

NEWSLETTER



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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
27 Feb - 3 March	GCHQ Workshop Years 4 & 5 R & KS1 After- School Sports 3.30-4.30pm	KS2 After-School Tennis 3.30- 4.30pm	Author visit - Anne Parsons	World Book Day LAMDA club after school	Visit from The Bookery
6 - 10 March	R & KS1 After- School Sports 3.30-4.30pm	KS1 Parents Lunch Taster Sessions 11.45- 12.30 KS2 After-School Tennis 3.30- 4.30pm		LAMDA club after school	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

Key Dates

14 March	'Bag to School' collection	1 May	Bank Holiday
17 March	Red Nose Day	8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday
20-23 March	Year 6 Mock SATs	9-12 May	Year 6 SATs
20 March	Vision Screening - Year R	15-19 May	Year 2 SATs
21 March	Year 5 Farm Visitor	26 May	Last day of term
27 March	KS2 Parents Lunch Taster	5 June	First day of term
30 March	Year 5 Parents Afternoon	5-7 June	Year 6 Residential trip
31 March	Last day of term	13 June	Year 4 & 5 River Taw Project Day 1
17 April	First day of term	27 June	Year 4 & 5 River Taw Project Day 2
25 April	Lions class trip - The Big Sheep	3-7 July	Year 5 Greek Week



A huge well done to Mila and Josa who had 'the big chop' on Saturday. Their 11 inches of hair will be donated to The Little Princess Trust who make real hair wigs for children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or other conditions.

Mila and Josa have also raised £230 for the charity. We are very proud of you both!

Dear Everyone,

It has been lovely to see everyone back after the half-term break. I hope you all had an enjoyable week.

Staffing news

We welcomed Lauren Haines and Jess Thompson to the staff team recently. Lauren is working as a TA in the Year 2 class every morning, and Jess is working as a TA across the junior classes each morning. They have both settled in really well, and it is great to have them with us.

Attendance

Our whole school attendance has risen slightly which is fantastic. Thank you so much to everyone for getting the children into school as often as possible.

Up to the 17th of February our attendance figure was 94.2% which is an increase on the previous month and slightly above the national rate of 93.5%.

For the classes the absence rates were as follows:

Reception: 99.5% (Brilliant- Lions, well done!) Year 1: 93.9%

Year 2: 92.8%

Year 3: 95.2 % (almost at 96% Well done Barn Owls) Year 4: 93.2%

Year 5: 92.6% Year 6: 93.1%

Remember, the target is 96%. Let's see if anyone can get there next time.

Head of School

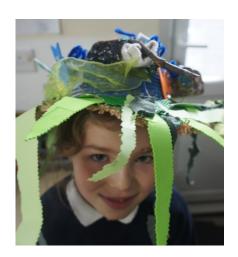
I can't believe how quickly this term is going and that I've only got five weeks left as the Interim head of school. I shall be sad to leave, but Mr Evely is so excited about starting. He is planning on another two more visits before taking over- on Tuesday the 7th of March and on Monday the 27th of March. On both of these days, we will be inviting parents in to have lunch with their children and to meet Mr Evely. Details to be sent out shortly.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

With best wishes

S. Healey

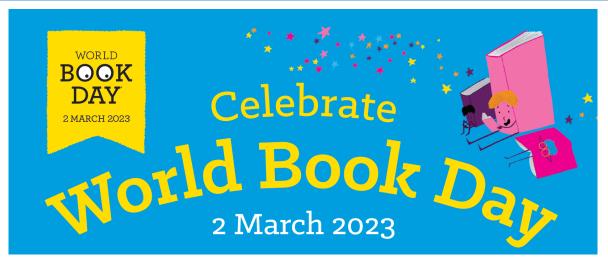
Sarah Healey







See more amazing 'seawig' hats on page 7!



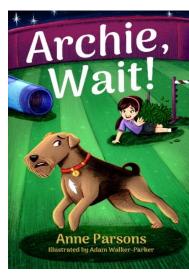
Anne Parsons, local author, will be visiting our school on 1st March. Anne will be sharing the story of *Archie, Wait!* with our classes and will be offering the chance of buying a signed copy of her book with a dedication.

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.





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Have fun reading!



Make time to read



Changing lives through a love of books and reading

World Book Day* is a charity sponsored by National Book Tokens

Allen Fatimaharan









A huge thank you to all the bakers, and their parents & carers, who entered our Valentines Baking Competition. We raised a fantastic £288.06 for the PTA!









Cubs & Tigers

Our topic this half term is all about Spring, new growth and finding out about farm life.

If you would like to share any photographs of any farming experiences, animals, etc. please post them up on Tapestry to enable us to share with all the children.

We kicked off this week with celebrating Shrove Tuesday and the children enjoyed eating delicious pancakes. They also had 'flipping fun' running in the pancake races tossing their pancakes and trying to catch them. They have made pancakes using yellow dough and pretended to mix pancake batter using custard powder!



