



Churchstanton Catch-up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Half term is here - I don't know where the weeks are going! The children have worked very hard all term and are ready for a break. Squirrel Class in particular will be exhausted after their fun-filled adventure at Wildside last week. Huge thanks must go to Mr Turner & Mrs Holgate for giving up their time to take the children overnight. It was a super experience for everyone and staff were, as always, very impressed with the attitudes and behaviour of our children. Feedback from Wildside was very positive about the children's resilience when facing a challenge - well done Squirrel Class!

Our Hot Meals taster session with Dartfresh Foods went really well and the children (and parents!) who stayed at the end of the day enjoyed the food on offer and were impressed with the menus. We are actively seeking to improve the quality of lunches here at Churchstanton, so thank you for your feedback as this will help us make a decision about changing provider for the future. Plans are being put in place and we hope to be able to share them with you in the autumn term. For now, please continue to book your meals via ParentPay, where a sandwich option is proving very popular at the moment.

Our school Jubilee Celebrations have been shared with you via the office this week. Please do help out and contribute some delicious party food to our Jubilee Tea-Party on June 9th if you can. Parent helpers are warmly welcomed so please contact your class teacher if you can be available - red, white and blue outfits for the day are a must!

We are delighted to be able to share the arrival of our first Ukrainian pupil here at Churchstanton after half term. She will join Hedgehog Class in Year 1 and I know Mrs Holt and her team will take great care of her. The family are being hosted in Blagdon Village so any support you as a school community might feel you could offer would be appreciated I am sure. We are fortunate to have Mrs Thomas who will assist us with communication as the family settles in.

Summer traditions are back with a bang this year so do check the dates for your diary sections - The Garden Party, Sports day, Badger Class summer production and more have been added. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

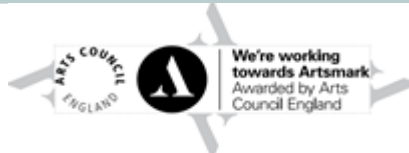
I hope the added bank holidays for the Platinum Jubilee will be a treat for you all and that you get involved in the fantastic events and activities going on in Churchinford. The village has a thriving community that we are very pleased to be part of.

Have a good break whatever you are doing. See you back at school on **Tuesday 7th June**. 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



Notices and reminders:

Hot School Lunches



Lunch bookings: Please ensure that lunches are booked and paid for, if applicable, for up to and including at least the **20th June** and by no later than **Sunday 5th June**.

If you are experiencing any difficulties, please contact the School office who will be able to help you.



Sharing Assemblies for Parents

We are really pleased to share some dates for parents/carers to attend our regular Sharing Assemblies during the summer term. This is an opportunity for you to come and see the children talk about their work and achievements that week in the school hall.

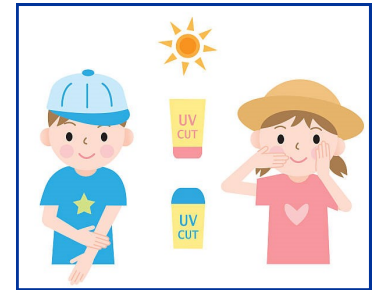
Dates remaining are:

- ◆ Friday 1st July 2:40pm - 3:00pm

Sunscreen and Sun Hats reminder

As we are supposed to be having a bit of a heat wave towards the end of May, please could we remind you of the need for pupils to have **named** sunhats and/or sunscreen in school.

(Pupils need to be responsible for applying their own suntan lotion)



Named clothing



As children are taking off layers at playtime, we have accumulated a number of jumpers, cardigans, hats and coats - without any names! Although we have tried to reunite these items with their owners, you would be surprised to know how difficult this is!

PLEASE ensure all personal items are named clearly. We know how expensive uniform can be to replace and children are encouraged to be responsible for their own items at school.

Piano Lessons With Genevieve Frost

Our Piano teacher Genevieve now has one **20 minute weekly slot** available from **September** for piano lessons. She is looking for students over the age of 7 with a passion for learning and supportive, committed parents who have an instrument at home to practise on. For younger children, she is beginning to offer general musicianship classes with a piano focus to prepare the foundations for learning the piano. This slot could be used for a small group session for 2-3 children of a similar age. If interested, please do get in touch directly. If oversubscribed, she will start a waiting list on a first come first serve basis.

geneviefrost@nimblefingersmusic.co.uk

www.nimblefingersmusic.co.uk



Classroom Catch-up



Hedgehog Class

Hedgehogs have been continuing their learning about the Queen, her life and her Platinum Jubilee celebrations. We have written letters to the Queen congratulating her on her 70 years on the throne. We are looking forward to a reply.

