



Churchstanton Catch-up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

What a super couple of weeks we have had at school. The children have really enjoyed the lovely weather and were very proud to welcome you all in to school on Thursday to enjoy our annual Garden Party - we didn't let the rain dampen our spirits! I am sure those of you who could attend enjoyed the performances and the opportunity to view your children's work this term. Thank you to Mrs Leigh-Mallory and the Year 6 parent team who organised the refreshments. The strawberries were kindly donated by Waitrose and were delicious!



We are delighted to announce that Churchstanton Primary School has been awarded Level 3 by the RHS for school gardening. Mr Gant has worked with all the classes to re-establish the school garden and this will now be maintained by the children as part of their outdoor learning with Mrs Adams. Currently we have carrots, parsnips, onions, potatoes, radishes, cucumber, squash, strawberries and raspberries all growing in the raised beds. The children are looking forward to harvesting and eating their produce later this year. This

process will enable us to achieve Level 4 - which is fantastic! Thank you to Becca & Deanna for their kind donations of plants. A £50 gardening voucher and a special certificate are on their way.

Platinum Jubilee Celebration book

Every child in the school will be presented with a special hard back commemorative book as a souvenir of the Jubilee this summer. The beautiful books have been provided by the DfE at a cost of £12 million pounds - I will not comment on this fact. I'm sure you will encourage your child to treasure this book so that they may look back and remember this momentous event when they are as old as we are! The books will be sent home with your children in the next week or so.



We are looking forward to the final weeks of term - just 3 weeks to go. Our sports day is scheduled for **Friday 8th July** and I hope you will all be able to come along and support your children. They are looking forward to competing and working collaboratively showing off their skills and teamwork. A letter went out this week with full details of the day.

As you know, it is our **Summer Fete** tomorrow and is our main fundraising event of the year. The PTA team have worked so hard to put together a fantastic day so I do hope we will see you all there supporting the school and helping raise much needed funds to help enrich our curriculum. Thank you for all the support so far but volunteers are still needed - see PTA Catch-up for details.

Kind Regards,

Mrs C Halstead



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 **11th July** and by no later than **Sunday 3rd July**

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



Forest School & Outdoor Learning - clothing reminders

Please could we remind all parents that to take part in Forest School and Outdoor Learning, all children must have the correct clothing. They need to have: **long sleeved tops, waterproof trousers and walking boots or wellies**. This is part of our school uniform and children cannot take part in Forest School lessons without the correct outerwear. This is for their safety and is a requirement for children working with a Forest School Leader. We appreciate how quickly children grow and we understand finances are tight, so please make use of our pre-loved page on our school Facebook page for uniform.



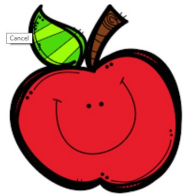
Advance warning of ETC closure



As is usual here at Churchstanton, ETC will be closed on the very last day of term - **Friday 22nd July**. This is to allow staff to deep clean the classroom and prepare for next year. Please ensure you make alternative childcare arrangements for this day in advance. Breakfast club will still run as usual. Thank you.

Healthy Breaktime snacks

We have noticed some pupils are **still** choosing to snack from lunchboxes at playtimes including crisps and chocolate bars. This means they do not always have enough food at lunchtime. At Churchstanton we encourage all children to make healthy choices by choosing fresh fruit, dried fruit, chopped vegetables or cheese cubes to have for morning snack. Not only is this a better choice for pupil's health, it also cuts down on plastic packaging & waste. Your support with this is really appreciated. Thank you.



Moving Up day

All pupils in school will have a morning with their new Class on **Tuesday 5th July**. This is chance for all children to meet their new teacher or classmates that will be joining them. Teachers will plan "getting to know you activities" and share routines and expectations.

Names in jumpers!

Please could you add your child's name to their school jumpers. We are still ending up with a large pile of unclaimed uniform at the end of the day. Thank you!

SuperStan!

The Badger Class play is a long standing tradition here at Churchstanton, and makes its welcome return to the village hall for one night only on **Thursday 14th July at 6.30pm**. It would be wonderful for you all to support the children and come along and enjoy the show. It is a great way for younger children to see what they might achieve when they are in Badger Class and support their schoolmates. This year, the musical is entitled, "SuperStan" and is a humorous take on what it means to be a hero. Donations on the door will go to school funds.





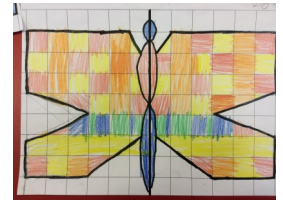
Classroom Catch-up



Hedgehog Class

We have been busy continuing our learning about minibeasts and their habitats. We have been practising our song for the garden party that we are looking forward to sharing with you. We have learnt the names for insect body parts and then played 'Build and Ant,' and made clay minibeasts in outdoor learning.

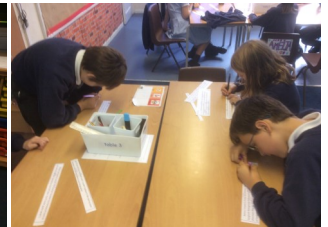
We have been learning about symmetry in maths and we have drawn symmetrical butterflies and then painted them in art. In English we have used exciting adventurous adjectives and exciting verbs to write minibeast poems.



