

## **NEWSLETTER**



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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
9 - 13 Jan	After-school Sports - Year R, 1 & 2	Choir 3.30-4.15pm		LAMDA club after school	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
16 - 20 Jan	After-school Sports - Year R, 1 & 2	Choir 3.30-4.15pm		LAMDA club after school	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

#### **Key Dates**

20 February Dogs Trust visit 23-26 January Bikeability Year 5 & 6 Welly Day 24 February 7 February KS1 Dance morning 2 March World Book Day 10 February Last day of term Last day of term 31 March Back to school 20 February



Dear Everyone,

A very happy new year and a warm welcome back to all of our children and families. We have had a very positive start to the new term. This is such a lovely school and I am really enjoying being back in the Headteacher role. It feels like coming home.

#### Communication

The school newsletter is currently fortnightly, but in addition to this, I will be writing to you weekly from now on to keep you updated.

#### **Teamwork**

One of our school/Trust values is 'Teamwork' and this week I discussed with all the children about having school teams. We are going to have seven teams comprising of children from Reception to Year 6. The children will be given 'team points' for good work/behaviour etc and each week the points will be added up and the winning team announced in Celebration assembly. At the end of each half term, the team who has earned the most points will receive a reward.

The children were asked for ideas on team names and after lots of excellent suggestions and a whole school vote, the teams are based on types of pet. We therefore now have the following school teams: Dogs, Cats, Hamsters, Rabbits, Guinea-Pigs, Fish and Tortoises. Your child has been told today what team they are in.

#### **Celebration Assembly**

Celebration Assembly will now take place on Friday afternoons at 2.45pm starting this week. All parents, carers and grandparents are welcome to attend. If you would like to celebrate with us, please come to the front door for 2.40pm.

#### **Year 6 Residential**

I have booked a residential trip for the Year 6 children and details will be sent out next week. The dates for this are the  $5^{th}$  to the  $7^{th}$  of June.

#### School improvement priorities this half term:

- Continuing to improve writing
- Improving teaching and learning in maths- especially times tables
- Monitoring the teaching and learning of Computing

Thankyou so much to everyone for the warm welcome and for your support and I hope you all have a great weekend.

Best wishes,

S. Healey

Sarah Healey



#### **Cubs & Tigers**

It was lovely to welcome back the nursery children who were bubbling over with excitement to tell us their exciting news about their Christmas.

This half term we will be exploring the winter season, experimenting with melting ice and making melted snowman pictures. The story for our 'Once Upon a Time' corner will be Cinderella.



#### **Lions**

We have been delighted to welcome the children back and wish everyone a happy new year.

We were so proud of the Lions performance at the Christmas play last term. They were amazing and performed with such enthusiasm and confidence.

Our topic for this half-term is called 'Long Ago.' We will be exploring events from the children's immediate past. The children will be creating their own class timeline for the year which will include pictures of the events which have taken place since they started school in September. We will also dive deeper into the past and explore what life was like for our grandparents at school and compare homes in the past to those we live in now. In particular we will explore castles and how they differ from the homes we live in today.

#### **Hedgehogs**

Welcome back to the Spring term! A huge thank you to those of you who found the time to continue reading over the holidays, your children are continuing to make great progress! This term we will continue our focus on phonics and reading and will be building fluency and checking that children are understanding what they are reading. In English we will be enjoying lots of good books and using these as a basis for our writing. We will be focusing on capital letters in the right places, finger spaces and full stops! Maths this term sees us looking at numbers between 10-20 and learning about Place Value so that we know how many tens and ones are in a number.

In other subjects we start with a Geography focus learning about the world around us, looking at big cities and their features. We will learn about physical and human features. In Science we are learning about the seasons and why we have them. In PSHE we will be thinking about all the ways we can keep ourselves safe and happy. Art will be learning about using different types of lines for printing.

Please encourage your children to practice their spellings on Spelling Frame and to practice their maths skills on Mathletics and <a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button</a> and as always, please keep reading!!

