

## **NEWSLETTER**



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	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
27 - 31 March	KS2 Parents Taster Lunch Parents Meetings R & KS1 After- School Sports 3.30-4.30pm	Parents Meetings KS2 After-School Tennis 3.30- 4.30pm	Parents Meetings	Year 5 parents afternoon LAMDA club after school	Non-uniform day - rainbow colours Celebration Assembly 2.45pm
17 - 21 April				LAMDA club after school	Celebration Assembly 2.45pm

#### **Key Dates**

25 April	Lions class trip - The Big Sheep		
1 May	Bank Holiday	5 June	First day of term
8 May	Coronation Bank Holiday	5-7 June	Year 6 Residential trip
9-12 May	Year 6 SATs	13 June	Year 4 & 5 River Taw Project Day 1
15-19 May	Year 2 SATs	27 June	Year 4 & 5 River Taw Project Day 2
26 May	Last day of term	3-7 July	Year 5 Greek Week



Check out page 3 for a photo of the fantastic prizes!

Dear All,

I can't believe this is the last time I will be writing to you as Interim Head of Chulmleigh Primary School. The term has absolutely flown by. It must be all the fun we have here!

Thank you so much to all of the children, staff and parents for making my time here so enjoyable. I will really miss seeing the children every day but will continue to see them when I visit the school as part of my wider role within the Trust. Working here for the term has given me invaluable insight into the many strengths of the school and the challenges that it faces.

After Easter, Mr Evely takes over as Head of School, and having met him several times during this interim period, I am confident that the school will be in very safe hands and will go from strength to strength.

#### **Staffing**

We are really pleased that Gina is making a steady recovery and hope she will be back shortly after Easter. Mrs Lisa Warsop who has been volunteering at the school over the past year has been temporarily employed as a TA to help the Early Years children and staff in Gina's absence.

Sadly, we say goodbye to Donna Elder this week. Donna has been with the school for many years and in recent times has been an MTA for the Year 1 and 2 children at lunchtimes. She is going to be a TA at another school, and we wish her lots of luck and happiness in her new role.

#### **Attendance**

Attendance at CPS is still improving steadily which is fantastic. Thankyou so much to all the parents who strive to increase their child's attendance. Up to the 17th March, our school attendance figure was 94.4% (national attendance: 93.7%).

In classes:

Reception: 99.2% Year 1: 94.5% Year 2: 93.7% Year 3: 95.5% Year 4: 93.1%

Year 5: 92.4% Year 6: 93.6%

Congratulations to all the classes that achieved 96% attendance (or almost!)

Thankyou, as always for your support.

With best wishes

S. Healey

Sarah Healey



A huge thank you to the PTA for our new playground equipment!

Ashley in Year 4 is doing something fantastic to raise money for our PTA. On Saturday 22nd April he will be taking part, alongside his Mum and sister, in the Exeter Inflatable 5k!! It's the world's largest and best inflatable obstacle course! If you would like to show your appreciation to Ashley and donate towards such a great cause, please do so via the link below:

<u>Kim Keenor is fundraising for Chulmleigh Primary School PTA (justgiving.com)</u>





Look at these gorgeous prizes in our Easter raffle! Tickets are available on MyEd - the draw takes place on Wednesday 29th March!

# LAMDA

After-school LAMDA drama workshops held each Thursday have proved to be a great success and children are going in confidence and their knowledge of performance skills week by week. We will eventually work towards a performance for parents and through drama games and script reading and lots of ensemble work the children are learning to work confidently as a team.

If you think this is something that your child would be interested in please email for further details to <a href="mailto:antoniawhittick1970@gmail.com">antoniawhittick1970@gmail.com</a>





#### **Cubs & Tigers & Lions**

The nursery children and Lions class were amazing at the Mother's Day assembly last week. They performed with big smiles on their faces and made their mums very proud.

In Woody Wonders we have been looking for signs of spring around the school. We also planted our own bean seeds, thinking carefully about what plants need in order to grow. We watched a timelapse video of a bean seed to observe the changes that take place as the seed grows.

We have focused on healthy eating, talking about how we can keep our bodies healthy by eating a balanced diet. We played a sorting game, thinking carefully about which category the different foods belonged to. We also wrote some healthy eating posters to display in our farm role-play area.

In maths we have been learning about the days of the week. We read the story of Jasper's Beanstalk and matched the days of the week to each part of the story. We then compared the height of the different beanstalks using blocks.







