



Churchstanton Catch-up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to finally see the sunshine and enjoy the fine weather here at school. All classes have been in the school garden with Mr Gant this week and have started planting their seeds ready to bring on in the greenhouse. Spring really does feel like it is here. Long may it last! Thank you to our volunteers for offering to help. An extra pair of hands makes all the difference.



Allotment donation

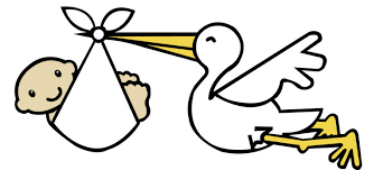
A huge thank you must go to The Churchinford Allotment Society for donating the magnificent sum of **£1,240** to our school funds. We plan to use some of this to support our own gardening club with Mr Gant and each class will have a sum of money to buy much needed equipment to support teaching & learning. We really are very grateful to the Allotmenters for their generosity!

Some staffing news.



We will be saying goodbye to Miss Johnson at the end of term. We have enjoyed having her with us since September and will be sad to see her go but excited for her to begin her travels in South America before she returns to University in September. I know you will join with us to wish her luck for the future.

We are delighted to announce that Miss Jones will be expecting her first baby at the end of July! She is hoping to remain in class right up until her confinement but we have existing staff on standby to cover if necessary. We wish her well as her baby bump grows.



Please do try to support our Table Top Sale at the Village Hall on Sunday 3rd April. This is our first fundraiser since Christmas and it would be good to see you all there. Any donations of tombola items will be gratefully received - just leave any items in the yellow PTA box or in the school office if it is full. The choir will be performing with Mrs Berry at 11am. Do try to come along and support the PTA.

Thank you to everyone for supporting us with our return to Amber COVID health & hygiene measures. We are hoping this wave will pass quickly and we can return to a more normal way of operating before the Easter break.

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

Jonty for showing **Thinkatron** skills in his Science work - excellent!

Reuben for being a **Mega-Motivator** and showing enthusiasm for all his learning!

Squirrel Class

Asher for showing **Creatatron** skills in his Artistic response to the Lion King -superb work!

Emily for showing **Captain Concentration** skills in her Art work this week - keep it up!

Badger Class

Harry for writing an amazing Greek myth showing great **Professor Perseverance** in getting it right - keep it up!

Caleb for showing **Professor Perseverance** skills in his maths - fantastic effort!

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

Fantastic effort! Keep working hard for your team!



Blackdowns 1,697

Brendons 1,645

Mendips 1,743

Quantocks 1,714



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 the **Monday 25th April** by no later than **Sunday 3rd April**. If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the School office who will be able to help you.


Just a friendly reminder...

Ofsted Parent View

Now that we have had face to face Parent Consultation Evenings, I am hopeful you will be able to respond more fully to the Ofsted Parent View questionnaire. It only takes a couple of minutes and any feedback is always welcome. We only have 7 responses so far and it would be good to have more of you share your views. The link is here <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/login?destination=give-your-views> Thank you in advance.

Young Leaders

We are really proud of our Y6 Young Leaders - Sylvia & Lennon - who are undergoing their training. This week they worked hard to plan, publicise and run a very successful club for younger children in school. They were excellent role models and their club "Ball Basics" was a big hit! They showed real maturity and responsibility in running the club. Well done to them both.



Advance warning of a change to school email addresses

Please note our School Office email address to which all correspondence is sent, will be changing as of **4th April**. We will send you an email from the existing account by no later than **Friday 1st April** giving information of the new email address, so please keep an eye out for this.

Missing Cardigan in Hedgehog Class

Eliza in Hedgehog Class has lost her cardigan. Please may you keep an eye out for this as it may be possible that another pupil has taken it home by mistake. It has Eliza's name written on the label.



Classroom Catch-up



Hedgehog Class

Hedgehogs have had a very busy week. We are enjoying our Global learning about Africa. We have been on Safari this week and found many wild animals in our forest. The children will be producing a tourist leaflet in English.

We have also been finding out about African masks and how they are inspired by African animals. We have made amazing clay masks in our outdoor learning.

We have been having great fun preparing for our performance with our artists and we are looking forward to sharing this with you.



Squirrel Class

In Squirrel class, we have been completing several projects including our dance and art sessions that are helping us to create a performance through movement and interesting costumes. We are working hard to get everything completed before our learning exhibition at the end of the term.

Additionally, we have continued our learning around Billie Zangewa and our Lion King memories. The children have been looking at different types of materials and have created a material board to help them to decide the resources they need to create their piece of artwork.

We are looking forward to pulling all of our hard work together to share with all of you!

Badger Class Badger Class have worked really hard this week and coped tremendously well with different teachers going in at different times - a taste of Secondary School life a bit earlier than expected! I am proud to say that all pupils have shown great maturity and independence especially when working on Google Classroom this week. Well done to them all! Mrs Tildesley should be back with us on Monday.



For Outdoor Learning this week, the children made natural paint and used it to create African Tribal inspired artwork.

PTA Catch-up

Churchstanton Primary PTA



working on behalf of the school

Table top sale:

Sunday the 3rd of April sees the rescheduled event, **10am-1pm**, 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. Please share the event so we have lots of footfall.

Volunteers please:

For the **April 3rd** table top sale, we have a free stall & need a team to run it on the day, **9.30-1.30**. The stall is all organised with: Name the Easter bunny Teddy, lucky dip & tombola all ready. Let Becca know if you can help run it on the day, even an hour would be amazing.

Jubilee plans:

Churchinford has lots of exciting plans, look out for flyers coming soon. Has anyone got a gas BBQ that the PTA can borrow?! Or if you can help any way with any aspect of the celebrations, please contact Hannah Foxwell.

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!! Thank you to those who came to this weeks meeting. Please let Rosie James know if you can help.

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

MONTHLY CHARITY

TABLE TOP SALE

CHURCHINFORD VILLAGE HALL
TA37QY

SUNDAY 3rd APRIL

10 OCLOCK TILL 1 OCLOCK



IN AID OF CHURCHSTANTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

SELLERS £5 PER TABLE

BUYERS MINIMUM 50p DONATION TO ENTER- KIDS FREE
REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE -INCLUDES BACON ROLLS

TABLES MUST BE BOOKED IN ADVANCED

TO BOOK A TABLE PLEASE TEXT OR RING

SARAH.BURTON 07593825923 or

EMAIL- sarahburton218@btinternet.com

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E-Safety Catch-up

We have reposted this advice and information this week as some pupils have been discussing social media in school recently. Elim provides our training and support for these issues so please do read and explore the links for further information.

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/>

Diary Catch-up

Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

March 2022

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](#)