#### **Barn Owls**

Happy New Year from Barn Owls. Barn Owls have loved starting our new topic "Rocks, Relics & Rumbles". We have lots of new questions about rocks that we are looking forward to researching. Everyone is very excited about testing rocks and learning all of the new vocabulary. In English we have been learning about fairy stories and we have been researching the kind of language that is used within these stories. In Maths we have been learning about multiplication and division. We are becoming multiplication fact wizards!

#### **Bumblebees**

Happy New Year from Bumblebees!

We have started the year as we mean to go on, diving into our exciting new topic: Misty Mountain, Winding River where we have learnt lots of new words like meander, eroding, silt and river delta. We have dipped our toe into some landscape artwork inspired by rivers and we have begun our new English sequence on Paddington Goes to Town. Please encourage your children to watch and read Paddington stories to help us gather ideas and understand characters for our writing!

#### **Squirrels**

Year 5 have started the Spring Term with great enthusiasm and positivity. On the first day back, they were very keen to learn all about World Braille Day. They learnt about the origins of braille, the development of it over the years and even tried to write using the special patterns for each letter. They also generated many questions that over the next few weeks we will endeavour to answer by researching more about the eye and how it works, guide dogs and how blind people are supported with their lives.

In RE we have started learning all about the Hindu festival of Holi. This will link very nicely to the work in Art about colours.

On Thursday, Year 5 held a trial for Anne Boleyn to see if she was guilty. Children took on the roles of Anne Boleyn, Henry VIII, defence or prosecution. Each team had to present their evidence to the judge (thank you to Ms G!), summarise their information in an opening statement and persuade the judge in the closing statement. The judge found Anne Boleyn not guilty, despite what happened at the original trial! On Friday, we will start looking at our new Topic of 'Sow, Grow and Farm' which the children are very excited about.

#### **Foxes & Otters**

Happy New Year to all the Year 6 families, and thank you for your kind messages, cards and gifts at Christmas-time. We have begun the term well and are finishing off our "Frozen Kingdoms" topic; in English the children are writing their own extended story, set in the Arctic circle, using their knowledge of Polar day and Polar Night within the story-setting, and showcasing much of their grammar, punctuation and selling skills within their narrative.

In Maths we have begun our learning on algebra. Although the children were quite worried about the concept of learning algebra (as they have never done it before!) they have really impressed me on how quickly they grasped it and are really enjoying it!

Year 6 will be beginning a new science topic next week, exploring Light and its properties. In Music we will be creating a musical glossary after exploring a wide variety of musical pieces and styles from different times and places.

Just a quick reminder — children are expected to read every night for at least twenty minutes, and should fill in their home school reading record; we are grateful if you could keep an eye that this is being done. Homework continues to be set on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday at the latest, as it is then checked and followed up in lessons. Thank you for your ongoing support with this.



#### **PTA Annual General Meeting**

Our PTA Annual General Meeting will take place in January; date to be confirmed. All parents, teachers and families are encouraged to attend to discuss how the PTA supports our School, and to give your ideas and feedback on our plans for the year. We're delighted to welcome Kim Keenor as our new Treasurer, and we're also looking to recruit a Secretary (if you'd like to know more about what this role entails please email us on chulmleighpta@gmail.com).



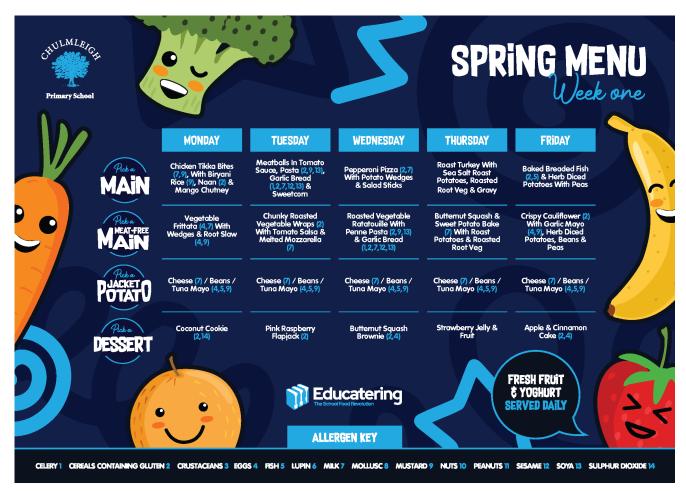
Our Chair, Amanda, also needs to stand down in the late Spring so if you'd be interested in playing a leading role in how the PTA develops and progresses please

also contact us on the email above. There's always lots of support and help available from existing Committee members and Amanda will stay on the Committee as a Deputy to help the new Chair settle in. We look forward to hearing from you and chatting soon.