Hedgehogs

In maths over the coming weeks we are learning about numbers up to 50. We need to be able to count and to recognise numbers up to fifty. We will also be continuing to learn about how many tens and how many ones are in each number, so 32 has three tens and two ones. In English we are writing adventure stories with a focus on a story having a beginning, middle and end. Phonics and reading remain a priority as these help us across all subjects!

In Geography we are continuing our topic Bright Lights, Big City, with a focus on London and learning about cities. In Science we are learning about day and night. PE this half term is learning to play cricket and continuing our work on throwing and catching. In PSHE we are learning about how our behaviour affects others and how we can be kind to each other. In computing we are starting to learn about pictograms.



Lions

We have had lots of pancake fun this week! We discussed how to make pancakes and why pancake day is celebrated both in England and other countries around the world. The children enjoyed designing their own perfect pancakes and then eating them! On Tuesday afternoon the children took part in pancake races with lots of cheering and laughing. We linked pancake flipping with our maths learning this week. The children recorded how many times they could flip the pancake before the sand timer ran out.

This term our topic will be 'Ready, Steady, Grow.'
The children will be learning about food and
farming and exploring where food comes from,
what plants and animals need to grow and survive and what constitutes a healthy lifestyle. We
are looking forward to our visit to the college
farm next week and will make sure we share
some pictures on the next newsletter. The children are also very excited about our trip to the
Big Sheep in April.



Dragonflies

We hope that you had a wonderful half term holiday. It has been lovely to read about the experiences and activities that the children have taken part in over the holiday. They all had something to talk about and tell us.

Thank you for supporting the children with their class assembly. It went really well and we were very proud of how the children presented themselves and all the learning that they have been doing.

This half term we have just started a unit of writing using 'Handa's Surprise' as a text. Many of the children already know the book and for those that don't, they are enjoying being introduced to the animals and some of the features of life in Africa. Later this half term we'll be looking at a village in Africa and comparing it to where we live.

In History we are looking at explorers through the ages, from Captain James Cook to Neil Armstrong! So far, we have looked at six explorers and we used Google Earth to see where their voyages took them. Next, we'll be looking in more depth at one of two of them.

In Maths we have started working on multiplication and division. We have started with talking about groups of So I have 3 groups with 4 in each group. The times table that we are focussing on this half term is the 5x table. Children will be bringing home a weekly homework task linked to the times table that we are focusing on, this is to be returned to school the following week.

In Science we will be looking at living things and their habitats. The children will explore and compare the differences between things that are living, dead, and things that have never been alive, describe how different habitats provide for the basic needs of different kinds of animals and plants, and how they depend on each other and identify and name a variety of plants and animals in their habitats, including micro-habitats. We will also learn how animals obtain their food from plants and other animals, using the idea of a simple food chain, and identify and name different sources of food.

We thank you for your continued support, particularly with reading with your child on a regular basis at home.

Best Wishes from The Year 2 Team.

Barn Owls

Barn Owls have been extremely busy over half term making "Seawig hats". We have been reading "Oliver And The Seawigs" and are just about to start a unit of writing all about it. We are going to be writing sentences about the hats starting with prepositions and looking at how paragraphs are used. Take a look at our hats on the next page!

In Maths, we have just started our new unit on Fractions and are trying really hard to become super maths whizzes at our 6 times tables. In our topic work we have been going on an underground adventure to check out what is found inside the Earth.

Bumblebees

Bumblebees have had a great start to this term with our exciting new class text, 'An Interview with a Tiger and Other Clawed Beasts.' This links perfectly with our new science topic: Living things and their habitats.

We have also jumped into the world of fractions in maths, kick starting our unit with revising unit and non-unit fractions, as well as some mixed numbers.



A huge thank you to Emily (and her dog Ralf) from The Dog's Trust for spending so much time on Monday and Wednesday running workshops with all our children.

https://www.learnwithdogstrust.org.uk/safety/bedogsmart-parentsleaflet.pdf











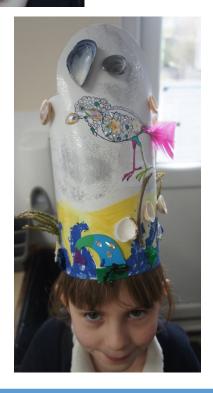














Squirrels

Year 5 have had another busy week! In Maths, we have been practising our short division method and also looking at different ways to represent remainders. We have impressed Mrs Evans with our vocabulary too! In Literacy, we have started looking at our new text of 'Inside the Villains', which is all about fairy tales from the villains point of view. We have been reading some traditional tales together to see the common themes. In the afternoons, we have completed some fitness exercises in PE and looked at climate zones in Geography.

