



Churchstanton Catch-up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

This is our final Catch-up for this year save for a "Goodbye" mini Catch-up on the 22nd July. It has been a pleasure to send these newsletters out each fortnight and I hope you have found them useful and informative. Our aim has always been to be both, as well as provide you with some inspiration on occasion!

Inspiration was in evidence in the Badger Class play last night at the village hall. "SuperStan" was just that - super! I was so impressed by the children's energy and sense of fun as they performed to a packed house. Thank you to everyone involved but special thanks must go to Mrs. Hopkins, Mrs. Tildesley & Mrs. Berry for working so hard with the children to put on such a wonderful show for us all to enjoy at the end of term.

As this will be the last Catch-up front page I write, I thought it would be appropriate to reflect on my time at the school and say some special thank yous.

I have mixed feelings about leaving Churchstanton Primary; I am sad to be leaving such a lovely school but as you know, recent events have made my decision to semi-retire seem even more important. To quote Mahatma Ghandi, "It is health that is real wealth, not pieces of silver or gold."

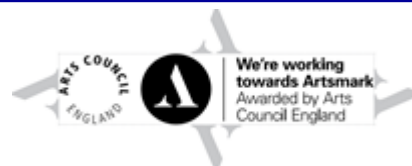
You never know what life has in store for you; I had no idea that I would end up working in such a lovely school with such fantastic staff and supportive Governors; no idea that a pandemic would test my leadership skills to such a level; or that we would be able to move the school on in its learning journey in the way that we have. It has been a real pleasure to get to know all the wonderful pupils and you as such supportive parents. I have been fortunate enough to work in eight different primary schools in Somerset over the last 30 years, so I can say with some experience that you have a very special school here. I am sure you do appreciate it and all the fantastic staff that work here too.

I need to say a huge thank you to the Teachers and Teaching Assistants for the dedication and care they show to everyone in the school community. Their skill, creativity and willingness to "go the extra mile" are second to none and I want to personally thank them for their service. Our many volunteers who give up their free time to help children in classes are also very much valued. I will especially miss visits from Daphne & Eider who have been helping children with their reading every week; I still haven't worked out how Eider manages to read!

The support staff are the backbone of the school. Without a site manager/caretaker, office staff, lunch supervisors and wraparound care staff, the school could not function - and at times due to COVID almost didn't! We are a team that has really worked together to improve things for the children in our care and I know that will continue under the new Headteacher, Mr Watson. I wish him well as he begins his first Headship and I know you will give him all the support and kindness that you have showed me during the last three and half years.

Please take care of yourselves and each other.

With very best wishes, 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 week commencing **12th September** and by no later than **Sunday 17th July**

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



Just a friendly reminder...

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.

Useful “kids eat for less” information during the summer holidays.

KIDS EAT FOR FREE OR LESS DURING SUMMER 2022



MORRISONS

Spend £4.99 to get a free kids meal after 3pm daily, normally all day during half term.

ASDA CAFE

Kids eat for £1 every day with NO need for a paying adult from 25th July - 4th Sept, 2022.

DUNELM

One free mini main, two snacks and a drink for every £4 spent in the in-store cafe.

YO! Kids eat free from 3pm-5:30pm Mon-Thurs for every £10 spent on food.

BEEFEATER & BREWERS FAYRE

Free breakfast for two children under 16 with every paying adult.

HUNGRY HORSE

Free kids breakfast with an adults breakfast from 9am-12pm daily.

IKEA

Get TWO kids hot meals, fruit, drink and jelly for £5 in their Swedish restaurants (subject to availability).

BELLA ITALIA

Kids eat for £1 with each adult meal from 4-6pm on Mon-Thurs.

DOBBIES

Kids eat free with an adult main meal.

TABLE TABLE

Two children under 16 get a free breakfast with one paying adult every day.

CAFE ROUGE

Kids eat for £1 with an adult meal excluding Saturday.

MORE TO COME!!

M&S, TESCO and more expected soon, see websites for latest information.

