



Chulmleigh
Primary School
& Nursery

NEWSLETTER



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Key Dates:

Monday 30th June – Wednesday 2nd July—Year 5 Residential trip to Rock & Rapids

Wednesday 2nd July— Energy talk with Years 2,4 & 6

Friday 4th July at 9.30am —Singing assembly

Dear All,

According to some children, it has been very quiet in school with all of Year 6 not in for three days last week! I know they had a fantastic time away on their Trust wide residential to Bristol as I had the privilege and joy of joining them for the three days. As ever, their behaviour and teamwork have been impeccable from all 3 schools. Pleasingly, what has made us even prouder is the fact that many members of the public even commented on how polite and well behaved they were when we were at the theatre, SS Great Britain, We the curious, Bristol aquarium and at the Youth hostel. A retired headteacher spoke to me at the end of the War Horse performance to say how impressed she was of the children's conduct and that it was obvious they loved every minute by how enthralled and captivated they were. Well done Year 6 – we are really proud of you. Seeing your smiling faces, making new friends and hearing your laughter throughout the residential has been wonderful. A massive thanks also to Mrs DeFuyck, Mrs Jackson, Mrs Passmore, Mrs Haines and Miss Johnson who gave up their sleep and evenings to be on residential. I know they all enjoyed it as much as the Year 6. Finally, we were all starstruck to see the author (Michael Morpurgo) of War Horse sitting 4 rows in front of us!! He spent a lot of time talking to the children and was genuinely interested in what they thought of the play.



Not only have Year 6 been busy, but all classes have excelled in the last couple of weeks. Highlights have included more Bikeability sessions for Year 5, Year 2 visiting Rosemoor and Years 3 and 4 visiting WildWood Escot. Additionally, Year 1 children excelled in their Phonics Screening Check and Year 4 did really well in their times table multiplication check with many children getting 100%.

School Improvement Update – Parent Survey Results:

A massive thank you to the many parents who have completed the parent survey already that was sent out recently. We have had twice as many responses as last year which is great – thank you! There is still time to complete this if you have not had the chance to do so yet. All the results will be analysed to further improve school based on your feedback. From the responses so far, the vast majority (over 95%) are overwhelmingly positive and included comments such as:

We think this is a fantastic school and wish we had moved our child here a lot sooner! They have so many wonderful opportunities and she comes out of school happy every day and is keen to tell me what she has learnt – she never did this in her last school.

It is obvious how well cared for my children are. They love coming to school and I cannot thank the staff enough for everything they do. Keep up the good work!

The link to complete the survey is: <https://forms.office.com/e/FSn382gMv9>

Pride Month:

June is Pride Month, and like every June our whole school assemblies will focus on, and celebrate Pride month. The children have been reminded of where and why Pride month started, what the rainbow flag represents and how all families can be different. Our assemblies and PSHE lessons allow the children to reflect upon our similarities and differences so that all our children learn to understand that there are people in the community and wider world with characteristics similar and different to their own. Additionally, the children have been learning about why discrimination and homophobia are not acceptable and what we can do to stop it as a society. As ever, I have been impressed with the mature and reflective comments raised. This is what we have come to expect at Chulmleigh Primary School and our children really are living our values of Compassion, Ambition and Teamwork in all aspects of life.

What is Pride Month?

During the month of June, people around the world come together and take part in parties, parades, concerts and picnics. People often wear face paint and brightly coloured clothing to reflect the colours of the Pride flag.

Loud music and whistles can often be heard during the celebrations.

Here we can see some of the places that Pride is celebrated throughout the world where the LGBTQ+ community have rights.



1. Alan Turing

COMPASSION AMBITION TEAMWORK



Alan Turing was not a well known figure during his lifetime, but today he is famous and celebrated for the crucial part he played in the victory over Nazi Germany in WW2.

Turing was a mathematician who cracked something called the Enigma code, which is thought to have shortened the war by several years.

He was also a victim of mid-20th Century attitudes to homosexuality and in 1952 was arrested because being homosexual was illegal in Britain at this time.

