



Chulmleigh  
Primary School  
& Nursery

# NEWSLETTER



	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri
<b><u>14th-18th</u></b> <b><u>July</u></b>	After-school KS1 Football 3.30-4.30	After-school KS1/ KS2 Multi skills 3.30-4.30	After-school KS2 Football 3.30-4.30	After-school Girls Football 3.30-4.30	
<b><u>21st-25th</u></b> <b><u>July</u></b>	After-school KS1 Football 3.30-4.30	<b>End of term</b> After-school KS1/ KS2 Multi skills 3.30-4.30	Non pupil day	Summer holidays	Summer holidays

## Key Dates:

Monday 14th July—Year 1 Big Sheep trip

Tuesday 15th July—Walkability Chulmleigh —Years 3-4

Tuesday 15th July—Afterschool party—Year 6

Wednesday 16th July— Visit from Wonderdrome Years 1-6

Thursday 17th July— Leavers assembly—Heywood Hall 2pm

Friday 18th July—The Milky Way trip—Year 6

Monday 21st July—Summer Fair—3.30pm—5.30pm

Dear All,

I cannot believe that I am writing the last newsletter of the academic year already. What another amazing year it has been at Chulmleigh Primary School this year! As ever, we really cannot believe how quickly this school year has flown by! There have been many highlights to the year across all classes and year groups. When speaking to the children across school, their most rememberable and remarkable moments from the school year include Grand-parents afternoon, World Book Day celebrations, residentials, Sports Day, singing Christmas carols, school trips, school sports competitions, OPAL, listening to their class teacher reading the class book aloud, the NSPCC maths morning, SATS breakfasts and having visitors into class. What makes our job so rewarding is seeing the progress the children make on a daily basis. Yet again, we are immensely proud of the progress the children have made over the whole year and what they have achieved throughout the year. The children have written what they are proud of this year in their end of year reports. Many have commented on how they have got better with their spellings, writing, maths and many other areas which is great how they are also noticing how their learning has improved compared to the start of the year. We want to thank you for all your support as ever. Please know that we want the best for your child as much as you do.

Reflecting on the year, there have been many achievements we are proud of as a school this year. Our proudest achievements include being chosen as an OPAL showcase school with over 30 senior leaders from across the South West visiting us, children joining us from other schools due to our inclusive practices, visitors regularly telling us how polite, kind and courteous our children are when they visit and the amount of enrichment opportunities our children have experienced throughout the year.

As usual, we have had an action packed couple of weeks in school with many memorable events occurring. Highlights have included Year 2 visiting Northam Burrows, an electricity workshop for Years 2, 4 and 6, a local author visiting, Year 5 having a brilliant time on residential and our Year 6 performing in their amazing production of 'Oliver with a Twist!'. Year 6 really have been a truly wonderful year group. I have been impressed with how they have really stepped up to all the extra responsibilities they have been given this year. Next year, school will really not be the same without them but we know they are going to love their next chapter in life and will excel in College. We feel privileged and honoured to have seen them grow, flourish and mature into the incredible young people they have become and know that they will achieve many great things in life!

#### **School Improvement Update – Parent Survey Results:**

Thank you to the 78 parents who took the time to complete the parent survey. The final responses were overwhelmingly positive and included comments such as:

Thank you for everything you do. My children have learnt so much and have made so much progress since joining the school. We wish we had done it sooner!

My child loves coming to school now which was not the same at her last school. The staff are all so caring and the children get so many wonderful things to do. I know friends who have tried getting their children in but can't as you're full. Thank you for everything you do.

We've also been really impressed with the SEND support, which has been consistently effective and well-tailored to our child's needs. Most importantly, they genuinely enjoy going to school every day, which speaks volumes about the positive culture and the care that staff put into creating such a welcoming, supportive, and enriching environment.

Feedback includes that over 91% strongly agree or agree that their child/ren are happy at school. Over 92% strongly agree or agree that their child/ren feel safe at school, 91% strongly agree or agree that their child/ren does well at school, 94% strongly agree or agree that their child gets the support they need to succeed if they have SEND and 90% strongly agree or agree that they would recommend the school to another parent.