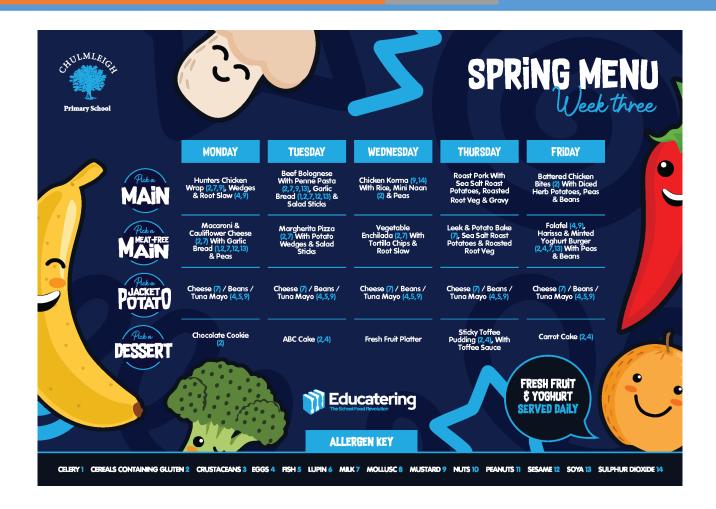


We currently provide free milk every day to all children in Nursery, Key Stage 1 and those on Free School Meals. If your child isn't eligible for free milk, but you would like them to receive it, you can register online and pay per term. Please visit www.coolmilk.com for more details

We are delighted to share our new menus with you! Meals are available to order on MyEd, and you can order up until the night before the meal is required.







### **EXTRA-CURRICULAR & ENRICHMENT**



Tuesday after school, 3.30-4.15pm Choir with Mrs Jackson Open to Years R - 6



Mondays - EYFS & KS1 Multi-sports after school



Tuesday lunchtimes: Digital Leaders with Mrs Evans



Thursday lunchtimes: Lego and Colouring club with Mrs Niejadlik

#### CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST

#### School Terms and Holiday Dates - 2022/2023 Academic Year

		Sep	tem	ber			October						No	vem	ber		December						January						February				
College Week		1	2	1	2	1	2	1				2	1	2	1	2		1	2				1	2	1	2	1			2		1	2
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Tuesday		6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	29		6	13	20	27		3	10	17	24	31			7	14	21	28
Wednesday		7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		1	2	9	16	23	30		7	14	21	28		4	11	18	25			1	8	15	22	
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Bank Holidays

26 December 2022

27 December 2022 02 January 2023 07 April 2023 (Good Friday)

10 April 2023 (Easter Monday) 01 May 2023 (May Day) 29 May 2023 (Spring Bank Holiday)

28 August 2023 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days

Five days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

Occasional Holidays

Two days selected from within the term dates to be determined by the Board of Directors

## Chulmleigh Primary PTA Needs You....!

We're all about Friendship, having Fun and getting Involved to make School Days the BEST EVER for all our children.....but we need more Volunteers to make it happen.

If you would like to find out more, please pop us an email on <a href="mailto:chulmleighpta@gmail.com">chulmleighpta@gmail.com</a> or come and have a chat at the Open Afternoon <sup>(2)</sup> We look forward to seeing you!



Don't forget, the PTA is registered on 'Amazon Smile' and it's a great way of fundraising for the school at NO COST to you!

All you need to do is go to Smile.Amazon.co.uk and login to your Amazon account.

Then go to the top left-hand menu, select Help & Settings, Your Amazon Smile, in the 'search for a charity' box put Chulmleigh Primary School PTA and we're there. Click on us to set as your charity then everything you buy will yield a donation to the School!

