



Churchstanton Catch-up

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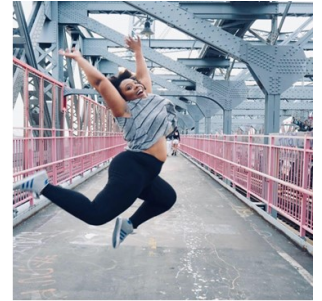
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have thoroughly enjoyed their learning over the last two weeks and have been inspired and motivated by our fantastic trip to see the Lion King at Bristol Hippodrome. Huge thanks must go again to the PTA who have funded this visit. I am sure the children were full of excitement on their return and although some of the younger children were tired at the end of the week, it was all definitely worth it! Our ambitious plans for basing this half terms' learning on this special experience are coming together and the school is funding some workshops with two artists over the coming weeks. I am very pleased to say that several members of the theatre audience commented on how well behaved our pupils were and wanted to know what school they were from. We were proud to say Churchstanton Primary. They were a credit to you and us!

The Circle of Life project will involve all classes working with dance and movement artist Latisha Cesar and visual artist Fiona Campbell to create our own response to our theatre trip to see the Lion King. With the help of education charities, Spaeda and GLADE, we will be exploring the many habitats and ecology of the African continent that inspired the performance.



The Circle of Life project will also play an important part in our **Artsmark** journey which recognises and celebrates high quality arts experiences for pupils. We can't wait to share our learning with you at the end of term. More details in the newsletter.

World Book day celebrations Thank you for supporting the children with our WBD celebrations - it was wonderful to see them all dressed up and enjoying their favourite books. Do look at the WBD page in this newsletter for some lovely photos of the day.

Ukraine - wear Red for Red Cross Day Thank for all your generous donations for Red Cross day. The Churchstanton community has once again risen to the challenge - together we have raised a magnificent **£400!** I know this will go some way to helping those Ukrainian refugees who desperately need our support. Thank you again.

Just a reminder that **parents consultation evenings** are next week on Tuesday 15th and Wednesday 16th March (17th for some Squirrel Class parents). I am sure you all have appointments booked by now. Do contact the school office if you have any problems. Obviously, we are still mindful that COVID is still with us, so please do not attend if you have any symptoms or are feeling unwell. Thank you.

Looking forward to seeing you all next week. 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



Celebration Catch-up

Headteacher Certificates

Hedgehog Class

Annabelle for showing Thinkatron skills in outdoor learning - keep it up!

Squirrel Class

Evie for showing brilliant focus & concentration in her learning and trying her best - Captain concentration would be proud!

Badger Class

Lillie for being a Mega-Motivator this week when learning about fractions - excellent progress!

The whole school!

For being a credit to Churchstanton Primary by behaving so well at the theatre this week - I am very proud of you all!

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

Fantastic effort! Keep working hard for your team!



Blackdowns 1,563

Brendons 1,516

Mendips 1,598

Quantocks 1,568



Attendance

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

Hedgehog Class!

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



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 March** and by **no later than 4th April**. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the School office who will be able to help you.



Plastic waste and packaging dumped in our food waste bins

We have had plastic waste and packaging from pizza boxes dumped in our school food bins again this week. This food bin is for **organic waste only** and general rubbish has to be removed by hand by a member of staff. Not a pleasant job after a week's worth of school dinners. Please be vigilant and report any visitors to the area using our waste bins for their own rubbish. It is not acceptable.

Gardening volunteers wanted!

Mr Gant, our site manager, has been busy preparing the school garden for some spring planting this week. We are looking for some volunteers to spend an hour or so each week with groups of children working in the garden. Mr Gant has a plan all ready to put in place, but just needs an extra pair of hands.



If you are interested in helping, even just for a few sessions, then please contact the school office. Grandparents are welcome too!

Return of Tea & Chat for Parents/Carers

Mrs Halstead is hoping to be able to reinstate Tea & Chat for our school community after Easter. For new parents (and those that have forgotten - it's been so long!), these friendly drop in sessions are run to catch up informally with parents and carers. Refreshments are free! Please put the dates in your diaries:



Tuesday 3rd May - 8.45-9.30am

Tuesday 7th June - 2.45-3.15pm

Tuesday 5th July - 8.45-9.30am

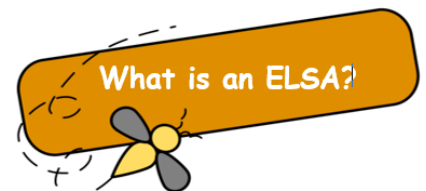
Curriculum news

The School has been working to develop and improve our curriculum over the last year or so. Do check out our developing curriculum pages for more information. <https://churchstanton.somerset.sch.uk/curriculum/curriculum-subjects/>

New ELSA page on our website

As you may know, Mrs Archer is our ELSA (Emotional Literacy Support Assistant) here at Churchstanton. We very much value her work with our children and thought a page explaining her role would be useful to parents. See link for more details.