### 1. My child is happy at this school

● Strongly agree	39
● Agree	32
● Disagree	4
● Strongly disagree	1
● Don't know	2



### 2. My child feels safe at this school

● Strongly agree	45
● Agree	27
● Disagree	5
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	1



### 10. My Child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed

● Strongly agree	6
● Agree	9
● Disagree	0
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	1



### 12. My child does well at this school

● Strongly agree	31
● Agree	40
● Disagree	1
● Strongly disagree	0
● Don't know	6





More time is being spent on water and beach safety as we are working towards the 'Water Safe' school award from the Royal Life Saving Society due to our proximity to some of the best beaches in the UK. We are also using guidance and tips from the RNLI. Some of these useful resources we have been referring to in lessons can be found at:

[RNLI Life Skills: teach your child how to float](#)

[Float To Live – What To Do In An Emergency – RNLI](#)

[RLSSUKWaterSafetyCode2024 A4](#)

### **Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND) Update – Directors' Visit:**

We had two Directors visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of June. During their visit, they completed a learning walk across the school, spoke to children and staff, looked through books and looked at the ordinary available inclusive provision we offer across the school. In the report we received, the chair of Directors' noted strengths including:

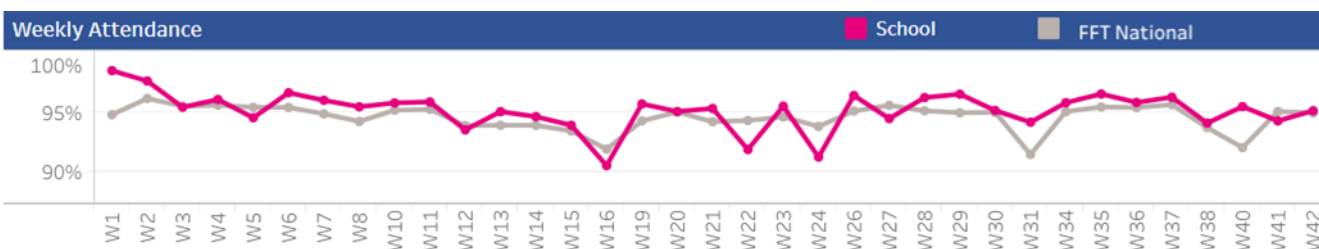
Chulmleigh Primary School is a happy, safe and inclusive school. A strong sense of team underpins a robust approach to safeguarding which means children can talk about what keeps them safe and a number of them during the lunchtime break said how safe they feel.

- A strong vision coupled with realism is providing effective leadership for the school
- Robust safeguarding systems
- Lovely learning environments with some excellent examples of well organised, purposeful and inspirational classrooms
- OPAL is having a great impact on play at lunchtimes. There were some ambitious projects being implemented by groups of children around the play areas and they seem really engaged and co-operative with each other
- Inclusive practice which is highly responsive to personalised need

There has been a cultural and professional shift since Mr Evely's appointment leading to a good, and still growing, consistency around teaching and learning models in classrooms as well as intervention strategies. We focussed on writing as a school improvement priority and the progress in books and other published work was quite remarkable. Staff acknowledged work still to be done and the long term nature of changing attitudes and habits in writing, but the commitment and approach is commendable. Year 5 and 6 particularly feel the urgency to improve writing skills and outcomes but a sensible and thoughtful response from senior leaders means they are realistic about what can be achieved. Writing in lower years is receiving the focus it needs to ensure more balanced outcomes between reading and writing can be achieved over time.

### **Attendance Updates:**

Pleasingly, our attendance for the whole year is 95.5% which is just 0.5% below our Trust target of 96% and the Department of Education's.



There have only been 7 weeks throughout the year where we have been below the national average and only 2 of these weeks it was more than a 2% difference. The reason why so many of our children have made such good progress is due to them attending so well. The statistics also note the strong link between good attendance and good GCSE's even from primary school. [95%+ attendance almost doubles odds of GCSE pass](#)

We hope you all have a fantastic summer holiday. We hope that you enjoy your family time together and we cannot thank you enough 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](#)



### Tigers and Cubs

The Tigers and Cubs have been keeping cool in our Woody Wonder area!

We've had fun cooking in the mud kitchen and we've been playing Phonics games outside because the weather has been so lovely.



### Lions

With tears in our eyes, we had to send our lovely lions to the hedgehogs for a taster morning this week! It was sad to see them leave but amazing to see how confident and happy they were. They came back to the class buzzing with excitement and ready for the next step in their learning journeys. Luckily, we get to keep them for two more weeks before we have to say goodbye!