In 2013 he was pardoned for this 'crime', and in 2017 the government agreed to officially pardon men accused of 'crimes' like this, meaning they will no longer have a criminal record.

This pardoning has come to be known as the Alan Turing law.

In 2019 Turing was named the most 'iconic' figure of the 20th Century and his face now appears on the £50 note.

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What is Pride Month?

Pride month is an opportunity to celebrate the work and identities of LGBTQ+ people. Pride celebrates diversity and highlights the importance of equality and acceptance, regardless of sexual orientation or gender identity.

Pride isn't limited to just one month and is celebrated throughout the year too!



Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update – Transition handover meetings:

Since half term, all staff have been thinking about their new classes for September and are spending time in the classrooms of their new children to get to know them, their needs and learning priorities for the year ahead. Staff meetings have been focussed on effective transition which means that staff have dedicated time to discuss each child's need, their current additional provisions and Individual Education Plan (IEP) targets to ensure that plans are being adapted and amended for a smooth September start. Staff are also spending some additional time with some children to start that effective working relationship together. This might mean showing their new teacher some good work, spending time talking together on the playground or simply speaking to one another in the corridor. Furthermore, some children are spending some extra time in their new teacher's class in the next couple of weeks which is all helping to make the move to their new teacher and classroom much easier.

Attendance Updates:

As you are aware, our Trust has an unwavering commitment to improve attendance and punctuality at school as we know what a difference it makes to the children's attainment and progress. If your child/ren's attendance drops below 94% you will receive an attendance letter. These letters are sent out following our fortnightly meetings with the Attendance Improvement Officer (AIO) who recommends when these should be sent home. Our attendance tracking is robust and thorough. It follows the Government's attendance guidance from the 'Summary table of responsibilities of school attendance'. This document can be viewed at: [Summary table of responsibilities for school attendance \(applies from 19 August 2024\)](#)

In the last few weeks, I have conducted nearly 25 supportive attendance meetings based on the advice and guidance from our attendance improvement officer. During the meeting, I explain why I have been asked to undertake the meetings and how we are duty bound to follow the guidelines from the Government's 'Working together to improve school attendance' publication.

Our current attendance rate of 95.4% is still slightly behind the targets set by the Department of Education and the Trust which is 96%. This week, the year group attendance is:

Year R: 95.2%
Year 1: 95.6%
Year 2: 96.4%
Year 3: 96.6%
Year 4: 96.9%
Year 5: 95%
Year 6: 97.4%

Thank you all for your continued support.

With Kind Regards,

Martin Evely and all staff at Chulmleigh Primary School.



Reminder — If you are concerned about a child/ren or young person/s in Devon and want to speak to someone, please contact the MASH hub on 0345 155 1071 and give as much information as you can.

You can also complete the MASH form

<https://www.devon.gov.uk/educationandfamilies/child-protection/> or <https://devoncountycouncil.outsystemsenterprise.com/MASH/homepage>

Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update – Family Health Devon articles.

Children and Family Health Devon has published a series of articles about invisible disabilities. The latest one focusses on their Equality Champions and hears from Toby, a parent who is ADHD and autistic. This article can be found at: [Invisible disabilities: Conversation on ADHD and Autism - Children and Family Health Devon](#)



Cubs and Tigers

What a lovely time we've had in Nursery looking for bugs in the Woody Wonder area!

We've also been busy making beautiful Father's Day cards and cooking delicious golden pirate coin cookies!



Lions

The children have become experts in creating maps this week. Drawing maps of the different areas of the school and to show their journey to school. They used these impressive map making skills to become pirates and very quickly began to plot good places to hide treasure! The children attended Pirate School, creating their own pirate names and learning how to talk like pirates.

The children explored different materials to see which ones would float and which would sink. They made predictions first before testing. We have also been making the most of the sunshine in Reception, making amazing water systems and pretending to camp in our outdoor area!



Hedgehogs

We are nearly at the end of the term but the children have been continuing to work super hard.

