

# NEWSLETTER



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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
6 - 10 Feb	After-school Sports - Year R, 1 & 2	KS1 Dance morning PTA AGM 3.45pm Choir 3.30-4.15pm	Valentines Baking Competition Year 6 Proposal Parents Meeting 4.00pm	Year 5 local walk Year 2 Assembly 2.45pm LAMDA club after school	Last day of term Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
20 - 24 Feb	First day of term Dog Trust visit KS2	Choir 3.30-4.15pm	Dog Trust visit KS1	LAMDA club after school	'Wear your Wellies' Day Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

#### **Key Dates**

Tues 7<sup>th</sup> Feb

at 3.45

27 February	GCHQ Workshop - Year 4 & 5
1 March	Author visit - Anne Parsons
2 March	World Book Day
3 March	Visit from The Bookery

PTA AGM

**Primary School** 

Parents & Teachers Association

Please come along and give us your

views on how we support the School

31 March

At the

School

Supervised space available for

the children during the meeting

Last day of term

Please come along and support your PTA at the AGM tomorrow. We are still hoping to have some nominations for a new Chair and Secretary. These roles are really rewarding and allow the PTA to greatly enhance the educational opportunities for all our children.

The current Chair will step down at the end of this term; without someone to step into the role the PTA will not be able to function legally in accordance with Charities Commission rules. The current Chair will stay on as a deputy for the Summer Term to help the new Chair settle in, so whoever fills this role will have lots of help and guidance. If you think you could offer this hugely valuable support to the School by undertaking either the role of Chair or Secretary then please email us on chulmleighpta@gmail.com. Thank you. Dear Everyone,

Thankyou once again for all your support during this period of being, 'in between heads of school'. Mr Evely is coming to spend a second day with us on Friday 9th February and will be on the gate in the morning and afternoon, if you would like to meet him.

#### Attendance

Thank you so much to all the parents who are trying so hard to get their children in to school regularly. Attendance continues to be an area we are trying to improve. The target for attendance (set by the government) is 96% and we are currently below this. During the latest week we have data for (week commencing the 16th January, the national rate was 94.9% and at Chulmleigh Primary school it was 90%.

Attendance for each year group was:

Reception: 97.1% Year 1: 95.8% Year 2: 88.6% Year 3: 88.8% Year 4: 84% Year 5: 92.8% Year 6: 90%

Well done to Reception!

#### Lateness

Please can I politely remind parents that children should be in school and ready to learn at 9.00am (and not still arriving). If children are in school after the registers are taken, this will affect their absence rates. It is also very disruptive to classes when children arrive late.

#### Appointments

Please can parents send Abby proof of dentist/doctor appointments. Several children are losing valuable learning time by having appointments during the school day. We understand how difficult it can be to get appointments, but if you could send us a screenshot of the text confirming appointments that would be most helpful.

#### School improvement

This half term, we are continuing with our focus on writing. Miss Davis and I had a look at children's books this week, and it was great to see how the standard of writing is improving across the school.

We are also looking at how to improve the children's knowledge (and speed of recall) of the times tables facts. By the end of Year 4, all children should know all of their times-tables up to and including 12 x 12. This is definitely something that parents/grandparents etc can help with.

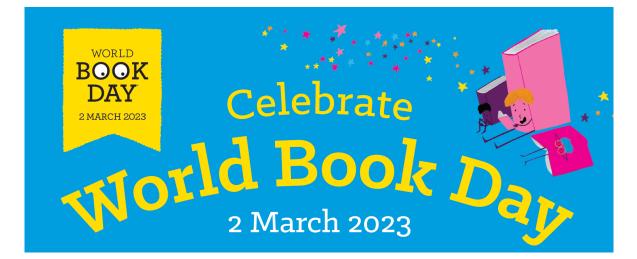
#### Staffing

Sadly, Mrs Walsh has resigned and will be leaving us after February half-term. She has worked as a TA at the school for many years and will be missed. Everyone wishes her all the very best for the future. Miss Cummins also remains absent at this time, and Mrs Niejadlik is working really hard to cover some of the outstanding SEND work. Thank you all for your patience and understanding at this time.

With best wishes

S. Healey

Sarah Healey



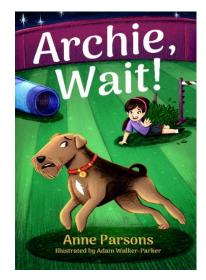
#### Anne Parsons, local author, will be visiting our school on 1<sup>st</sup> March. Anne will be sharing the story of *Archie, Wait!* with our classes and will be offering the chance of buying a signed copy of her book with a dedication.

