



# NEWSLETTER NO. 11 - 16<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Welcome back. I hope you had a super Easter break, despite the less than favourable weather. It is lovely to see some sun outside the window and for the children to be out at playtime. It will not be long and we will be able to take full advantage of the field.

I am delighted to be able to start this term with more celebrations of the fantastic achievements of our pupils. On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March, we held our first Churchill Primary Music Concert. It was a fabulous evening of music, showcasing the children's talents in playing instruments as well as singing. I was in awe of the confidence of all of the children to perform, from those who had been learning their instruments for just a matter of months, through to some pupils who are mastering multiple instruments. The standard of each performance was extremely high. Huge thanks to Ms Ford for organising the whole event and to Governors and friends of the school, who kindly provided delicious refreshments for the interval.

### Rebuilding

Rebuilding, rebuilding is our thing,  
 For us, for them, for the help we will bring.  
 We will always have faith, and faith mustn't dwell,  
 With all our help, all will be well.  
 Never be sad, never be down,  
 Always smile and never frown.  
 For every house that's rebuilt,  
 Come together, no guilt.  
 And once it's done,  
 You might have fun.  
 So, listen to this now, and then you will know,  
 That you have been given a go.  
 For people in Ukraine, for people across Earth,  
 For the mothers who are about to give birth.  
 We will rebuild!

Congratulations also go to three of our pupils who entered the Rotary Young Writers competition. Issy and Sophia, from Year 5, both received Highly Commended Awards and some excellent feedback on their pieces of writing. You can read their work, by clicking on attachments to this newsletter. Jack, in Year 4, was the **winner** of the whole competition, with his poem entitled 'Rebuilding'. An amazing achievement!

**Running for our school.** We are extremely grateful to Mrs Baird, who is taking on the mighty London marathon to raise money for Churchill Primary School. She is hoping to raise £2500 towards purchasing a new sound system and overhead projector for our school hall; something that is very much needed. Our school budget is very tight and money is always needed for other priorities. The current system is outdated and anyone who has attended a recent family service, knows that the technology often lets us down! If you would like to support Mrs Baird in her challenge, Please click on the attached link to access her [Just Giving Page](#).

*With kind hearts and determined minds, we inspire each other to be the best we can be.*

## Don't forget!

- 15<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> April - Bike Ability starts for Year 5
- 16<sup>th</sup> April – Additional transition opportunity for Year 6 pupils
- 22<sup>nd</sup> April NSPCC services in for Years 2, 5 and 6
- 26<sup>th</sup> April – music day, including a fabulous performance from Karlos – a British chamber music group – with thanks to Churchill Music
- 30<sup>th</sup> April – parent tour for new parents
- 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Year 1 T@3 and class service
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – Church Day for Year 5 at St John's Church
- 13<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> May - Year 6 SATs week
- 17<sup>th</sup> May – Football team are off to Derby County Stadium for the national finals
- 17<sup>th</sup> May – Banwell Football Club in with Year 6
- 21<sup>st</sup> May – Cyber safe event – parents welcome. More information to follow.
- 24<sup>th</sup> May – Dress Down Day in return for donations towards Fathers' Day gifts



## CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to two of our Year 5 class, who ran in the recent North Somerset Cross Country Finals. They both did incredibly well and commented on how sad they were that there are no more races planned for this year. Hopefully, they will back be representing the school next year.



## YOUNG MUSICIAN

Congratulating one of our Year 5 musicians who took part in the Rotary Young Musician Competition.

Playing his acoustic guitar, he was the only performer not to have music in front of him and his ability to remember two very complex pieces was commended by the judge.



## CERTIFICATES

Well done to all those children who received class certificates in the last two services:

**Year R:** Fletcher

**Year 1:** Esmee-Rose / Neve

**Year 2:** Cody / Alicea-May

**Year 3:** Mea / Sophie

**Year 4:** Lottie / Jessica

**Year 5:** Darcey / Anna

**Year 6:** Thais / Obi, Thomas, Kate

**Super Spellers:** Lucy, Max F, Alivia, Ivana, Amelia, Barnaby / Isabelle H

**Super Readers:** Jasmine, Elliot, Isla, Isabella, Penny, Milo / Kate

**Numbots:** Meghan, Issy, Isabelle, Issy, Joshua, Lara / Meghan, Tilly, Isabelle

**Nessy:** Bethany

**Kitchen Award:** Martha



**House points:** **Dolebury 314 / 138** **Lyncombe 275 / 239** **Mendip 279 / 228** **Windmill 44 / 232**



## FUTURE T@3 AND CLASS SERVICE DATES: YEAR 4 – 22ND MARCH 2024

We are really looking forward to welcoming families to our T@3 on Friday. Year 4 class will also be presenting their class service to their family's from 2:30pm in the school hall.

**Year 1 - 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2024**

**Year R – 21<sup>st</sup> June 2024**

## **KNIFE ANGEL POSTER COMPETITION – INFORMATION FROM NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL**

You may have already heard the '[Knife Angel](#)' will visit [North Somerset](#) in May as part of a nationwide tour to highlight the issue of violent crime. The iconic 27-foot-tall statue has been created from over 100,000 knives and blades confiscated by the UK's 43 police forces and designed as a national monument against violence and aggression.



**FREE!**  
**WEBINAR SESSION**  
**COUNTY LINES**

for Parents/Carers in North Somerset as part of Knife Angel

**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> May**  
**5:30pm-7:00pm**

Our gang and county lines parents' session consists of speakers with lived experience within the criminal justice system to unpack and explore the realities and consequences of county lines, gang involvement, and serious youth violence.