We've had a busy few weeks, and the Phonics Screening Check has been completed. The children did an excellent job and showcased their amazing reading skills. We have started to learn some more alternative pronunciations of sounds and some different spellings too.

The children have finished their independent writing based on "The whale who ate plastic". They have come up with some insightful suggestions about how to look after our planet and reduce plastic waste. They have written an information poster all about the impact on animals in the sea, facts about the topic and also ways in which others can help too!

In maths, we have moved on to looking at place value again, more specifically, to 100. The children have been continuing to partition these bigger numbers into tens and ones. They have been working hard on writing the number of tens first and then the number of ones after. Our last two maths topics will be Time and Money.

In geography, the children have been using their position and direction knowledge from maths to direct their partner around the school, trying to get them from one place to another. They have written instructions to do this and then handed them over to someone else to see if they can follow them and end up in the same place. Next week, they will be using a map to find hidden objects that have been placed around the school grounds.

The children have really developed their knowledge of materials in science. They have been thinking about materials that would make a good umbrella and then testing these by pouring water over them. The children really enjoyed it when the water came through the tea-towel that was above my head!

The children are looking forward to their transition morning with Mrs Niejadlik on Tuesday 8th July.



Dragonflies

We've had a wonderfully busy few weeks in class, filled with lots of learning! This week we had a special visit from a local author, who spoke to the children about the writing process and where authors get their ideas. The children enjoyed listening to the story and asked some interesting questions at the end of the session.

The children have been working hard on their own story writing projects and their creativity and imagination have really shone through. Our next unit of writing is linked to 'instruction writing' and will end with us making our own slime !

In maths, we've been exploring position and direction, using the correct vocabulary to describe how objects move and turn. We've also been looking at statistics, learning how to collect data and represent it using charts and graphs.

Please note, that next week we will be doing assessments. They will be spread out over the week.

Looking ahead, we're getting excited about our next trip to Northam Burrows. You should have all received details about this. If there are any questions, or you have not received this information, please get in touch. It promises to be a fun and educational day that ties in perfectly with our current geography topic of 'coastlines'.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Barn Owls

Following our fantastic trip to Wildwood on Monday 20th June, Barn Owls have been finding out a bit more about life in an Anglo Saxon village. Children made some very detailed drawings of a village plan, knowing that the Chief's hut would be in the centre of the village with lakes, woods and tradespeople - such as the blacksmith - occupying land around him. They also investigated different Anglo Saxon artefacts and found out what they could tell us about people who lived in these times.

On Thursday, Barn Owls enjoyed a visit from a local author, Jo. We were all fascinated to hear how Jo wrote her own book and her husband illustrated it for her before getting it printed. I think there are definitely some budding authors in Barn Owls class who were inspired to write and publish their own books one day.



Bumblebees

Bumblebees continue to be very busy! We started off the week by being scientists! We were lucky enough to get a visit from Dr Smale, who is head of chemistry at Exeter School. He came with a colleague and some of his sixth form students, to run some experiments with the children! They all put on their lab coats and goggles and had a fantastic time testing whether some household liquids were acid or alkaline! Huge thanks to Dr Smale and his team!

All of the children also took the Multiplication Times Tables Check and did a fantastic job. They have worked so hard on them this year, we are really proud of them.

In other areas, our English, topic and science are all connected and we are learning about habitats and the factors that are endangering them. The children have done some great work on pollution and global warming, as well as learning about rivers.

In PE we are enjoying Tag Rugby, in French we are learning to talk about our pets and in computing we are doing some coding with if/else statements.



Squirrels

It has been a hectic few weeks in Squirrels as we begin the countdown to our residential. We will try and just mention the highlights.

The children have invented their cracking contraption and we are looking forward to reading all about them. They have made gears, pulleys and levers and thought about how these help us. The children have also been learning more about the Amazon rainforest.

In maths, we have finished our decimal unit and now all about tenths and hundredths.

They had an amazing Taster Day at the College where they were fantastically well behaved and joined in with a variety of activities from rounders to cooking and DT.