#### **Hedgehogs**

Hedgehogs had a brilliant day in Exeter on Tuesday. The children were set a mission to find the Cathedral and various other human features, so that we could prove that Exeter is a city. The children found lots of big buildings, offices and shops, the museum, the cathedral and they also found lots of statues and monuments.

They particularly enjoyed visiting the museum and eating their lunch in the park! Our favourites were the elephant, giraffe and tiger, and of course all the fossils! The children behaved beautifully all day, well done Hedgehogs, we're very proud of you! A big thank you also to our parent helpers!





#### **Dragonflies**

Another busy couple of weeks in Dragonfly class! We have started a new unit of writing using the book, 'Tell Me A Dragon' by Jackie Morris. It is a beautiful book and the children are really enjoying it. They all have their favourite dragon and writing some beautiful descriptive sentences. We are looking forward to them creating their own dragons and writing about them.

We will be coming to end of our Maths topic on multiplication and division. The children are quite confident about counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s and we are trying hard to learn our 5 times tables. The division facts are more challenging and need more practise. We have also looked at odd and even numbers and how you tell whether a number is odd or even regardless of its size.

In Geography, this week we have travelled to Somalia to see how it differs or is the same as England. We used atlases to answer some of our questions – the children love using an atlas and looking at all of the maps. In History we have compared the voyages of Christopher Columbus with that of Neil Armstrong and we've had to try to understand that the internet and wifi didn't exist in 1969!

Of course, we have been doing our termly assessments this week and we have to say how very proud of the children we are. They have been amazing and taken every task in their stride.

We are looking forward to seeing you all at Parents evenings on Monday and Wednesday and sharing your child's learning with you.

Have a wonderful Easter holiday and we look forward to seeing the children after the holidays.

#### **Barn Owls**

Barn Owls would like to say a huge thank you to the PTA for our Amazon Voucher – we spent it on glue sticks, amazingly fantastic felt tipped pens, squishy balls, metallic marker pens, play dough and playground chalks – we absolutely love all of it – THANKYOU!

Barn Owls have loved using transparent post its to show the Ring Of Fire on our class World Map and have also been learning all about tsunamis and how they happen. (see photos on page 7)

In Computing we have been learning how to use PowerPoint – every single Barn Owl can now use PowerPoint and can insert pictures and change the font size in a presentation. They have put in so much effort with this and should feel really proud of their efforts as none of them have ever used PowerPoint before.





Lexie-May

#### **Bumblebees**

Bumblebees have been super busy over the last week! They did an amazing job in their assessment week and should be very proud of their hard work.

Despite the busy week of papers, they have also been very buzzy scientists! They had a great week during science week and exploring the theme 'connections,' where we explored more about mini- beasts, habitats, fingerprints, gravity and air resistance! We also thought about connecting in different ways and learnt the alphabet in British Sing Language.

We are still whizzzzing away with super fun fractions and the Bumblebees are great at adding and subtracting fractions, even mixed number!

We are very excited for our DT project to finally come to end an end next week when we will be making William Morris motifinspired bags!

But most importantly, we would like to introduce you to our new class pets... our sea monkeys!!!! We are patiently waiting for the eggs to hatch in their habitat. Thank you to the PTA for our class vouchers, the sea monkeys were one of our awesome purchases!











Year 3 - Tsunami making!















#### **Squirrels**

Year 5 have really impressed Mrs Evans this week! As well as showing their fantastic knowledge during our assessments, they have also begun to write instructions based on our Science experiment (see pictures). Squirrels have story mapped their instructions and added all of the elements of the success criteria in, ready to start writing at the end of the week. Year 5 were also lucky enough to be visited by members of our local community (Mr Pinhey and Mrs Elston) on Tuesday afternoon to talk all about their jobs as farmers. All the children had interesting questions for our visitors and engaged well with the discussions. A huge thank you to both Mr Pinhey and Mrs Elston for giving up their time to come and talk to us.

#### **Foxes & Otters**

Year 6 have had a busy couple of weeks. We are so impressed with how they have all taken their mock SATs in their stride, showed fantastic resilience and the progress they have made is something to be proud of. Well done everyone!

As the theme of Science Week was 'Connections' we finished off our assessment week with a carousel of experiments including testing conductors and insulators within an electrical circuit, observing what happened when acids and alkalines mix together and we printed our finger prints. We focused on our prediction and observing skills for each experiment, and how to ensure a fair test was conducted and really enjoyed ourselves. A great way to end the week.