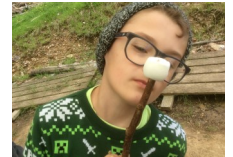
On Wednesday we attended a sports festival at Castle School where we demonstrated and practised our PE skills. We had lots of fun even though it poured with rain!



Squirrel Class

The big news from Squirrel Class over the last couple of weeks has obviously been our class residential to Wildside. The children had an amazing time and all did so well. They worked really well as a team to complete a variety of tasks, with great perseverance.

They overcame fears and did some exciting new activities. There are so many photos but here are a small selection:



Badger Class

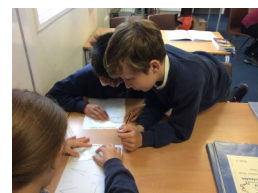
Badger Class have been working hard writing their piece of narrative writing based on the experience of being an evacuee in the Second World War. They have produced some excellent pieces.

They have also been learning about some important topics around growing up and relationships in RSHE.

In Music, they have begun to learn some of the songs from our Badger Class play. They will be taking scripts home over half term and preparing for auditions during the first week back. They are very excited.



Year 5 have been learning to measure angles with protractors this week and year 6 (who have already mastered this skill) have been helping them.



Celebration Catch-up

Headteacher Certificates

Hedgehog Class

Megan for writing a fantastic story this week - keep it up Megan!

Anabelle for being a mega motivator with her reading.

Squirrel Class

Theo for being a mega-motivator and listening to instructions so he can work independently - keep it up!

The whole of Squirrel Class for being amazing at Wildside - lots of resilience, responsibility respect and risk-taking were shown all round! Well done everyone.

Badger Class

All of Year 6 for showing mega motivator skills in SATs - we are proud of you all - well done!

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

Fantastic effort! Keep working hard for your team!



Blackdowns 2,107

Brendons 2,054

Mendips 2,168

Quantocks 2,175



Attendance

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

Hedgehog Class!

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



PTA Catch-up

Churchstanton Primary School needs you!

Please do come along and volunteer. It's a great way to make friends, help improve our school and make a difference to all the pupils who attend here.

We hope you all have a wonderful half term. There is certainly a lot going on, so enjoy. Community and PTA events we hope you will support are as follows:

Churchstanton Primary PTA



working on behalf of the school

Saturday 28th May to Saturday 4th June -

PTA Corgi trial around the village, running from the village shop. See poster for full details.

HELP!!



**The Queen has lost her corgis
Can you help her find them?**

Solve the clues to find the corgis hidden around Churchinford - can you find them all?

Entry forms from Churchinford & District Community Shop
Saturday 28th May - Saturday 4th June
£2 per entry
Prize upon completion!



Thursday 2nd June

Family Jubilee fun: **5:00pm-8:00pm**, please invite family & friends. See poster for details:



Saturday 4th June

Pta Village market kitchen **10:00am-12:00pm**. Please let us know if you can help out, letter sent out early this week.

JUBILEE WEEKEND SATURDAY 4th JUNE 10am-12noon

CHURCHINFORD VILLAGE HALL MARKET

Churchstanton
Primary PTA



working on behalf of the school

Will Be Serving yummy food and refreshments
All profits go directly to the school children's enrichment!
Come and support our wonderful school.



Sunday 5th June

-**1pm** Kings & Queens parade (meet at telephone box at **12.50pm**)

-**2.30pm** School choir

-**2.45pm** School county dancers

(all performers to meet at the telephone box at **2.15pm**)

PTA Catch-up Continued

Sunday 5th June

After half term, lots more happening, starting with:

Please contact us via Facebook page, on messenger or via email:
churchstantonschoolpta@hotmail.com

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Jubilee disco



We invite all the kings and queens, princesses and their loyal knights to attend the royal disco at Churchstanton Primary School. Come dressed in your royal outfit (or your best disco gear).



