



Churchstanton Catch-up

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe, there are only 3 weeks of the autumn term left. It feels like in the blink of an eye, our new wonderful reception class started and all the other classes had just returned from the summer break.

Before I praise our amazing Badger Class, for their triumphant residential trip to Kilve Court, I just need to make you aware of our updated policies and expectations in regards to online safety, device use and safeguarding procedures in and out of the school, setting. This year, the keeping children safe in education document 2023 Keeping children safe in education - GOV.UK (www.gov.uk) was updated with an emphasis on online safety and how it must be monitored and incorporate a higher level of parental awareness and school monitoring, via the senior leadership team and school Governors. For ease, here is a link Policies – Churchstanton Primary School to our updated safeguarding policy and computing and acceptable use policy. Both documents reflect these changes. As part of these policies we will be asking all staff, pupils and parents to sign and acknowledge online safety and device use protocols and procedures in line with current updates and best practice. Part of this signing will also link to social media and messaging platforms outside of school. Information on how and which documents to sign will follow in due course via the school office.

In school as I'm sure you are very aware, we have ICT filtering systems that are regularly monitored by myself and overseen by school Governors to ensure paramount safety for our children and staff in school. I also have conducted a number of assemblies on PEGI ratings (Pan-European Game Information), to make children more aware of potential dangers and the age appropriate platforms, they should and shouldn't be using at home. I have attached a document to this effect highlighting these areas. If you have any doubts in this area and would like further information, please get in touch via the school office. As you will appreciate in this day and age we cannot be careful enough, so alerts and prevention of potential harmful situations in this area at home are paramount and should be reported to school if you are concerned so we can advise and provide guidance.

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

On a lighter note, as pictured below you can see and have no doubt heard, that Badger class had an amazingly successful residential. All staff that supported and conducted the event deserve enormous praise for its success and I was lucky enough to attend for a day and get involved in some mountain biking and beautiful coastal walks. The setup is brilliant and I can see why the children had such an enriching and memorable time. Finally a big thankyou to Charlotte Rowe for supplying a beautiful 'Christmas Tree' from Waitrose with perfect height and dimensions. Some of you may remember, that last year our tree took up half of the hall before we had to re-scale it! As soon as Year 6 decorate it I will post pictures on Facebook to get us all in the Christmas spirit.

Thanks as always for your continued feedback and support,



Mr Watson

Headteacher.



Celebrating Achievement's

Autumn 2

Freya Sparks – Tennis player of the term
Henry Deem – Swimming Stage 4, Distance 20m
Henry Slee – Reading Blue Peter Badge
Reuben Rowe-King – Swimming Stage 1

Alex Bamford - Jujitsu - Awarded Grey Tab on Belt

Rupert Rowe – Swimming Stage 4
Beatrice Rowe – Swimming stage 2

A huge well done to Maddie Darby and Isaac Huntley for representing the school at the recent cross country event.

Enrichment clubs

<u>Days</u>		<u>Lunch time</u>		<u>After school</u>
Monday		Craft club RH		
Tuesday		Chess club MW		Gym club MW/TA
Wednesday		Computing club ST		Forest School club TA & KH
Thursday		Library NT		Choir club HB
Friday				

KS2 Christmas Singers wanted!

Come along to our Christmas Choir Club for some festive singing and 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree'!

Every Thursday at 3.30pm until 4.30pm

We will be performing at the Christmas Carol Service as well as sharing our Christmas melodies with members of the community.

Thankyou

Mrs Berry



Reminders

Please may all parents check their children's belongs are labelled, this includes:

- **School uniforms**
- **Jumpers**
- **Water Bottles**
- **P.E clothing and daps**
- **P.E Bags**
- **Coats**
- **Book Bags**
- **Hats**
- **Gloves**
- **Scarves**
- **Forest School Clothing**
- **Socks**

This will avoid uniforms being lost or the wrong uniform being sent home.

Thankyou.