<https://churchstanton.somerset.sch.uk/school-life/elsa/>





Classroom Catch-up



Hedgehog Class



We have had a very exciting time at school since half term.

We celebrated World Book Day and the children enjoyed our book at breakfast. Their costumes were fantastic. Thank you!

The children's behaviour was exceptional during our trip to the Lion King and we have started our wonderful Art workshops today.

The children also began their cricket coaching on Monday and thoroughly enjoyed learning new skills.



Squirrel Class

In Squirrel class we have begun to think in detail about the topic of 'Africa' which is inspired by our trip to Bristol to see The Lion King in theatre.

Our class will be focusing on South Africa, and we will be creating textile artwork based around the style of African artist, Billie Zangewa. She uses experiences from her life to create her artwork. The children will be using their experience of The Lion King to create their own textile art from a favourite memory they have about the trip.

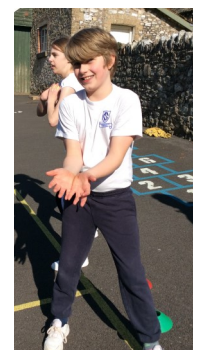
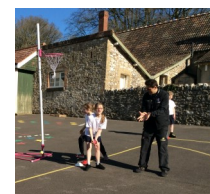


We are enjoying reading about Akimbo and the Lions, a book about a boy on an African animal reserve. We will be using this, as well as our other learning around Africa to inspire our narrative stories.

Badger Class

This week, Badger Class, along with the rest of the school, have started their new topic of Africa—which is linked heavily to our trip to see 'The Lion King'. Our class will be focussing particularly on the country of Ethiopia. We have learned where it is and have begun to learn about the sorts of landscapes the country has. Our class reader, 'The Fastest Boy in the World', is also set in Ethiopia.

We have been lucky enough to begin cricket coaching in our PE lessons this week (this will continue until the Easter holidays). The children were learning about throwing and catching this week, as well as how to get into a good catching position. Thanks must go to Mrs Adams for organising this opportunity.



World Book Day 2022!



The Lion King Experience!



The Circle of Life

After watching the Lion King performance, we are creating our own response to the theatre trip and the musical.

With the help of education charities, Spaeda and GLADE, we will be exploring the many habitats and ecology of the African continent that inspired the performance.

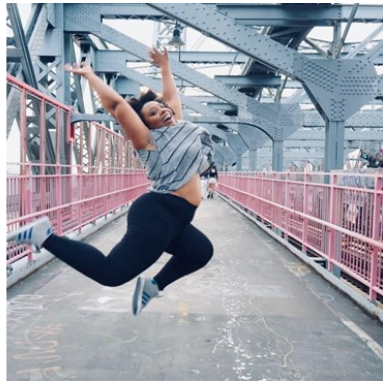


Image left: Flamingo Head Dress by Artist, Fiona Campbell

Image right: Dance and Movement Artist, Latisha Cesar

Through the project, we aim to understand the importance of connecting with people & living things, habitats and nature; to think about these connections and what the benefits are.

At our staff INSET, training and resources from GLADE lit a spark for Global Learning and we learnt to tell stories through movement and costume with Spaeda Creatives, Latisha Cesar and Fiona Campbell.

The Circle of Life project will play an important part in our Artsmark journey. You can find out more about Spaeda and GLADE here www.spaeda.org.uk and www.glade.org

PTA Catch-up

Thank you to everyone who attended Wednesday 16th February meeting (or sent apologies and offered help). It is really wonderful to know how many see the importance of the PTA and wanted to help. These meetings are really important to keep the PTA going and to continue to raise funds for our children's enrichment. They are also a great social event, which is so very needed after being separated from this for too long. There is still time to offer your support with lots going on.



Table top sale:

Sunday the 3rd of April sees the rescheduled event, 10-1, where the PTA will be the beneficiary of door entry donations! The school choir will be performing at **11am** so please come and support them. (Choir children should have returned School consent letter to Mrs Berry already)

Needed volunteer:

For the **April 3rd table top sale**, we have a free stall & need a team to run it please, **9.30-1.30**, we are hoping to have: name the Easter bunny teddy, lucky dip & tombola. Let Becca know if you can help, even an hour would be amazing.

Tombola & lucky dip request:

We need items for the tombola, so:

If you have anything suitable in very good or new condition for a child or adult tombola please let us know. Any left over party bag supplies or things suitable for lucky dip, we'd like those also please!