10th June
the school
hall



Entry £3 each
+money for
the tuck shop

Ks1=3:30-4:30
Ks2=4:45-5:45



The Queen's Platinum Jubilee
Celebrations in Churchinford
Thursday 2nd to Sunday 5th June

Thursday 2nd June
17:00 - 20:00 Family Fun Sports and Picnic at the Community Field.
BBQ by the PTA. Ice Cream Van. Commemorative tree plaque.
From 21:00 outside the York Inn
21:00 The Blackdown Community Choir
21:35 Piper - Lorcan Drysdale
22:40 Cornet player - Eliana Brimacombe
21:45 The lighting of the beacon. The Blackdown Community Choir
21:50 Fireworks

Friday 3rd June
Music Street Party is sponsored by The Blackdown Beer & Music Festival
14:00 Blackdown Steel Band
15:10 Blackdown Accapella
15:50 Linna Willing Quartet
16:30 Oscar Lee Band
17:15 The Sweethearts
19:00 York Acoustic
19:45 Bird Dogs
20:50 TrevorJames & Co
22:00 Jessie & the Skunknecks
During the evening there will be a Hog Roast with veggie option.

Sunday 5th June
12:00 Children's Big Lunch
13:00 Kings and Queens Parade
13:30 Adults Big Lunch
14:30 Children's Choir
14:45 Country Dancing
15:45 Music Truck
Cream Teas will be served in Royston Cottage Garden from 14:00 to 17:00

Chair: Becca Granger (Becca Royce on Facebook)
Vice Chair : Rosie James
Treasurer: Amy Day
Secretary: Laura Bamford

Diary Catch-up

Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

May 2022

27th-6th June - Half Term - **School closed.**

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 - further details in Jubilee Letter

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

7th - Y4 Multiplication Tables Check
Window opens

10th - Jubilee Sharing Assembly
Kings & Queens PTA Disco

13th - Whole School Photos & Y6 Leavers
Photos

22nd - Stay & Play for new Reception pupils

30th - The Garden Party and open classrooms
from 1.30pm

JULY 2022

1st - Non-uniform Day - tombola fete donations
from all pupils

2nd July - PTA Fete - 12-4pm

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

8th - Sports day

11th - Reserve Sports Day

13th - Annual Pupil Reports to parents

14th - Badger Class play 6:30pm

21st - Leavers Service. Mrs Halstead's last day.

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

SEPTEMBER 2022

5th—Term Starts

OCTOBER 2022

NOVEMBER 2022

21st - Tempest photography, individual photos

COVID update

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and child-care settings from Friday 1 April

On Tuesday 29 March, the Secretary of State for Health and Social Care, Sajid Javid, set out the next steps for living with COVID-19 in England from Friday 1 April.

Free COVID-19 tests will continue to be available for specific groups, including eligible patients and NHS staff, once the universal testing offer ends on Friday 1 April.

Updated guidance will advise:

Adults with the symptoms of a respiratory infection, and who have a high temperature or feel unwell, should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people until they feel well enough to resume normal activities and they no longer have a high temperature.

Children and young people who are unwell and have a high temperature should stay at home and avoid contact with other people. They can go back to school, college or childcare when they no longer have a high temperature, and they are well enough to attend.

Adults with a positive COVID-19 test result should try to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for 5 days, which is when they are most infectious. For children and young people aged 18 and under, the advice will be 3 days.

The population now has much stronger protection against COVID-19 than at any other point in the pandemic. This means we can begin to manage the virus like other respiratory infections, thanks to the success of the vaccination programme and access to antivirals, alongside natural immunity and increased scientific and public understanding about how to manage risk.

For education and childcare settings from Friday 1 April:

Regular asymptomatic testing is no longer recommended in any education or childcare setting, including in SEND, alternative provision and children's social care settings. Therefore, settings will no longer be able to order test kits.

Residential SEND settings may be advised by their local health protection team to re-introduce some time-limited asymptomatic testing. This would be an exceptional measure, for targeted groups of staff and pupils or students (secondary age or above) in the event of a possible COVID-19 outbreak. These settings are scheduled to receive an automatic delivery of contingency supply test kits during the week commencing Monday 28 March.

The UK Health Security Agency (UKHSA) will publish new guidance. Most of the specific COVID-19 guidance for education and childcare settings will be withdrawn from GOV.UK on Friday 1 April. The operational guidance on the testing in education settings document sharing platform will also be removed on the same day.

Further information can be found here: <https://bit.ly/35DcHNb>