



Churchstanton Catch-up

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to school life and thank you for making me feel so comfortable in my new surroundings. All the children have settled in beautifully and enjoying their new routines and subject theme Healthy Futures. In addition when walking around the school it is great to see the children catching up and confidently embracing the exciting challenges of joining a new year group and in some cases a change of classroom.

Last week was a fantastic inception to school life and as a new Head teacher I feel privileged to be leading in such a wonderful and vibrant school with such incredible pupils and staff. During last week as we know Queen Elizabeth II passed away. To signify this event, we had a one minute silence in the playground led by Mrs K Holt and for each decade The Queen had reigned, June Richards rung the school bell. During this tribute the children behaved in an exemplary manner.

Recently we had also received a letter from the Lady-in -Waiting, Annabel Whitehead thanking all Churchstanton pupils for their letters during the Platinum Jubilee, which was a fitting reflection of their hard work and pertinent to the current situation. It also marked a testament of The Queen's dedicated link with people and communities such as ours in the past. We celebrated her significance through our awards assembly and the children were delighted with The Queen's letter and response. During the mourning period we have invited children at their own discretion to view our school dedication (in the school hall) as pictured below.



Again thank you for being so welcoming and supportive in my first two weeks and I look forward to meeting and getting to know more of you as the term proceeds.

Have a fantastic weekend,

Mr M Watson

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/adverts and reminders:



FULL TIME 1:1TEACHING ASSISTANT JOB DESCRIPTION

Churchstanton Primary School is an inclusive school where all children are supported to achieve their full potential.

We are looking for a dedicated Teaching Assistant to join our successful team, working 1 to 1 with a KS2 child.

This full time post will start on 3rd October with induction and handover days taking place before the start date if possible.

Post: 1:1 SEN Teaching Assistant **Responsible to:** the Head teacher

Salary Scale: Salary Scale: TA Grade 15 / Point 4 - £9.98 per hour (£19,264 pro rata) MDSA Grade 17/ Point 1 £9.50 per hour (£18,333)

Hours:30 hours per week (8.30am - 3.15pm) This includes lunch duties of 2.5 hours per week

This job description describes in general terms the normal duties which the post-holder will be expected to undertake.

However, the job or duties described may vary or be amended from time to time without changing the level of responsibility associated with the post.

We are looking for someone who will:

- Work 1:1 with a child with SEN, supporting their learning and general physical development
- Undertake general duties as directed by the Headteacher, SENDCO and class teacher to support the aims and ethos of Churchstanton Primary School
- Have some experience, or prior knowledge, of supporting children with additional needs
- Have some experience of the EYFS curriculum and be knowledgeable in how to support the development of young children.
- Be creative in approach and provide opportunities to develop children's learning.
- Be willing (subject to training) to provide intimate care, manual handling and first aid.
- Work with other professionals, such as speech therapists and occupational therapists, as necessary.
- Be a team player and flexible in approach.
- **In return we can offer:**
 - A unique and rural working environment
 - A commitment to continuing professional development
 - A supportive and committed head teacher, governing body and staff
 - Churchstanton Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children; this commitment is reflected in our recruitment process. The successful candidate will be subject to enhanced DBS disclosure and disqualification by association and will require suitable professional references. Closing date for applications and short listing: 23/09/22 Interview: 28/09/22
- Visits to the school are warmly welcomed and encouraged so please call on **01823 601354**.
- Please request or return completed application forms marked '**Private & Confidential**' to Mr M Watson by post or by email: school.office@churchstantonps.co.uk

Celebration Catch-up

Attendance

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

Hedgehog Class!

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



Classroom Catch-up

Hedgehog Class

The children have settled back into Hedgehog class brilliantly ready for the year ahead.

Our new reception have joined us with enthusiasm and smiles. They have been very busy learning their phonics and numbers.

To introduce our new book 'Five Bears' by Catherine Rayner we went on a bear hunt and found Five bears in our forest. We then investigated where they came from.

In Art we have been experimenting mixing primary colours to make secondary and tertiary colours. We looked at the paintings of Mark Rothko and how he used colours for his 'Colour Field' paintings.



Squirrel Class

I would like to say welcome to the new Year 3's and welcome back to the new Year 4's. All the children are settling in well into the class and are enjoying our learning around Ancient Egypt. So far, we have been learning facts about Tutankhamun's tomb that we will be using to create our narrative stories. We have also been looking at Ancient Egyptian pottery, designing our own patterns and beginning to plan the shapes of our pots that we will be creating at the end of our project.

Thank you, Squirrels, for a very successful and focused start to our term.

Badger Class

Since returning to school last week, our new Badger Class have made an excellent start. We have introduced our new topic 'Healthy Futures' and they began by writing a letter to their future selves. In

Science they have started to learn about the human body and how the circulatory system works by becoming the blood cells which are pumped around the body. We have also begun finding out about the Anglo-Saxons and where they came from. We are looking forward to lots of exciting learning opportunities this term.





Churchstanton Primary PTA



working on behalf of the school

The PTA has lots of exciting events and fundraising planned, we have also committed to funding lots of enrichment for the new academic year.

Everyone linked to the school is automatically a member of the PTA, but we are very much in need of active members. Come find out all about it at our AGM on **Monday 26th September 7pm** (see poster for details). Please let us know if you can make it, or if you can't but still want to be involved.

Our first event will be the always awesome Halloween disco, at school on **Friday 4th November**.

KS1 3.30-4.30

KS2 4.45-5.45

Further details available soon.

Dates for diaries:

-Monday 26th September:

7pm- AGM

-Friday 4th November:

Halloween disco

-Saturday 26th November:

PTA Kitchen at Churchinford village hall
craft fayre.

Your PTA officers are:

Chair: Becca Granger

Vice Chair: Rosie James

Treasurer: Amy Day

Secretary: Laura Bamford

Grants: Rachel Darby

Contact us via Facebook page or email:

Churchstantonschoolpta@hotmail.com

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Annual General Meeting

EVERYONE IS WELCOME

Stay informed and get involved.

Lots of events & fundraising is planned for this school year
all for the enrichment of our children!

Come along & hear all about it, bring your ideas & have your say

The York Inn, Skittle Alley
Monday 26th September 7pm start



Parentkind
Member Association

Diary Catch-up

Dates for your Diary: (Subject to change)

SEPTEMBER 2022

21st – Squirrel Sports Festival at Castle School
09:30-12:00

Curriculum evening for parents to attend:

KS1 5:30pm-6pm

KS2 6pm-6:30pm

OCTOBER 2022

5th to 7th – Badger Class Okehampton Trip

13th - Harvest Celebration (Pupils only)

Please bring food bank donations prior to the event.

All food donations will go to the Taunton Food Bank. Here is a link to the type of donations they receive [What's in a food parcel? | Taunton Foodbank](#)

24th to 28th - School Holiday

NOVEMBER 2022

4th – Halloween Disco

21st - Tempest photography, individual photos

December 2022

6th Nativity Date 2pm KS1

16th Carol Service 2pm Churchstanton Church of St Peter and St.Paul