We spent a lovely afternoon this week, designing and making our own boats. It was great seeing the children testing out their predictions and then adapting their boats so that they could float on the water.

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank you for all the support you have given during this year, all the reading, tapestry posts and extra learning you have done has made such a difference to the children.

Lions you are AMAZING. You have worked so hard this year and should feel very proud of everything you have achieved.



## Hedgehogs

We are so nearly at the end of the term. The children are doing so well and managing well in this heat!

In English, we have been using the 'Shaun the Sheep' episodes to help us think of a funny plot for our own stories at the end of the term. The children have really enjoyed this and we have come up with a whole class idea where Shaun ends up in London! This week, the children have been creating their own ideas for a story that we will begin to put together and write next week.

In Phonics, the children have learnt all of the yellow sounds for the year and we are now recapping these and using our knowledge to spell longer words. The children have been doing so well at reading and writing the common exception words too.

In maths, we have moved on to a new topic which is 'Time'. This week, we have been thinking about the vocabulary of 'before, after, morning, afternoon and evening'. The children have been thinking about what they do before and after school. We have also been thinking about the days of the week, and learning the order that they go in.

The children have made their cars to protect an egg in DT. They worked together in groups and used wooden dowls, wheels and recycled materials to make this. Next week, we will test them out down a ramp to see which ones manages to keep their egg safe. The children are really looking forward to this.

On Tuesday this week, the children had their transition morning with Mrs Niejadlik. They all had a lovely time and were very positive about their morning next door!

We are looking forward to our trip to the Big Sheep on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July and it will be a lovely way to end the year.



## Dragonflies

I hope this final newsletter finds you well and enjoying the warmer weather as we approach the end of another busy school year. I can't believe how quickly the year has flown by!

We are very excited about our final trip to Northam Burrows; I will share photos on the day. The trip will be a wonderful opportunity to learn about our coastline and the work of the RNLI and links into our current geography topic.

Our recent trip to Rosemoor Gardens was also a fantastic day. The children enjoyed a range of activities including den building, sketching and participated in a science themed workshop linked to plant growth.

In literacy, we are focusing on instruction writing. The children have been working hard to understand the key features of instructions and over the final school days we will be writing a range of instructions for different purposes. We will end the unit by making our own slime and write instructions linked to this.

In maths, we are learning about capacity and measure. The children will be learning to compare, describe and solve practical problems with lengths and heights and capacity and volume.

Thank you for all your support during the school year. We hope you have a fantastic Summer, and I look forward to seeing the children as they move into Year 3 in the new school year.

## Barn Owls

In geography, Barn Owls have been finding out about the USA. Children have been researching different states (there are 50 of them to choose). Did you know that Las Vegas has the brightest lights of any city in the world (you can see them from Space) or that New York is the most populated city in the USA? Children have been presenting their findings using Word documents.

In English, Barn Owls have been inspired by the video animation 'Home Sweet Home' to write their own scripts and then act them out in small groups. I think there are some budding directors in the class!

## Bumblebees

Bumblebees have been continuing their learning on rivers and mountains.

They really enjoyed looking at Ordnance Survey maps of Snowdonia, the Brecon Beacons and Dartmoor. In maths we have been learning about position and direction, which includes co-ordinates and ties in nicely with geography.

In English we have been continuing to try to make our writing as neat as possible and also practising our joins.

We have enjoyed learning about different festivals in RE.

In science we have done a lot of learning about changes to habitats and learnt about natural and human changes. The children have enjoyed making powerpoints to show what they have learnt.



## Squirrels

Wow! It has been a fantastic year in Squirrels. We have done lots of exciting activities and learnt lots of interesting things. I have been extremely impressed by all the children and their kindness, resilience and curiosity this year.

We had a great time on the residential last week. We completed a huge range of activities. The first day, we were climbing on the high and low ropes, firing arrows in archery and playing team games. The next day, we had a great day on the canal at Halburton. The children learnt how to paddle a canoe and a raft as well as how to ride on the SUP. I think the greatest challenge, however, was putting on 27 wetsuits! The last day, the children were abseiling, scaling the climbing wall and trying out bouldering. Their behaviour was fantastic and they were a real credit to themselves and the school. As well as that, we enjoyed our trip to Rosemoor. We have had an interesting workshop on minibeasts and their habitats. As well as this, we have built dens in the nice, cool woods and explored the gardens.