Matt Watson
Head Teacher

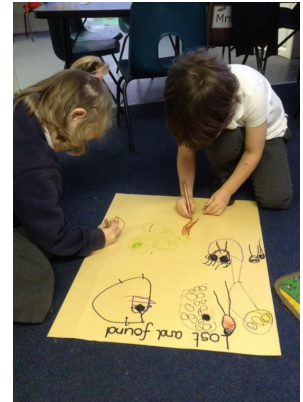


Classroom Catch-up



Hedgehog Class

What a great time we are having this half term. We have been learning all about Antarctica, we have written our own stories based on our book this term 'Lost and found' by Oliver Jeffers. We have learnt about Scott of the Antarctic. We have found out facts about penguins and enjoyed making Polar scenes from white playdough.



Squirrel Class

Over the past couple of weeks, Squirrel Class have been working hard on their Fact Files about Sutton Hoo burial site. The children have been using a range of resources to find out fact about the site, the ship and the artefacts that were buried there. They have become wonderful historians.

I would like to say a huge well done to all the children in Squirrel Class for their excellent behaviour and attitude towards their tests. You should all be incredibly proud of yourselves for the effort and resilience you have shown.

Finally, I would like to praise the children for their learning in Outdoor Education with Mrs Archer. The children have been working together well as a team and have created some wonderful woodland creatures out of clay and natural resources. Mrs Archer has noticed how well each and every child in the class is focused and showing a real interest in this wonderful topic. Well done.



Badger Class

Last week, Badger Class enjoyed a fantastic week away at Kilve Court; an amazing location close to the beautiful coastline and Quantock Hills.

The children were kept extremely busy the entire time, with activities including high ropes, low ropes, rifle shooting, team-building, archery, climbing, walking, jumbles, a beach visit, abseiling and the infamous stream/mud walk.

Evening activities included a quiz, circus skills, a night walk and a disco! Mrs Hopkins and Mrs Tildesley enjoyed judging the talent show and also choosing our dancing king and queen!

We all had a brilliant time! The children were a credit to our school, showing good behaviour, courtesy and respect at all times. Thank you to all the staff who made this trip possible

Badger Class Kilve Court Trip Photos



Celebration Catch-up

Head teacher certificates

Hedgehog Class: Eliza Lloyd - Excellent Maths
Henry Slee - Great Penguin Facts

Squirrel Class: Felix Foxwell

Badger Class: Phoebe Wharfe for excellent motivation and participation at Kilve Court.

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

Blackdowns	762
Brendons	684
Mendips	605
Quantocks	682

PTA Catch-up



Churchstanton Primary PTA
working on behalf of the school

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We need a new chair

It could be you!

*Do you have the drive and enthusiasm to be our
next PTA chair?
If so, get in touch*

Churchstanton Primary School

CHRISTMAS

Raffle

Get your tickets now!!

Tickets available from School, The Village Shop & The York Inn

£1 per ticket (£5 per strip)
Look out for our magically amazing prizes!

Draw Monday 11th December
at 7pm, The York Inn

Arc
INSPIRING LIVES

Could you be a
**VOLUNTEER
BUDDY?**

Arc offers supported accommodation to homeless people in Taunton and Bridgwater, where they can be inspired and empowered by their own strengths.

ARE YOU:

Patient, approachable, a good listener, and non-judgemental?

Capable of building a friendly and appropriate relationship with someone who may be vulnerable?

Willing to spend an hour or two per week out and about with an adult living in temporary accommodation?

Then we'd love to hear from you!

Contact Christine: clehegarat@arcinspire.co.uk or 07395 886595

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Halloween Disco Photos

Children In Need

Well done to everyone who donated as a school we have raised £ **56.05** for Children In Need!





CHARITY CHRISTMAS MARKET

SUNDAY 3RD DECEMBER

Festive food, arts and crafts and festive gift ideas!