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# Chulmleigh Primary School

Out of School Club



Registration Fee (per family) £10

Morning Session: 8am-9am - £4

Afternoon Session:

3.30-4.30pm - £4; 3.30-5pm - £6;

3.30-5.30pm - £8; 3.30-6pm - £10;

After 6pm charge - £15

Tax-free childcare!
You can get 20%
off childcare costs.
See below for
details!

#### Our Out of School Club can take Childcare Vouchers

Check if you're eligible for tax-free childcare! The Government-backed Tax-Free Childcare scheme essentially gives eligible families 20% off childcare costs. You open an online Tax-Free Childcare account and the Government adds 20p for every 80p you pay in. You then pay your childcare provider from that account.

New Childcare Voucher users: Parents can check if they are eligible, and apply for an account by going to: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare">www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare</a>

Existing users may already be signed up and we also accept:

Computershare Voucher Services:

https://mvaccount.computersharevoucherservices.com/Login/Login.aspx

Existing account holders only, as the Government closed the Childcare Vouchers scheme to new entrants on the 4th October 2018.

**Or Edenred Childcare Vouchers** 

https://www.mychildcarevouchers.co.uk/DSV/Login.aspx

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If you are interested in signing up for the OOSC, please contact your School
Administrator for a registration form. All bookings are pre-paid via the MyEd App.







## Should I keep my

# child off school?



#### Until...

Chickenpox	at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over
Diarrhoea and Vomiting	48 hours after their last episode
Cold and Flu-like Illness (Including COVID-19)	they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19.
Impetigo	their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics
Measles	4 days after the rash first appeared
Mumps	5 days after the swelling started
Scables	they've had their first treatment
Scarlet Fever	24 hours after they started taking antibiotics
Whooping Cough	48 hours after they started taking antibiotics



## but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

Hand, foot and mouth	Glandular fever
Head lice	Tonsillitis
Threadworms	Slapped cheek





#### Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit https://qrco.de/minfec.



#### **Teacher Training**

Training to teach as a mother of young twins has been challenging but equally as rewarding (and advantageous as the skills required for both jobs often overlap!). Exeter Consortium have really supported me in managing my workload to fit around family life, as well as the unpredictable situations that come with the job of being a parent.

Mikaela, recent trainee, Exeter Consortium Schools' Alliance

Have you ever thought of training to become a **Primary School Teacher**? We work with <u>Exeter Consortium Schools Alliance</u> who deliver a high-quality school-based route into teaching. For more information, please read on... We are proud to work with Exeter Consortium, a not-for-profit organisation which, alongside delivering professional development courses for schools, also provides routes into teaching. Their School Direct courses allow prospective teachers to learn through experience within two primary schools over a year, whilst also studying to gain a PGCE delivered by Bath Spa University, recognised as Outstanding in ITT. To provide teacher training, Exeter Consortium also partners with <u>South West Teacher Training</u>, one of the largest SCITTs in the Southwest. SWTT was judged to be good in all areas by Ofsted in May 2021, under a tough new framework. Exeter Consortium partners with over 70 schools throughout Devon to deliver two routes into teaching. Here are the main benefits of training in this way:

You will become a teacher in 10 months!

The programmes are carefully planned so that the content is manageable – even for career changers with little school experience

Learn first-hand from being immersed in school life working alongside an experienced mentor – you will be part of the team from day 1

Attend training sessions delivered by senior leaders and experienced current practitioners from local schools – building a network of support

Choice of two primary programmes, including one (3-7) with placements only in EYFS and KS1

Exeter Consortium will work hard to place you in schools which suit your needs and will consider aspects such as childcare commitments

Excellent employment prospects within fantastic schools like ours!

As a school who is keen to support the next cohort of dedicated, well-prepared teachers, we regularly host trainees. If you have ever thought about training to be a teacher, and would like to find out more about doing so via Exeter Consortium's supportive and personalised routes, you can find out more at <a href="https://www.exeterconsortium.com/trainto-teach.html">https://www.exeterconsortium.com/trainto-teach.html</a> or contact ITT@exeterconsortium.com