In this second book, Archie continues to have many adventures, and is still learning about life the hard way. Competition is fierce at his agility class as he and his friends wonder if they will make it into the top team for the regional competition. Archie even has a rival for his place in the jumping class, as his new-found cousin, Sophie, is just as talented as he is!

When out on one of their training runs, Archie and Louise meet Betty and George – an encounter which will change George's life. On another training run there is a chance meeting of a completely different kind, which is nearly catastrophic for Archie's ambitions.

Will Archie make the grade and take part in the competitions? Will he be able to beat his old rival in the jumping class, and how good is Sophie, really? Archie gets a surprise when his birth dad, Harry, appears at the regional event. Then an unexpected challenge presents itself; can Archie rise to the occasion?

Never fear, Archie will try his best, showing his true passion once again! Surely, he will be the new regional champion for the South West!



#### Price - £6.00 (normal RRP £7.99) and for every book sold £1.00 will be donated to school funds.

Bring your cash in a sealed & named envelope to Abby in the office by 28th February, or purchase direct from the author after school!



We are also pleased to welcome back The Bookery, the bookshop in Crediton, to our school on Friday 3rd March, the day after World Book Day. They will be bringing their Top Titles for 2023 to share with the children, reading extracts and introducing them to new authors. They will then hold a bookfair, with all of the titles discounted for the event: £6 for one book or £10 for two. Please send cash in an envelope with your child's name on it. They will also be bringing their set of ten 'Super Readables' – books which are shorter and dyslexia friendly but still with good storylines. These books have been increasingly popular with many year 5s and 6s.



#### Valentine-themed Bake Competition and Cake Sale

The School Council and PTA would like to invite you to take part in a Valentine-themed baking competition. We would like children to bake and decorate cakes, sponges, <u>cupcakes</u> or biscuits, whatever you prefer, with a Valentine's theme.

The cakes from each class will be **judged by the PTA on the morning of Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> February** and there will be a small prize for the winner from each class.

### The cakes and biscuits will then be sold at breaktime on Wednesday and after school if there are any left!

We would really like to give children the opportunity to use "real money" and would ask that they are allowed bring in small change to pay for their own cakes, which the PTA will then collect and bank for us. Prices will range from 25p for biscuits to £1 for larger slices of cake.



Please support your school council in raising funds for our school!

Thank you, The School Council and PTA

#### **Cubs & Tigers**

Look at our wonderful Winter display!

The Cubs helped to make a snowman and practised their pincer skills by scrunching tissue paper and gluing onto circle shapes.

The Tigers made glittery snow scenes during our 'Writedance' session and then practised their scissors skills by cutting out circle shapes to make a snowman.

We have had lots of fun over the term exploring our Winter topic, and even the weather produced some real snow and ice for the children to investigate and play in.

Every Tuesday we now have furry visitors spending the day in Nursery – Guinea Pigs! - and the children get to hold them and stroke them!

Next term our topic will be all about farming, healthy eating and looking for signs of Spring!



Writedance - Snowflakes



#### Lions

The lovely lions have been very busy preparing for a royal visit this week. A letter appeared in the classroom on Monday explaining that a Lord and Lady were visiting the classroom! The children were very busy making thrones for the visitors, writing questions to ask them during their visit and designing castles to show them. When the royal couple arrived, the children were very proud to show off their writing and model making. They also learnt lots about castles and why people used to live in them.

In Maths the children have been learning about 2D and 3D shapes. The children were set a challenge to make a tall Rapunzel tower using 3D shapes. They looked carefully at each of the shapes and made decisions about which shapes would be good to use at the bottom of the tower.

In Woody Wonders we have been learning about which birds we might spot during wintertime and how we can care for birds during this season. The children made bird feeders using pinecones and spent time watching and recording the birds that they spotted.

We are so proud of the children's reading. They are so enthusiastic and approach each guided reading lesson with such determination. The children especially enjoy reading to their teddies every Friday morning.

#### Hedgehogs

In year one we are continuing our learning on numbers up to 20. We have been working on adding up by counting on and by using number facts and number bonds to help us. We will soon be starting to look at subtraction.

In English we have started our new book, which follows the lives of seven children around the world, the children have been fascinated by the different ways of life. In our writing we are learning about what verbs and nouns are. We have been using adjectives to describe our nouns to make our writing more interesting. In PE we are continuing to build up our volleyball skills and improving our coordination with catching balls, both with a partner and on our own.

In Science we are learning about how the seasons affect the life around us. We have learnt about changes to trees and animals. In Geography we have looked at cities, London in particular, to see how it is different from where we live. In computing we have been using Purple Mash to write our own stories and to animate them. The children continue to work hard on their reading and are making good progress. Thank you for all your hard work and support at home.

#### **Dragonflies**

This week the children have started new topics in Maths and English. In Maths, we have started working on 'Money' - the children have done really well with counting money in pounds and pence and we will carry on with this theme until the end of the half term.