On Wednesday, they had their final session of Mini Police. Matt took the speed gun out to check the drivers of Chulmleigh with the children and they looked over the police car which was very exciting. I hope we didn't catch anyone going over the speed limit...

We have also been taking our final tests of Year 5 which the children have worked extremely hard. Please start saving boxes and materials ready for making our prototypes in DT on the 10th July.



Otters and Foxes

Year 6 are in the full throws of rehearsals and they are getting better every day. They have been fantastic at learning their lines and the play is starting to come together - you are in for a real treat.

A reminder that costumes are due in by Friday 27th June. We know there can be setbacks with deliveries etc, so we understand and please get them to us as soon as you can in a labelled bag.

We need to talk about the Residential – what an amazing experience they have all had and so much fun was had and memories made. The children behaved impeccably throughout and on more than one occasion a member of the public commented on their behaviour and manners and were very impressed with the way the children conducted themselves. Although all the activities were amazing, they had an extra bonus of meeting the ACTUAL MICHAEL MORPURGO!!!! He gave his time to talk to them and asked them what they thought of the story. It was a very exciting moment (one of many) and something the children will hopefully remember forever.

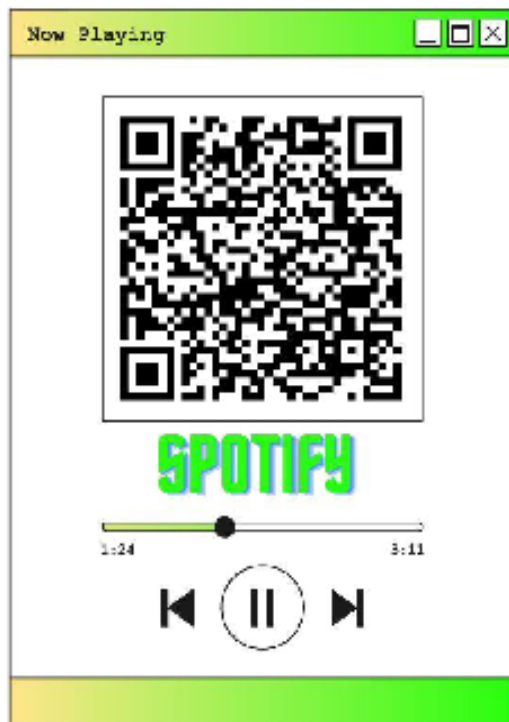


HOME INFORMATION



July's Musician of the Month

Alan Dawa Dolma



Kawgen, 2006: https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Alan_D_Tokyo_Game_Show_2006.jpg (viral crop)

About: Alan Dawa Dolma is a Tibetan singer known for her distinctive technique, the "Tibetan wail". This is a soaring sound at very high pitches. She acquired it instinctively while growing up in Sichuan, where singing and dancing are daily activities, and compared it to Okinawan and Mongolian folk music. As a Tibetan Buddhist, she aims to sing about "love and peace". She plays piano and erhu (a two-stringed bowed musical instrument, more specifically a spike fiddle), which she has played since childhood.

Genres: Pop, Mandopop, J-pop, Tibet folk

Active from: 2005 – Present

Origin: Kangding, Sichuan, China

Books to read...



If you like Alan Dawa Dolma, try...

- Sa Dingding
- Wangdon Tso
- Misty Terrace

WELL DONE!



We just wanted to say a massive well done to Anmarie who took part in an athletics competition for the first time ever. Anmarie did very well getting through to the finals of the 75m race and 150m race where she narrowly missed out on a bronze (by 0.2s)!!!!

The highlight of her day was running in the Friendship relay when she ran with friends from Chulmleigh College and they got a bronze medal!



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Thanks to an amazing grant application and our fantastic PTA, our whole school took part in sessions of African Drumming and Dance. Every single child had a drum and it was inspiring to watch the learning that took place in minutes! Every child also took part in an African dance session, even the teachers joined in!