The children have finished their unit on decimals as well as a short unit on negative numbers. We have a last unit to complete on measures including volume. We have completed some writing in which we imagined a short Wallace and Gromit film. We have also made a prototype of our contraptions in DT.

We say a massive thank you and good luck to Ms Walsh who has now finished her teaching placement and will start a job at Lanscore Primary in September. A massive thank you for all your support this year.



## Otters and Foxes

The countdown has begun to the end of Year 6 with so many exciting things to do and memories to be made.

The children have still got a STEM day at Lapford School, the end of year party, leavers assembly, Milky Way trip, water fight, shirt signing and the Wonderdome!

The children came back after their transition day at the College really positive and happy. Some had made new friends, some said they enjoyed the lessons and some enjoyed the Rock Choir. It seemed to be an enjoyable day for all, but we were glad to have them back!

The production of Oliver with a Twist was amazing! They did a fantastic job in their roles and their singing and again were just incredible on the days! Well done to all of them!

As this will be our last newsletter for the year, we would like to say what amazing bunch these superstars have been. To see their progress academically, socially and emotionally has been a pleasure to watch. We are so proud of them all.

We wish you a restful and fun filled summer holidays!



# HOME INFORMATION



## July's Musician of the Month

# Alan Dawa Dolma



Kawgen, 2006: [https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Alan\\_D\\_Tokyo\\_Gama\\_Show\\_2006.jpg](https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Alan_D_Tokyo_Gama_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.

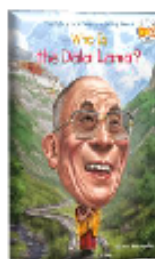
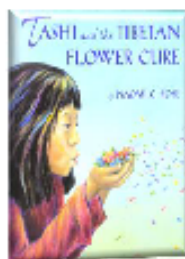
**Genres:** Pop, Mandopop, J-pop, Tibet folk

**Active from:** 2005 – Present

**Origin:** Kangding, Sichuan, China

Books to read...

If you like Alan Dawa Dolma, try...



- Sa Dingding
- Wangdon Tso
- Misty Terrace



**Chulmleigh Parish Church  
St Mary Magdalene**

**Holiday  
Club**



**It's a wonderful world**

For Children aged 7 to 11  
at Chulmleigh Parish Church  
Monday 11 to Friday 15 August 2025  
From 10 am to 4 pm each day  
with a celebration service and BBQ  
on Sunday 17 August 2025

Limited places booking essential  
Contact Elaine to book a place  
[elaine@littledartchurches.org.uk](mailto:elaine@littledartchurches.org.uk)

## PTA News & Events



We hope you are all enjoying this glorious weather we have had of late and keeping hydrated in this heat.

We hope the children are looking forward to the Summer Fair as much as we are, we have lots of exciting things planned for the day. If any of you would be available to help with manning stalls, face painting, cake bakes or any other contributions, we would be incredibly grateful. Please do find one of the PTA at school or email [PTA@chulmleigh-primary-devon.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@chulmleigh-primary-devon.sch.uk) if you are able to lend us a hand.

**SUMMER FAIR DAYS OUT RAFFLE**

Tickets available on MyEd or email [PTA@chulmleigh-primary-devon.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@chulmleigh-primary-devon.sch.uk) or from a PTA member

**DRAWN ELECTRONICALLY AT THE FAIR MONDAY 21<sup>ST</sup> JULY 3.30-5.30PM**

**£1 PER TICKET**

**PRIZES UP FOR WINNING:**

- 2 tickets for entry to Kents Cavern, Torquay
- Family ticket (2 adults and 2 children) entry to Rosemoor
- Free entry for 2 Combe Martin Wildlife and Dinosaur Park
- Free entry for 2 Quince Honey Farm
- Free entry for 1 Planet Play
- Voucher for Breakfast or Lunch for a family of four Hog and Hedge Whiddon Down.
- £10 voucher for Relax & Renew Massage
- Exmoor Zoo voucher
- £25 North Devon Wake park
- 2x taster sessions at Rock & Rapid
- £30 voucher towards a stay at Yeatheridge Farm caravan & camping park
- More to be added!!!

The poster features various logos for participating venues: Hog & Hedge, North Devon Wake Park, Rock & Rapid, Exmoor Zoo, Planet Play, Quince Honey Farm, Kents Cavern, Relax and Renew Massage, and Yeatheridge Farm.