Perspectives from previous perpetrators and runners/transmitters, combined with relevant case studies, aid audiences in gaining an authentic and credible understanding of this complex and cross cutting issue.

The session will help parents and carers to identify the signs and triggers that a child or young person might be involved in county lines and gain an understanding of how to appropriately respond to such indicators.

Register below:  
Scan the QR code or click here:  
Meeting will be held on Zoom

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The Knife Angel will be on display at the Italian Gardens in Weston-super-Mare's town centre throughout May 2024; the Violence Reduction Partnership (VRP) are working with a range of organisations and community groups to curate a month-long programme throughout the Knife Angel's time in North Somerset including educational workshops, art installations and community awareness days.

One of the competitions North Somerset are running is a poster competition which asks children in Year groups 3 - 6 to design a 'Superhero for Peace'. We hope the design will help us to think about peace, friendships, kindness, and forgiveness as ways to work against people being unkind to each other. The competition is for children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 and the closing date is Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2024. Application information and the template for the poster is attached to this newsletter.

## **PLEASE DO NOT USE THE LARGE PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT, BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL**

I appreciate that the large playground equipment (trim trail and climbing frames) is very appealing, but we ask that you do not allow your children or pre-school children to use the equipment, before or after school. This is down to insurance regulations. We endeavour to maximise the children's access to the equipment during the school day. We really appreciate your support in this matter.



### **NO MOBILE PHONES IN SCHOOL**

A polite reminder to everyone that Churchill Primary School is a mobile free zone. This applies both in school and also the playground. If you need to use your mobile phone whilst you are in school, please come to the school office. We appreciate your support in this matter.

### **ASPENS SELECT**

Aspens select have activity sheets for children based on food and nutrition. Please find these attached along with this month's vegetable rhubarb.

## COMMUNITY INFORMATION

We receive a lot of posters for local events which we upload to the school website. Included is auditions for Winscombe Youth Theatre's auditions, Planet Pretend, Rainbows, Brownies, Guides, Beavers, Cubs and Scouts, Churchill events to name but a few.

- Lifeskills
- Wells Cathedral – holiday activities
- Create Sunday
- Churchill & Baby Toddler Group
- We're In! providing spaces with respect, dignity and warmth.
- School Health Nursing Team – various webinars available for parents and carers covering dental health, sleep and emotional wellbeing. [School Health Nursing - CCHP | Community Children's Health Partnership](#)



### FREE NHS app HELPS PARENTS CARE FOR THEIR POORLY CHILD

As winter sets in and common childhood illnesses become more frequent, parents are being encouraged to use a free NHS app to help them decide how best to care for their child.

The HANDi app, which has been developed by a team of specialist children's doctors, is quick and easy to use and gives parents and carers expert advice on a range of 4 childhood illnesses. These include diarrhoea and vomiting, high temperature, tummy pain, chestiness, head injuries and common problems experienced by newborn babies.

The app takes parents through a series of questions about their child's symptoms and then advises on the best course of action, whether that's to treat at home, to make a GP appointment, call NHS 111 or call 999. The HANDi App is available to download for Apple phones from the app store or iTunes and for Android phones at Google Play. Alternatively, please use the following QR code:



### SIRONA CARE & HEALTH

The scan code below will take you Sirona Care & Health and lists services for parents with children at different ages. Universal services include services and information available to everyone and specialist services show which provide further support for children and young people.

### BUS INFRASTRUCTURE IN CHURCHILL

Engagement on the proposed upgrades to the bus infrastructure at the junction on the A38/A368 near Churchill, part of the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP), has now launched. Here is the [link to the news release](#) with details of the scheme and how to participate in the public engagement survey.

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# Yatton Library Newsletter

**Shakespeare Week**




We will have a display of children's and adult's books written by and inspired by William Shakespeare in the library 18th - 24th March.

**Happy Birthday to the Gruffalo**




It's the Gruffalo's 25th Birthday in March so we will be having Gruffalo activities in the main library and Gruffalo themed Storytime and Rhymetimes for any preschool children you have.

**World Book Day**




Why not come and visit the library for some inspiration as to who to dress up as for World Book Day

**Book Review**

**Mr Birdsnest and the House Next Door** by Julia Donaldson



Elmo and his sister like to play in the garden next door which is like a jungle, but when it goes up for sale they worry they won't be able to play any more. But who has bought the house??



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**TERM 5 2023-4**

**REC TO YEAR 6**

**End of school to 4.45 pm each Thursday**

**NEW COURSE STARTING 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday back after the break**

**Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking enrolments on their new afterschool soccer course.**

**This is open to boys and girls in Years Reception to 6 inclusive and runs from end of school to 4.45 pm each Thursday.**

**Following the advancement of players into our eldest group, WE ARE ESPECIALLY KEEN TO ENROL NEW KS1 PLAYERS [Years R, 1 and 2]**

**Run by a schoolteacher and coach of more than 35 years' experience, the courses are fun and structured. Each eligible player receives a Skills Award trophy upon successful course completion at the end of Term 6!**

**Fees are paid termly and children get 90 minutes tuition, coaching and trophies, for the approximate cost of only £6 per week!**

**For referrals, philosophy, more general information, info about Holiday Camps at KOW Cheddar + Churchill, contacts and to book your place, please go directly to**

[www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school](http://www.somersetsoccerschools.com/after-school)