Squirrel Class

Over these last few weeks Squirrel Class have been working hard on their Design and Technology project, Royal Carriages. They have enjoyed designing and creating their carriages in line with their Jubilee designs, to protect their Queen Egg as it is carried down our playground. We are looking forward to see the egg-citing results!

The children have been looking at diary entries and how best to create them. As a class we have been looking at informal language and writing using 'show not tell'. They have looked at how to format a diary into chronological order and what a person might write in a diary that is personal to them. The children have also been learning about different types of poems and how they are organised into stanzas, creating acrostic, limerick, Haiku and narrative poems.



Badger Class

Over the last couple of weeks, Badger Class have been rehearsing furiously for their play 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan'. They have also begun making props and deciding on their costumes. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to join us on Thursday 14th July at Churchinford Village Hall to watch their performance.

We have been working on persuasive writing in English and have been writing about why Churchstanton is the very best school to come to. We are now moving on to looking at how persuasive techniques were used in the Second World War, which is linked to our history topic for this term.

We have continued to work on our Van Gogh inspired drawings and paintings too—we hope to finish our 'Van Gogh versions' of our own school landscape before the end of term.

Celebration Catch-up

Headteacher Certificates

Hedgehog Class

Mia for being a Mega-Motivator in her Computing lessons this week - amazing!

Sylvie for being a Creatatron and a Mega Motivator during forest school - wonderful!

Squirrel Class

Maple for showing resilience in completing her times tables check - super work!

Ella for being a mega-motivator in her maths - keep it up!

Badger Class

Harry for being fantastic at learning his lines for play rehearsals - brilliant!

Frederick for being a Mega Motivator not only in lessons but also in our Summer Play rehearsals - excellent stuff!

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

Fantastic effort! Keep working hard for your team! Looking close for overall winners this year!



Blackdowns 2,311

Brendons 2,261

Mendips 2,364

Quantocks 2,382



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

Churchstanton Primary PTA



working on behalf of the school

It's all about the SUMMER FETE!!!

Thank you for your wonderful Tombola prizes this morning. Looking forward to seeing you all, please spread the word and bring your families and friends. Make sure you get your raffle tickets to us & or buy more on the day.

It's set to be an awesome day!

Thank you to everyone who has kindly volunteered to help. There's still time to do so, so don't be shy.

We still need help with:

Friday:

Helpers to transport equipment after school on Friday & set up at the field

Saturday:

Helpers to set up from 10am

VOLUNTEERS

Cakes for the cake stall

Helpers to pack away/ transport equipment

Here's to a wonderful weekend!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to the summer fete tomorrow at the Cricket Pavilion.

If you can help on a stall on the day please let **Rosie James** know asap or email:

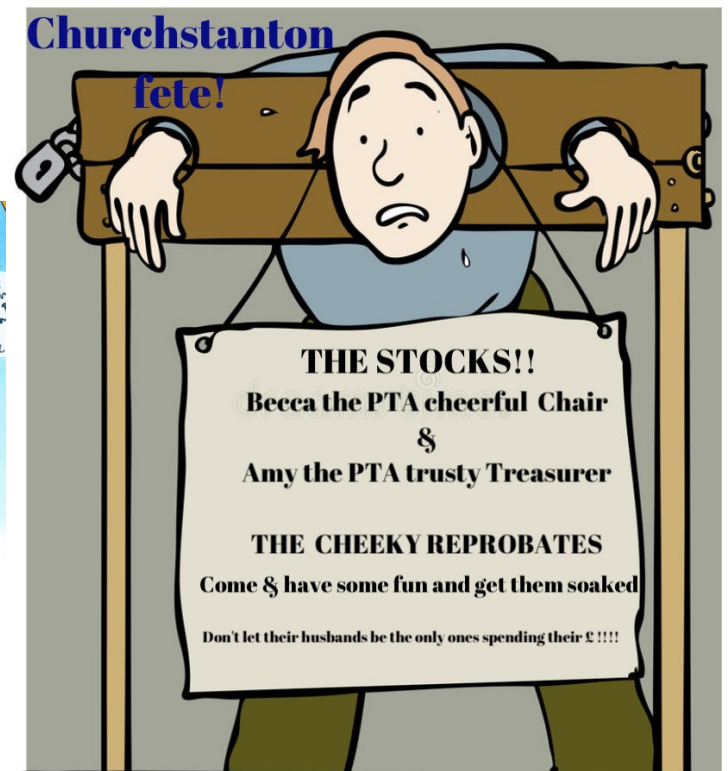
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Chair: Becca Granger (Becca Royce on Facebook)

Vice Chair : Rosie James

Treasurer: Amy Day

Secretary: Laura Bamford



Diary Catch-up

Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

JULY 2022

1st - Non-uniform Day - tombola fete donations

from all pupils

2nd July - PTA Fete - 12-4pm

5th - Tea & Chat for Parents & Carers 8.45am -

CANCELLED

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

1st & 2nd September 2022 - INSET - School closed.

5th - Term Starts

12th - Badger Class start their Swimming Lessons

OCTOBER 2022

21st - 31st October - Half term

NOVEMBER 2022

21st - Tempest photography, individual photos

16th December - End of term

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**

COVID update

Changes to measures and guidance for managing COVID-19 in education and childcare 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>