In English, Foxes and Otters are now putting the finishing touches to their African tourist leaflets, which are very inviting and making us all think of taking trips to this fascinating continent! We have just finished reading our novel, "Freedom", which is the graphic story of how slaves struggled to become free from being regarded as white man's "property" in the late 1700's. This has raised some questions and quality discussions in our classrooms.

As we approach the Easter holidays, we would like to thank you for all your continued support. The children have worked so hard and we wish you a restful Easter break.

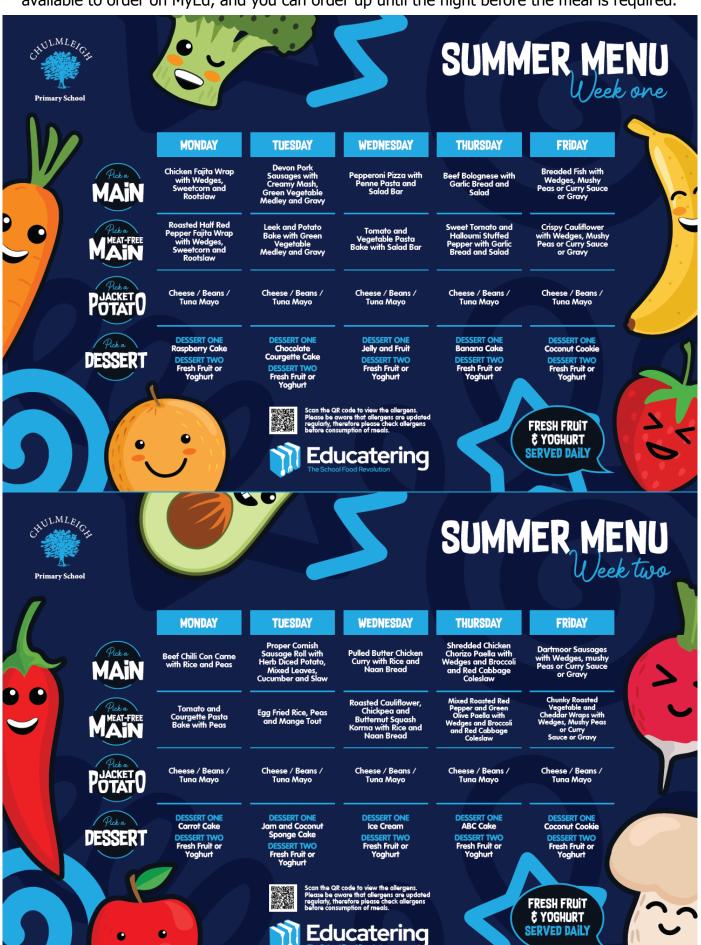


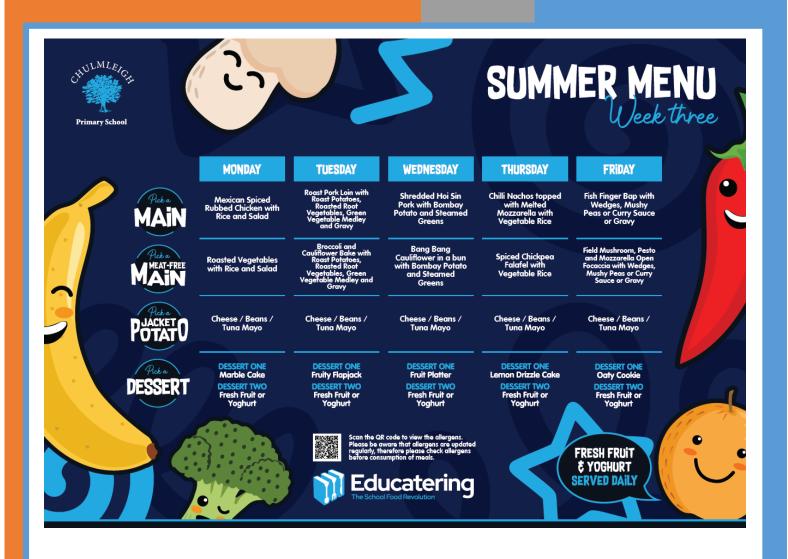






We are please to share our new Summer menus with you. These will be available after the Easter holiday. Please review the menus below if your child has any allergies. Meals are available to order on MyEd, and you can order up until the night before the meal is required.







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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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
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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: <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.