Thank you to Penny, Elkins, Mohamed Gueye , Aida Diop , Cheikh Diop - what an experience for our children!

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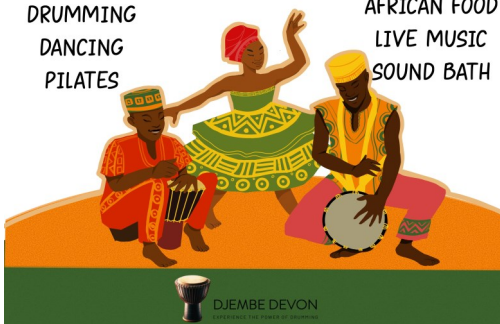
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PTA News & Events



We hope you are all enjoying this glorious weather we have had of late and keeping hydrated in this heat. All the children have benefited from some amazing experiences these last few weeks, from the African drumming and dance visit to the Circus from Lucas Jet & Co. Thank you for all your support throughout the year as the funds raised by the PTA have given the school the opportunity to organise and fund these experiences.



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🎵🎵 Every child in our school has taken part in a fantastic African drumming and dance session across the last 3 days ending with a fantastic assembly this afternoon. 🎵🎵
🙏 Thank you to Mohamed, Aidance and Cheikh Diop along with Penny - you gave us all a fantastic experience 🙏
Thank you to our awesome [Chulmleigh Primary School PTA](#) for helping us to make this happen 🙏



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PTA News & Events



We have more exciting things planned for this term and we appreciate all the support you give us throughout the year at all of our events.

We are now in the midst of planning our Summer Fair so please do let us know if you have any ideas or suggestions. Be sure to like our Facebook Page to keep up to date with PTA news!

Please follow us on social media or keep an eye on our newsletter or posters around the school for more information. As always, keep your ideas and requests coming in to PTA@chumleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk





PTA News & Events



Summer Fair – Gazebos needed! Thank you.

A big plea to anyone out there who has any gazebos we could borrow for the school fair please or know of anyone who might be willing to lend us some for the Summer Fair on the 21st July.

We would really appreciate any offers of gazebos.

Please contact the PTA if you can help us PTA@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk



Helpers needed for the Summer Fair

If anyone is able to help us out at the summer fair, we would be incredibly grateful.

If you would like to help out as a face painter – we are also looking for anyone who would like to showcase their talents!

Any comments or suggestions are welcome from you ahead of the meeting. Please do let your PTA team know by either catching one of us at the school gates or emailing PTA@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

We are always on the look out for helpers and greatly appreciate anything you can offer. If you would like to get involved with the PTA, please email PTA@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk or find one of us around the school. Please keep a look out for more information on our upcoming events and as always thank you for your all your support. We look forward to a fun filled spring and summer!

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Should your child travel by bus/taxi from school and your arrangements change, where you no longer require the bus/taxi on a certain day. Please email the school office on

admin@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk

LAMDA

My name is Antonia and I am writing to let you know that I run an after-school drama workshop for children attending Chulmleigh Primary School on a Thursday. The workshop takes place in the music room after school, and I wait with them until you collect them.

During the workshop we will concentrate on some group performance skills and games that encourage teamwork and build confidence. We will look to improvise and devise scenes as well as perform scenes. The workshop lasts 1 hour and costs £6 per session which is payable before the start of the term.

To let you know a little about me, I trained at Guildford School of Acting and RADA and spent several years with the Royal Shakespeare Company working on their innovative community projects and their Regents Park seasons. I work as a professional actor, mainly in theatre, but with additional television and radio work. I have been a qualified LAMDA instructor for 9 years.

If you would be interested in your child attending the workshop, please contact me at antoniawhittick1970@gmail.com or 07938956158.



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Violin lessons for Years 3, 4,5 and 6 children

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Shared lessons (2 pupils)

10 x 20-minute lesson - £54 per pupil

10 x 30-minute lesson - £80 per pupil

Lessons are on a Friday in school time and we have brand new violins that the children can use.

Please contact Louise at l.craddockmusic@btinternet.com if you are interested.