In English, we have started a unit of writing on biographies, which is linked to our history topic of 'Movers and Shakers'. The children have enjoyed finding out about historical figures from different disciplines and we are now looking at Amelia Earhart in English. Next week we will be writing a biography of Julia Donaldson so if you have any of her books at home we would love them to bring them in to share.

We have been finding out about Diwali, the Indian festival of light, in RE. The children have been on a virtual visit to a Hindu temple and read the story of Rama and Sita. The highlight for the children has been making diva pots out of clay and decorating them with paint and glitter. These pots traditionally hold a candle or tea light and line the paths.

In art, the children have been looking at the work of significant still life artists and still life techniques. They have been learning about the use of colour and composition and will be creating their own still life artwork.

We look forward to seeing you at the class assembly on Thursday afternoon.

#### Barn Owls

Barn Owls have been learning about measuring and we have been using metres, centimetres and millimetres to measure things around the classroom. We have also been changing measurements into different units.

We have been researching fossils which has been fascinating! We are going to use our research to create a double page spread about fossils so this week we have been practising writing in short paragraphs and looking a how to make our information look exciting.

In Art we have also been drawing fossils and looking at how we can improve our artwork.

We were so excited to receive a letter from JK Rowling. We sent her our stories to read and she loved them!



#### **Bumblebees**

Bumblebees have been busy writing our very own Paddington stories, working hard to use our SPaG and comedy to make our readers laugh!

We have been enjoying science and exploring matter. Last week we conducted an investigation into fizzy drinks to find out which type of drink had the most carbon dioxide. Turns out it wasn't coke like we predicted, but actually lemonade! We also discovered that American cream soda isn't very nice haha!

Bumblebees have also become experts on the River Taw, knowing where it starts, travels and ends. We're super excited to begin looking at mountains next.

#### **Squirrels**

Year 5 have had a very productive week! In Literacy, we have started our new text which is a nonfiction text all about Snakes. We are looking at how the author has used grammatical features such as modal verbs, relative clauses and parenthesis. We are then hoping to write our own version of the text all about farm animals! In Maths, we have been continuing our work on Fractions, looking at how to add and subtract fractions with different denominators using our equivalent fraction knowledge. In PE, we are now applying our volleyball skills in a new context by learning how to play sit-down volleyball!

In Science year 5 have been learning all about the life cycles of mammals. They have used the correct scientific vocabulary to explain the processes and stages involved. In their science books they have demonstrated their learning through producing colourful and informative pages. (See photos).

Art was fun this week as Year 5 were learning to draw humans moving , ensuring that the proportions of the body are accurate. The outcome was some very good drawings. (See photos).

Everyone is excited about our visitor who is coming to school to talk about how they live with being blind and how they care for their guide dog. After some very sensible discussion in PSHE, year 5 are ready to meet them and talk to them next week.

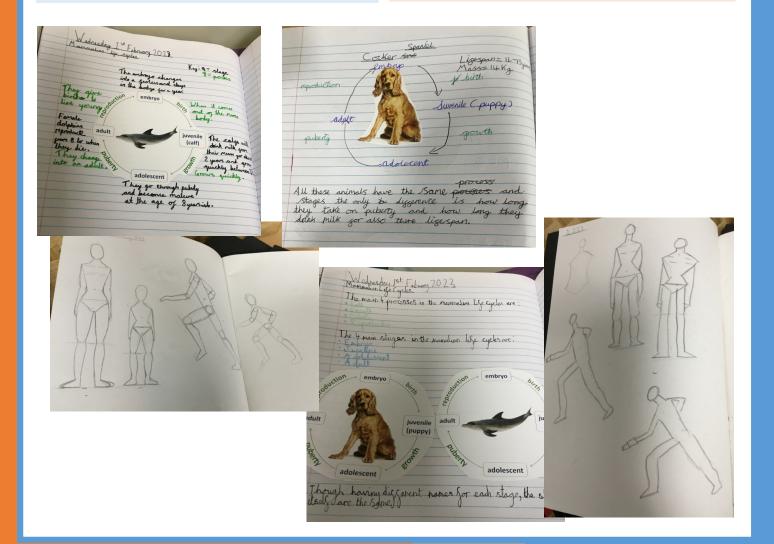
#### Foxes & Otters

We have now started our new topic 'Maafa'. We have been looking at what Africa is like today and how different it was long ago. We have begun to find out about how the Slave Trade began. This is a very hard- hitting topic, but the children (as always!) are fascinated to learn more and are very inquisitive with their questions. In English we have been studying our new book "Freedom" by Catherine Johnson which is a story based on real life events in the history of slavery.

