up



## Hedgehog Class

In Hedgehog class this week we have been learning to write instructions with bossy verbs. We have made Jam sandwiches and sequenced the instructions and also used them for learning our fractions in Maths. The children all enjoyed eating their learning when they had finished— YUM!

In RSHE we have been learning about diversity in our community. The children have been learning how the Chinese celebrate the Lunar New Year, We have made dragon puppets and lanterns. KUNG HEI FAT CHOI!- Happy new year in Chinese.

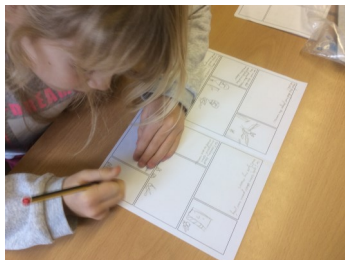
In Geography we have been looking at the map of the UK and learning the names of the countries. We have also looked at the world map and naming and locating the 7 continents.



## Squirrel Class

Squirrels have been getting very muddy this week learning about the different properties, types and uses of soil!

We carried out the ribbon test on soils in various areas around the school to identify the different types of soils and decide the types of materials that each soil type was made of. We recorded our results as a class to add to our investigation. We have also created soil artwork in Outdoor Education!



I would like to say a huge well done so far to all of Squirrels for their progress in swimming already! Keep it up!

As a part of our school value, forgiven, the children have created forgiveness comics stories for RSHE. They had a brilliant time being inventive and thinking carefully about the importance of forgiving others.



## Badger Class

We've had lots of fun over the last couple of weeks in Badger Class. We have been immersing ourselves in the world of the Ancient Greeks. We have been learning about the mythological people, monsters and gods and goddesses in preparation for writing our own myths. As part of this, the children made their own Ancient Greek 'Top Trump' cards.



In our Art lessons, we've been finding out all about William Morris and his designs. We began by exploring some of his designs and we will be venturing into the forest this coming week to find inspiration for our own patterns.



The children have been practising some hockey skills in PE, which has been lots of fun!





## Notices and reminders:

### Hot School Lunches — reminder!



Lunch bookings: Please ensure that lunches are booked and paid for, if applicable, for at least the week commencing 28th February, and by no later than Sunday 6th February. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the School office

### ETC Bookings and After School Clubs via Parent Pay - reminders

- Any child who has **not been booked** into ETC or an after-school club **24 hours in advance** *must be collected from School at 3.15pm.*
- This applies to free clubs, or those that have a charge.
- **All clubs** will be set up to be booked and paid for half-termly in advance - except those that have already been set up for this term.
- Cancellations can be made at any time, however, refunds for externally run clubs **will not** be given.
- Refunds for ETC can be given with **24 hours notice.**

## PTA Catch-up



Churchstanton Primary PTA



working on behalf of the school

The PTA pay for lots of fantastic enrichment for the children, payed for by fundraising. Residential stays, School trips, visiting artists and writers, discos, year 6 end of School treats, new books and lots more.

The theatre trip to see the amazing 'Lion King' at Bristol Hippodrome in March is not only an amazing experience, but it is also linked to the children's learning schemes. This trip would be not be happening without vital funds raised. So please support your child's education by supporting the PTA & get involved to make sure this continues to happen.

### **Friday 4th February:**

Come to the York Inn tonight at **6.30pm** if you want to be involved in the wonderful summer fete. We need people for the team to ensure this happens as it is our biggest fundraiser!!

### **Wednesday 16th February:**

Spring term meeting at The York Inn **6pm**. Come and join us and find out all the exciting things we do.

### **Sunday 3rd April:**

**10am to 1pm** will see Churchinford village hall table top sale. This will be with Churchstanton PTA as the entry beneficiary! We will also have a stall to raise funds. We need people to run the stall, so please let Becca know if you can help. The wonderful School choir (thanks to Mrs Berry) are due to perform at 11am.

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

# Diary Catch-up

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

### February 2022

8th - Safer Internet Day

18th - half term begins

28th - INSET school closed to pupils

### March 2022

1st - Return to school

3rd - World Book Day - details to follow

9th - Bristol Hippodrome Lion King visit

15th - Parent Consultation Evening 3.30-5.30pm  
(Face to Face)

16th - Parent Consultation Evening 4.30-6.30pm  
(Face to Face)

### April 2022

7th - End of term "Circle of Life" exhibition for parents

8th - End of term

25th - Return to school - Summer Term begins

### 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 - **School closed** for Queens' Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

7th June - Y4 Multiplication Tables Check  
Window opens

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.

Updated January 2022.

### 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.

### Information on the changes to the self-isolation period for individuals who test positive for COVID-19.

This change came into effect in England on Monday 17 January and applies to **all positive cases**, regardless of vaccination status. People who are self-isolating with COVID-19 have the option to reduce their isolation period after **5 full days** if they test negative with an LFD test on **both day 5 and day 6** and they do not have a temperature. For example, if they test negative on the morning of day 5 and the morning of day 6, they can return to their education or childcare setting immediately on day 6.

The first test must be taken no earlier than day 5 of the self-isolation period, and the second must be taken the following day. All test results should be [reported to NHS Test and Trace](#).

If the result of either test is positive, they should continue to self-isolate until they get negative results from two LFD tests on consecutive days or until they have completed 10 full days of self-isolation, whichever is earliest.

The new rules also apply to people who are already isolating – so if someone was already isolating before Monday 17 January, they can take LFD tests on day 5 and 6 and if they are both negative and they have no temperature they can end their isolation.

Anyone who is unable to take LFD tests or anyone who continues to have a temperature will need to complete the full 10-day period of self-isolation. Further [information on self-isolation for those with COVID-19](#) is available.

Information on the new arrangements can be found in the stay at home: [guidance for households with possible or confirmed COVID-19 infection](#)