Notices and reminders

Kentisbeare
Cullompton
Devon
EX15 2EY



Maize Maze

-  **No booking required**
-  **Open 10am - 5pm (last entry 3:30pm)**
-  **Adults / Children (3+) £6**
Family Ticket (2 adults, 2 children) £22
-  **Open every Thursday - Sunday from 28 July 2022**
(dates and times may change in September)
-  **Soft drinks and ice cream available**
-  **Big Maze and mini Maze - play our free**
"Pig Out" and "Mark It" games cards
-  **Dogs on leads are welcome.**
-  **Cash / Card payments are accepted**
-  **Picnic area (bring your own)**



#orwayporchfarm



Classroom Catch-up



Hedgehog Class

We have had a great two weeks the children have enjoyed visiting their new class and welcoming our new reception children. In RSHE we have been discussing changes and their hopes and dreams for next year. We have been sharing and celebrating our individual achievements over the year. On Friday the children participated enthusiastically in our sports day. They were all fantastic team players.

I would like to say a big well done for all the children's hard work and enthusiasm this year and thank you parents for all your support. I hope you all have a fantastic and relaxing summer break.



Squirrel Class

It's been an artistic and performance led week with some of the Year 4 children supporting Badger Class with the play and the rest of the class learning the songs. We have been creating nets in Maths, looking deeper into 2D and 3D shapes as well as continuing with our Jubilee carriages ready to carry our Queen Elizabeth's next week.

The children have also been working hard on their diary's and are beginning to plan and write their own, thinking about all the features that a diary needs, using show not tell to explain their feelings and thoughts.



Badger Class

This week, Badger Class have been preparing for their end of term play, 'The Amazing Adventures of Superstan'. On Thursday, they put on an amazing performance and we are so proud of them! Here are some of the photos:



Celebration Catch-up

Headteacher Certificates

Hedgehog Class

Felix for being a meg-motivator with his learning - well done!

Squirrel Class

Emily for fantastic running on sports day - amazing!

Badger Class

Lillie for being a mega-motivator at sports day - brilliant stuff!

House Points and the winners this year are....

Well done to **Quantock House** who won the Sports Day Cup this year! What a tremendous effort from everyone! Special thanks must go to Mrs Adams for all her hard work in the lead up to Sports day and on the day itself. She is a fantastic PE Coordinator and is such an inspirational leader to all our pupils.



Blackdowns	2,730
Brendons	2,328
Mendips	2,435
Quantocks	2,458



Attendance

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

Hedgehog Class! Well done! Good attendance means good progress and you as a Class have had the best attendance all year!



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

Summer Fete:

In case you missed it, see attached the PTA newsletter.
This year we raised **£2010.92!!!**

This will almost cover the full cost of whole school theatre trip this Autumn including coach travel AND heavily subsidise the Badger class residential trip to Oakhampton in October. Big thanks to everyone that made this happen.

PTA shed:

A huge thank you goes to Mr Guildford & Mr Granger for giving up their Sunday morning to move and reassemble our donated new shed.

PTA Drinks:

Meet up for a drink and a chat on **Tuesday 19th July**, from **7pm** at **The York Inn**, everyone welcome.

Summer holiday meet ups:

We thought it would be nice if we set some dates to meet up during the holidays. So hopefully you can make a date or maybe all, bring a picnic and have some fun:

Friday 29th July at Corfe Park from 11am

Monday 15th August at Wellington park from 11am (near bandstand)

Saturday 27th August at Churchinford community field from 11am (near allotments)

Hope to see you there.

Dates for diary:

-Monday 26th September:

PTA AGM:

7pm at The York Inn skittle alley meeting room.

-Friday 4th November:

Halloween disco: KS1 3.30-4.30 & KS2 4.45-5.45.

Saturday 30th July:

Hummingbird craft fair: We need a team to run our section so get involved and help raise funds.

**Craft Fair @
Churchinford Village
Hall** *Free onsite parking!*
Free Entry!
Saturday 30th July
12pm - 4pm
Wonderful variety of stalls to browse, please come along and support over 20 small businesses
Refreshments available!

*Raising money for the Hummingbird
Care Dementia Interactive Table*



Diary Catch-up

Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

JULY 2022

13th - Annual Pupil Reports to parents

14th - Badger Class play 6:30pm

21st - Leavers Service.

22nd - Mrs Halstead's last day.

Goodbye assembly.

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 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>