Get donations to Becca or pop in **Yellow PTA box by Friday 25th March** please.'

Jubilee:

Lots of exciting plans, see poster, please get involved & contact Hannah Foxwell (hedgehog & squirrel parent) if you can help or would like to know more. The next community meeting is Thursday 24th March 6.30pm at The York Inn.

Summer fete:

Rosie is kindly leading this amazing event and our top fundraiser!

The date is confirmed as Saturday 2nd July, keep the date free!! Please let Rosie know if you can help.

Secretary vacancy:

This fantastic opportunity is still available, it would greatly help the PTA who needs you! As a bonus it looks good on a CV too!! If you are interested but want to know first exactly what it entails then please contact Becca.

If you haven't signed up yet, please do!

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

E-Safety Catch-up

In this edition of the Catch-Up, our IT partners E-Lim have provided some excellent resources to support you with online safety with your children at home.

Social Networks for Children

Most well-known social networks have an age restriction of at least 13, meaning that it can be difficult to teach children how to use social media safely, without the risk of exposing them to unsuitable experiences.

Internet Matters have put together a useful list of social media apps which are child-friendly and they say are 'designed to help children learn how to interact with each other and share safely online.'

Of course, it is vital that parents monitor their children's use of technology, even with age-appropriate experiences, but this list supports families in choosing apps that give children a safer place to learn social networking skills: see link below.



<https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/social-media-networks-made-for-kids>

LEGO Online Safety guidance

LEGO has launched a series of quick guides for families covering key areas of Online Safety. These include:

- ⇒ **Screen Time**
- ⇒ **Digital Footprint and Identity**
- ⇒ **Privacy**
- ⇒ **Critical Thinking**
- ⇒ **Cyber Security**
- ⇒ **Digital Empathy**



As well as guidance, LEGO have devised a collection of 'Build and Talk' activities to encourage families to discuss digital safety and wellbeing: <https://www.lego.com/en-gb/sustainability/children/digital-child-safety/>

Ballet Classes on offer for ages 6 1/2 and over



Dancing!



'Hello - have you a would be dancer in your family?'

I teach a Ballet class combined with creative movement on Monday's at Churchinford Village Hall. Time 5-6pm, ages 6 1/2 and over.

The emphasis is on enjoyment, building confidence and appreciating classical music.'

Please do get in touch if you would like to know more.

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Huish Tigers Girls' Football Club

HUISH TIGERS GIRLS FOOTBALL

Huish Tigers Football Club are thrilled to announce our plan to launch a brand new girls section to the club for the 2022/23 season.

Starting with an **UNDER 12** and an **UNDER 14** team, we are inviting girls who will be in schools years **6, 7, 8 & 9** in Sept 2022 to join us for some FREE taster sessions after Easter.

If you are interested in signing up, please register via the appropriate link below and we will be in touch with more details.

Places are limited so don't delay to avoid disappointment.



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REGISTRATION LINKS

UNDER 12s (Year 6 & 7 in Sept)

<https://forms.gle/LXpXj4hRjphKmRjRA>

UNDER 14s (Year 8 & 9 in Sept)

<https://forms.gle/ALUXSYcLiv8aH3Nb9>

For more information, please contact Gavin Step

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Football Club



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Pre-school raffle

Churchinford Pre-school EASTER EGG Hunt

Saturday 9th April
11.30am-3pm

£2.50 per person

Come to pre-school from 11.30am

Buy your sheet.

Hunt for the clues around the village.

Return to pre-school for your Easter Egg.

ALL WELCOME

2 hunts
1 for younger children
1 for older children

Raffle
Fab prizes

BBQ

Hot dogs £2 & Burgers £2.50
(meat from Potter's Wellington)

Diary Catch-up

Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

March 2022

9th - Bristol Hippodrome Lion King visit - whole school

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

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

(Thursday 17th March — change for some Squirrel Class parents)

22nd - Class photos

April 2022

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

8th - End of term - Easter Holidays.

25th - Return to school - Summer Term begins

May 2022

2nd - Bank Holiday

3rd - Tea & Chat for Parents & Carers 8.45am

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 - Return to School

7-10th June - Jubilee Week - lots of celebration activities will take place.

7th - Tea & Chat for Parents & Carers 2.45pm

7th June - Y4 Multiplication Tables Check

Window opens

10th - Kings & Queens PTA Disco

13th - Whole School Photos & Y6 Leavers photos

JULY 2022

3rd - Tea & Chat for Parents & Carers 8.45am

21st - Leavers Service

22nd - End of term - summer holiday begins.

INSET dates for 2022-23

1st & 2nd September 2022

20th Feb 2023

26th May 2023

21st July 2023

COVID update



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

Updated March 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** 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](#)