11AM - 3PM, FREE ENTRY

In aid of under privileged Cambodian families

events@queenscollege.org.uk




SOMERSET TENNIS

TENNIS FESTIVAL

SUNDAY 3 DEC 2023, 2-4PM

INDOORS AT TAUNTON TENNIS CENTRE

FOR CHILDREN BORN IN 2016/17/18 WITH
AN INTEREST IN TENNIS!

-  FREE TO ATTEND!
-  EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
-  RUN BY QUALIFIED COACHES
-  NO PRIOR EXPERIENCE
REQUIRED
-  REGISTRATION REQUIRED

SCAN THE QR CODE ON YOUR
MOBILE FOR FURTHER INFO



FREE



Diary Catch-up

Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

November:

- 22nd November—Newsletter/
Catch up
- 23rd November - School open
Morning
- 24th November - Squirrel class
cake sale afterschool

December:

- 1st December -Badger class cel-
ebration of learning 2:30-3pm
Families welcome
- 5th December - KS1 Nativity 2pm
School hall – **2 Adults per family
due to hall capacity**
- 11th Xmas raffle draw 7pm at The
York pub
- 13th December - Newsletter/
Catch up
- 14th December - Carol service
2pm
- 15th December - Last Day Of
Term/ Xmas lunch and visit from
Santa
- **15th Dec - NO ETC CLUBS**

January 2024:

- 1st January - Bank Holiday
- 2nd January - Inset Day
- 3rd January - Return to School
- 22nd January - Road safety As-
sembly

February 2024

- 9th February - Last day of term
- 19th February - Inset Day
- 20th February - Return to School
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2023-2024 Term Dates and Inset Days



Somerset School Terms and Holidays 2023/2024 Academic Year

September 2023						October 2023						November 2023								
M			4	11	18	25	Mo		2	9	16	23	30	M			6	13	20	27
T			5	12	19	26	Tu		3	10	17	24	31	T			7	14	21	28
W			6	13	20	27	We		4	11	18	25		W		1	8	15	22	29
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		5	12	19	26		Th		2	9	16	23	30
F		1	8	15	22	29	Fr		6	13	20	27		F		3	10	17	24	
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		7	14	21	28		S		4	11	18	25	
Su		3	10	17	24		Su	1	8	15	22	29		S		5	12	19	26	
December 2023						January 2024						February 2024								
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			6	13	20	27
W			6	13	20	27	W		3	10	17	24	31	W			7	14	21	28
Th			7	14	21	28	Th		4	11	18	25		Th		1	8	15	22	29
F		1	8	15	22	29	F		5	12	19	26		F		2	9	16	23	
Sa		2	9	16	23	30	Sa		6	13	20	27		Sa		3	10	17	24	
Su		3	10	17	24	31	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25	
March 2024						April 2024						May 2024								
M			4	11	18	25	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			6	13	20	27
Tu			5	12	19	26	Tu		2	9	16	23	30	Tu			7	14	21	28
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June 2024						July 2024						August 2024								
M			3	10	17	24	M		1	8	15	22	29	M			5	12	19	26
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Su		2	9	16	23	30	Su		7	14	21	28		Su		4	11	18	25	

Key:	
	School Holiday
	Bank Holiday
	Term Time
	Inset Days

Term dates summary:	
Term 1: 06 September – 20 October 2023 (33 days)	
Term 2: 30 October – 15 December 2023 (35 days)	
Term 3: 03 January – 9 February 2024 (28 days)	
Term 4: 20 February – 28 March 2024 (28 days)	
Term 5: 15 April – 23 May 2024 (28 days)	
Term 6: 03 June – 24 July 2024 (38 days)	TOTAL = 190

Bank and public holidays 2023/24			
Christmas Day	25 December 2023	Easter Monday	01 April 2024
Boxing Day	26 December 2023	May Day Bank Holiday	06 May 2024
New Year's Day	01 January 2024	Spring Bank Holiday	27 May 2024
Good Friday	29 March 2024	Summer Bank Holiday	26 August 2024

Academy, Free Schools, Foundation & Voluntary Aided schools can set their own term dates and may differ from ours. Please check with the individual schools for their term dates.