



## NEWSLETTER NO. 7 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Happy New Year! I hope you all had a relaxing and fun filled Christmas holiday. We are very much looking forward to welcoming all the children back to school tomorrow, ready for an exciting term of learning.

Year 2 start the term with a trip, on Friday, to the SS Great Britain. Year 2 families, please check you have completed the permissions and payment via ParentPay.

After a number of recent weather warnings, this week sees another really cold snap. Please ensure that children come to school with hats, coats and gloves to ensure they are warm when they are playing outside. Mrs Woollven

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

### CENSUS DAY – FREE SCHOOL MEAL FOR EVERY CHILD

After the success of the census day lunch in October, we are once again offering a special lunch on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January. As you will be aware, funding in schools is a real challenge; we are constantly looking for ways to make more from less. One way we can maximise funding is to ensure we have as many pupils as possible receive a school lunch on census day as numbers directly impact on the money we receive from the Government. Lighthouse Schools Partnership calculated that our school lost over £8000 of funding last year. To help us maximise numbers we will be once again providing a

### **free meal for every child in the school.**

To ensure your child gets their free meal, please make your food selection on the normal Aspens Select system. The menu is already up there for you. There is more information on the poster opposite.

If you are concerned that your child may not like the food choice, please still book a meal (they may like to give it a go) but you are

also welcome to send in a packed lunch.

If you have any difficulty booking the meal, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, we will help to get you sorted.

As this will be a mega cook for our kitchen team, we would be very grateful if you could book your child's meal as soon as possible and certainly by the **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> January**. Thank you so much for your support.

*Don't forget!*

- 7<sup>th</sup> January school open for children
- 10<sup>th</sup> January – Year 2 trip to the SS Great Britain
- 10<sup>th</sup> January 9:15 – parent tour for new pupils
- 15<sup>th</sup> January – Yr5/6 footballers to regional final
- 16<sup>th</sup> January Census Day
- 20<sup>th</sup> January – group of pupils on a bowling trip (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 27<sup>th</sup> January – Virtual Reality experience for Years 1 – Year 6.
- 28<sup>th</sup> January – Farmlink leading a service on Food Miles.
- 31<sup>st</sup> January – Year 2 T@3 and class service
- 5<sup>th</sup> February - group of pupils at gymnastics trip (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 7<sup>th</sup> February – KS2 D&T Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> February – KS1 D&T Day
- 11<sup>th</sup> February – Year 6 Life Skills trip
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Years 5 and 6 swimming festival (a letter will be sent to pupils involved)
- 14<sup>th</sup> February – school closed for INSET

## **SUPPORTING CHILDREN TO RETURN TO THE SCHOOL ROUTINE**

Please find attached a helpful poster of hints and tips that may support children in returning to school routines.



## **LOST PROPERTY**

Following the Reception and KS1 nativity productions, we have a number of pieces of lost property

- 2 flash drives one blue and one pink
- adult's hat and gloves
- peachy coloured drinks mug

If any of these belong to you, please contact the school office to arrange collection.

## **Future T@3 and class service dates:**

**Year 2** – 31<sup>st</sup> January 2025

**Year 1** – 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2025

**Year 4** – 7<sup>th</sup> March 2025

**Reception class** – 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025

We will endeavour to keep these dates but if any changes need to be made, we will let you know as soon as possible.

## **MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES**

The school website now has a section on music opportunities or events happening in the local vicinity. Please follow the link <https://www.churchillprimaryschool.co.uk/parents/music-opportunities> for more information.



## **PARENT GOVERNOR ELECTIONS**

In our school we have provision for 4 parent governors and there will be 2 vacancies.

The Governing Body, with the Headteacher, has responsibility (alongside the MAT Trustee Board) for the running of the school.

Governing bodies have three core strategic functions:

- Ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction;
- Holding executive leaders to account for the educational performance of the organisation and its pupils, and the performance management of staff; and
- Overseeing the financial performance of the organisation and making sure its money is well spent.

No special qualifications are needed; the most important thing is to have a keen interest in the school and the time and commitment to play a full and active part in the governing body's work. Training is available for all governors and this governing body has an expectation that those new to being a governor attend induction training.

Due to a recent resignation, we are looking to appoint a Governor who has experience of finance. If you would be interested in this role, or know someone who is (they do not need to be a parent as we have the option to appoint Governors who hold specific skills), please do let us know via the school office.

## **SICKNESS**

Please be reminded that any child that has sickness and/or diarrhoea needs to be away from school for 48 hours, following the last episode. If your child is off sick, please make sure you cancel any dinners ordered as you will still be charged. Children receiving free school meals also need to cancel as the school will be charged.



### 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.



### WATER ONLY IN DRINKS BOTTLES

As part of our 'healthy schools' initiative, we ask that pupils only bring water in their water bottles. Squash, flavourings or fizzy drinks are not permitted. Please ensure your child comes into school with a water bottle.

*To create a nurturing community in which we ignite curious minds, encourage generous hearts and embrace a changing world so our children can live life in all its fullness*



[www.somersetsoccerschools.com](http://www.somersetsoccerschools.com)

**After School Soccer Club**

**@Churchill Primary School**

**Each Thursday [see website for dates]**

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

**Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are now taking enrolments on our afterschool soccer club, for boys and girls in Years Reception to 6 inclusive.**

**This will be run from end of school to 4.45 pm each Thursday on the field, with children grouped by age and ability.**

**As an experienced teacher and coach of over 35 years, the courses are fun and structured.**

**Each eligible player receives a SKILL AWARD TROPHY upon successful course completion!**

**Fees are paid termly and children get 90 minutes tuition, coaching, trophies AND FUN, 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 to**

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

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form

# WE WILL ROCK YOU

SCHOOL EDITION

15<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup> Jan 2025

Churchill Academy & Sixth Form  
Doors 6.30pm Show 7.00pm

Music and Lyrics by QUEEN  
Story and Script by BEN ELTON

"WE WILL ROCK YOU School Edition" is presented through special arrangement with and all authorised performance materials are supplied by Theatrical Rights Worldwide (TRW).  
www.theatricalrights.co.uk

## 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.