Just before the half term break Year 5 were fortunate enough to have visitors, Richard (who is blind) and Tracey Bowman and their lovely guide dog, Fordy. To follow up our learning about sight and how blind people live their lives, the visit was arranged for the children to ask their many guestions and find out more to help them understand the difficulties that blind people face. The session was a great success, and everyone learnt so much. We were shown a variety of technological devices that Richard uses to help him for example, make hot drinks safely and to have books read to him. So that the children got a feel for what it is to be blind they tried on special glasses that have varying degrees of sight loss. Out in the playground some children tried out being a guide to someone with limited sight. Everyone loved Fordy, who was such a loving and caring dog. Following the visit the children wrote thank you letters and added a few more questions. They are now awaiting a reply and hope to have another visit from Richard in the future. A display of their learning related to this will be up in the year 5 classroom soon.



Foxes & Otters

Year 6 have settled back into the school routine after recounting some exciting and relaxing half term breaks! English and Topic work continues to be closely linked and we are recalling the events of travelling on a slave ship, journeying from the Caribbean to Europe, modelling it on our class text "Freedom". Drama played a large part in our topic lesson this week and Year 6 produced a range of freeze-frames to depict the key events on the infamous "Slave triangle" (see photos). We have had some deep discussions about human rights as a result.

In Science we have started a new topic on electricity, reminding ourselves of previous learning from Year 4. In Maths we are just finishing the unit of work on area, perimeter and volume and will be moving on to coordinates next.

During their PE with the college staff over the last half term, the children have really enjoyed creating their own dance routines on the back of a 'Just Dance' routine. The children had to choreograph different sections and think about their presentation and timing skills... they had great fun.

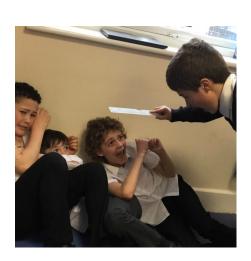
A note about homework: The homework the children will bring home is slightly different to the previous sheets. The children will be coming home with a maths, grammar and spelling and reading comprehension. The homework is designed to make the children familiar to answering a range of questions about different topics within the subject rather than just having a focus on what is being taught in the lesson.

We appreciate that there may be some questions that the children may struggle on, but please remind them to refer to their glossary for SPaG and their maths support sheet to see if this can help them.

We will be going through the homework each week so it is really important that the children bring their completed sheets in on a Wednesday please.

Thank you for your continued support.









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!



Following our PTA Questionnaire you suggested having a 'Bag 2 School' event....so that's what we're going to do! If you are having a clear out please keep all your clothes to bring into School on 14th March when they will be collected by a recycling company and we will be paid per kilogram! They will collect all types of clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts and accessories; they can't take workwear, pillows, duvets or scraps of fabric. For a list of accepted items, please check their website: Bag 2 School

Very many thanks, your PTA.

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!

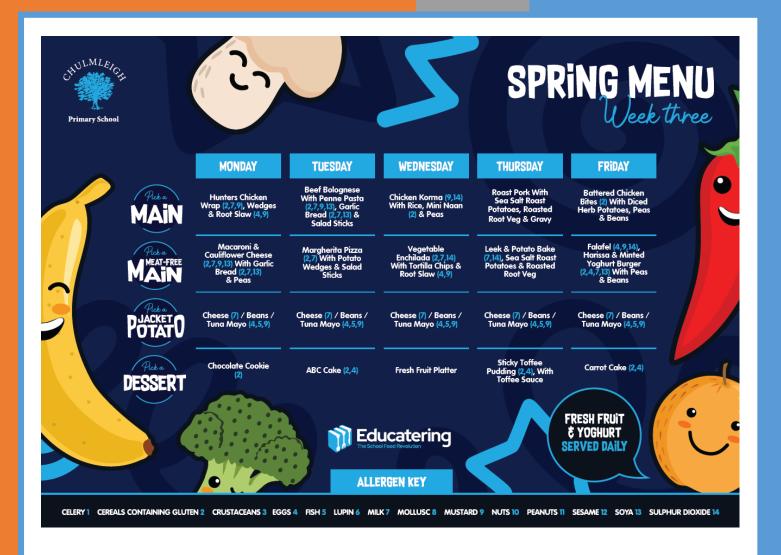
Many thanks!



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.









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 (Gaster Monday)
 01 May 2023 (May Day)
 08 May 2023 (King Charles Coronation)
 29 May 2023 (Spring Bank Holiday)
 28 August 2023 (Summer Bank Holiday)

Non-Pupil Days

Five days selected from within the term dates

Occasional Holidays

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

EXTRA-CURRICULAR & ENRICHMENT



Mondays Multi Skills - Reception & KS1 Tuesdays Tennis - KS2



Tuesday lunchtimes: Digital Leaders with Mrs Evans



Thursday lunchtimes: Lego and Colouring club with Mrs Niejadlik

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: www.gov.uk/apply-for-tax-free-childcare

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.

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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.