**Ticket Sales for the raffle are available on MyEd App.**  
**The raffle closes on Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> July so please do get your purchases in before then.**  
**There are some wonderful prizes to be won. Thank you for your support to the PTA.**



## PTA News & Events



We appreciate all the support you give us throughout the year at all of our events, we couldn't run them all without your support so thank you for all your generous donations/offers of help.

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@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto:PTA@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)



We would be really grateful for any home-made or shop bought cakes, just no nuts please. Cakes can be dropped off on the morning of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July or brought along to the Summer Fair. Your help is much appreciated. Any cakes, cookies, tray bakes, muffins, whatever you are able to donate would be very welcome. Thank you.



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### **Summer Fair – Gazebos needed please**

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 21<sup>st</sup> July.

We would really appreciate any offers of gazebos.

Please contact the PTA if you can help us [PTA@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk](mailto: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! All materials provided. We just need you for 30 minute slots.

**Thank you**

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](mailto: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!

### **The PTA Team**



Please visit the Trust website to see our latest vacancies:

[Chulmleigh Academy Trust - Join Our Team - Vacancies at the Trust \(chulmleigh.academy\)](https://chulmleigh.academy)



Should your contact details change, or you are unsure if we have the most up to date information for you—please could you either email the office or pop in for the admin team member to check and update if needed.

### Travel Arrangements

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](mailto:admin@chulmleigh-primary.devon.sch.uk)

A vibrant, cartoon-style poster for 'Libro's Friends'. The background is a bright teal color. At the top, it says 'THE SECRET BOOK QUEST presents' in a curved banner. Below that, the title 'LIBRO'S FRIENDS' is written in large, multi-colored, bubbly letters. A yellow circle with 'OUT NOW' is on the left. In the center, a white cat with brown spots sits on a shadow. Below the cat, a yellow box contains the text 'HELP LIBRO THE CAT FIND HIS 8 SPECIAL FRIENDS INSIDE YOUR LIBRARY'. At the bottom, it says 'Join your local library for free' and includes social media icons for Facebook, X, Instagram, YouTube, and LinkedIn. The 'Libraries Unlimited' logo is in the bottom right corner. Various small illustrations like a worm, a leaf, a dog's nose, and glasses are scattered around the poster.

REQUEST FOR CONTACT

Devon Family HUBS

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(25 WITH SEND)



Action for Children are supporting Devon Family Hubs. Family Hubs are a developing network of services and community groups that are working together to support families and their children to find opportunities that meet their needs. Please see our website for more details.

OUR SUPPORT:

Online Digital Chat



Devon Safeguarding Children Partnership



For more information Devon Family HUBS website



Family HUBS Advice & Guidance Line - Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm

0800 538 5458

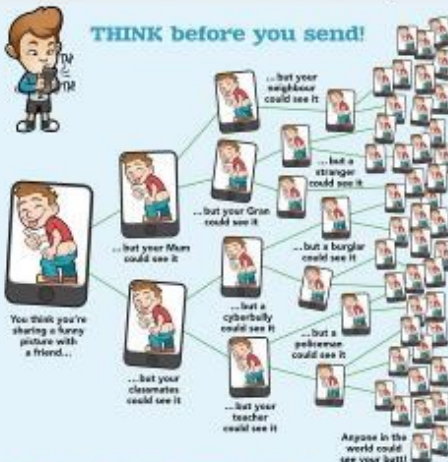


Skips Safety Net

Keeping children safe online

Parent Guides to Online Safety

THINK before you send!



Scan the QR code with your phone's camera for Parent Guides on how to help keep your children safe online.



If you share it, you are involved

If you have, or forward on indecent image of someone under 18, it is a criminal offence. It can affect your future.

Online safety is when young people know who they can tell if they feel upset by something that has happened online.

Parents please contact your school to enquire attending their next e-safety workshop or have any concerns.

Working with Home Office 'PREVENT', The Police and Crime Commissioner and Children's Safeguarding Partnerships to help keep children safe online. Skips Educational Email: info@skipssed.com Tel: +44 121 227 1941

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www.skipssafetynet.org

Drum Lessons  
Now offered  
at school.

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07966-488481



Verity Stroud – piano and singing [v.stroudmusician1@outlook.com](mailto:v.stroudmusician1@outlook.com)

Nick Davie – guitar and brass [nick-davie1@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:nick-davie1@hotmail.co.uk)

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

We have a few spaces left for shared violin lessons this term.

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](mailto:l.craddockmusic@btinternet.com) if you are interested.