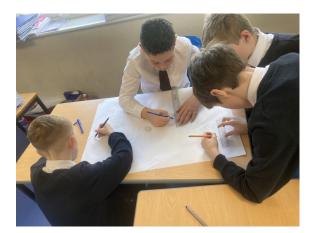
We have also started our new Science topic: Light. We had great fun experimenting with water and objects to observe how refraction works and have also made periscopes (thank you for the cardboard box donations!).

In Maths, we have just finished our unit on fractions, decimals and percentages and are now moving onto area and perimeter. In their homework, children will begin to get a sheet linking to the work in class as well as a 'mixed questions' sheet to allow them to keep practising the skills and different maths areas we have already covered.

Year 6 are enjoying taking responsibility as the new team captains, School Council, and hall monitors, and getting into the new routine and expectations. Well done, Year 6!







Year 6 Maths investigation work



#### A request to our 'bus parents'!

If your child(ren) travels by school bus or taxi, please let us know by MyEd message or by email to admin@chulmleighprimary.devon.sch.uk if the arrangements are different to usual or if they will vary throughout the coming week.

Messages in the home-school diaries can unfortunately get missed if classroom staff are absent, whereas messages online can reach various members of the Admin team even in Abby's absence.

Teachers check with their classes each morning and call out a bus register, but children can often get confused or not remember, so a message from home is essential!

Many thanks!



Help us to raise funds for the fantastic Children's Hospice South West by wearing your wellies to school on Friday 24th February! Minimum donation is £1 which can be paid via MyEd.

Thank you!

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

We're all about *Friendship*, having *Fun* and getting *Involved* to make School Days the <u>BEST EVER</u> 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 <u>chulmleighpta@gmail.com</u> or come and have a chat at the Open Afternoon <sup>(3)</sup> We look forward to seeing you!



#### Recycle Your Ink Cartridges Here and help us raise money!

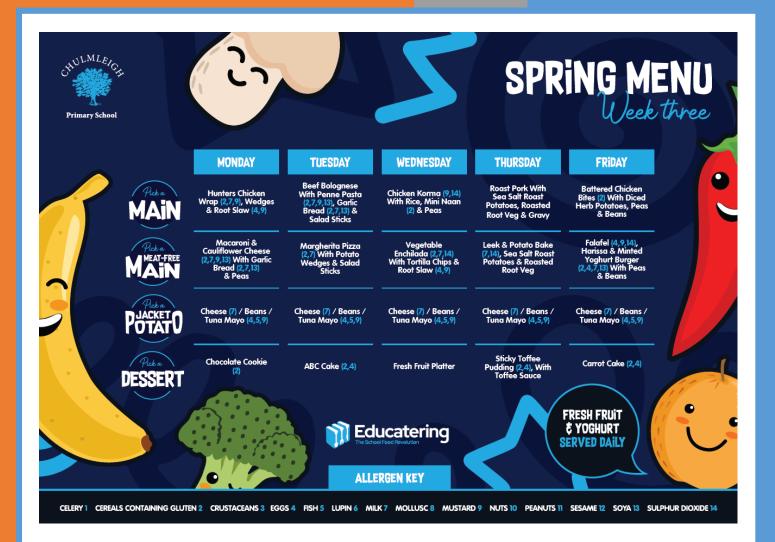
Recycle Charity

Bring in your old ink cartridges and pop them in the box just inside the front door of the school building! Such an easy way to raise funds for our lovely school! Please note, there have been some changes to allergens in the Spring menu. Please review the menus below if your child has any allergies. Meals are available to order on MyEd, and you can order up until the night before the meal is required.



CELERY 1 CEREALS CONTAINING GLUTEN 2 CRUSTACEANS 3 EGGS 4 FISH 5 LUPIN 6 MILK 7 MOLLUSC 8 MUSTARD 9 NUTS 10 PEANUTS 11 SESAME 12 SOYA 13 SULPHUR DIOXIDE 14

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•••	Picka Meat-Free Main	Cauliflower, Squash & Chickpea Curry (9,14) With Rice And Naan (2)	Mushroom Stroganoff (2,7,13,14) With Rice & Peas	Vegan Pesto Pasta (2,9,13,14) With Roasted Vegetables & Garlic Bread (2,7,13)	Cauliflower & Broccoli (7) Bake With Salt Roast Potatoes, Roasted Root Veg & Gravy	Veggie Quesadilla (2,7,9) With Herb Diced Potatoes, Peas & Beans	
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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

#### CHULMLEIGH ACADEMY TRUST

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

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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

# **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 Primary School

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="http://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/Loain/Loain.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

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

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.





UK Health Security Agency

# Should I keep my child off school?

# Yes

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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

# No

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

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



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#### Advice and guidance

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