



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

With just one week before we break for half term, it has been good to look back on the start of the academic year and see what has already been achieved. It has been super to be able to regularly walk around the school during lessons and see the students hard at work. We have shown around many visitors recently and as ever we have received lots of positive comments. It has also been wonderful to see how many students have already got involved in our co-curricular offer including our Change and Create teams. It is never too late for students to get involved so please do encourage them to do so.

Marmion House

We spent some time last Friday after school officially opening Marmion House as our centre for wellbeing and support. As you may already be aware, we have named this after Ruth Marmion who was a very long-standing member of staff who passed away after a tragically short illness. Ruth was a Science teacher but was also passionate about looking after young people and their wellbeing. Mr Stirling-Tuner, our Assistant Headteacher who has responsibility for student pastoral matters, safeguarding and attendance, is based in Marmion House along with Mrs Tantram, our safeguarding and wellbeing manager. They are joined through the week by a variety of services including Mentoring Plus and the School Nurse. Many people have been involved in the fundraising for this facility and it was lovely to see them all represented along with members of Ruth's family at the opening event.

KS3 Tutor Evening

Thank you to all of the parents and carers of students in Years 7, 8 and 9 who attended our tutor and information evening last week. It was great to have you on our site and I hope that it was a useful experience.

Year 7 Settling-In Questionnaires and Review

Every year we put out questionnaires to both students and parents/carers to see how our new Year 7 students have settled into Chew Valley School. This is a really important piece of work and will enable us to review how well they have settled in and identify any areas we need to focus on moving forward. After half term we will spend a day with our School Improvement Partner, Deb Wring, who has supported us over many years, along with other members of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership central team, focusing on their experience with a series of lesson visits and interviews.

Careers Convention – Tuesday 22nd October

Our annual Careers Convention takes place next Tuesday. We have over 40 exhibitors booked in and I would like to encourage you to come and take advantage of this opportunity. Based around the school and starting at 6.15pm in the Main Hall, there are also a series of talks for parents, carers and young people to book into.

The School Society and The 500 Club

I was fortunate to be able to attend the AGM of the School Society on Wednesday evening. This group of committed parents, carers and supporters raise significant amounts of money for the school through a variety of ways whilst at the same time supporting events that we have, such as Information Evenings, with refreshments. Their 500 Club is a straightforward way in which people can support and I have attached further details along with this letter. They are always looking for new volunteers so please let us know if you are able to help!

Can I wish everyone a good half term when it arrives.

With very best wishes,

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Dear Parent or Carer

I'm writing on behalf of the School Society (PTA) - a volunteer group of parents and guardians who help raise money to support all our children's experience at Chew Valley School.

Recently, just some of the things we've supported with funding include:

Laptops * School Counselling Service * Media & IT Equipment * Software for MFL & ICT * Outdoor Shelters for social time * Benches * Student Awards * Microscopes * Library Books * Decoding Books for SEN * Fridge & Freezer for DT * Art Supplies * Wellbeing Sessions * Sports Equipment * Trophy Cabinets * History VR Experience * DSLR Cameras * Performing Arts * Aerobics Instructor * Drama Headsets * Maths App * Mental Health Support Books

Our biggest money-raiser is our **500 Club** and we'd like to invite you to subscribe to that from just **£2 a month**, and then feel no guilt if you never come to an event or bake a cake. Essentially, it's a lottery, so 3 people win cash prizes every month. It could be you.

Of course, if you would like to join our committee, to help run uniform sales or organise our annual Family Bingo Night or Quiz Night, we'd love to welcome you too. Email CVSSociety@chewvalleyschool.co.uk and we'll add you to our group. But if you would like to help but prefer not to come to events, please consider buying a ticket or two for our monthly draw.

Thanks in advance,

Laura
Secretary, CVS Society

Here's how it works...

You complete and sign the attached Membership Form & Standing Order mandate for £2 per month.

£2 per month buys you one membership number (allocated to you by the School Society), which enters you into the monthly draw. You may buy multiple numbers; just adjust your Membership Form and Standing Order accordingly.

The draw will take place on the first Monday of each month (see T&Cs).

If you win, the funds will be credited to your nominated bank account within one week of the draw and your number will be published on social media.

The prize money will be 35% of the membership fee taken that month.

The remaining 65% goes to the school to help fund equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.

The 500 Club is a Small Society Lottery and is open to anyone over the age of 18.

Any queries, please contact Deborah Elsom at cvssociety@chewvalleyschool.co.uk

Chew Valley School Society (PTA)

500 Club Sign Up

SOCIETY TO COMPLETE

Lottery Numbers Allocated

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How many £2 tickets are you applying for?

NAME

POSTAL ADDRESS

PHONE NO.

EMAIL

I/we understand that **Chew Valley School Society** will forward the completed Standing Order Mandate to the bank indicated and that £2 per ticket will be taken from my/our account, on the first day of each month by Standing Order which will be paid into the 500 Club account until I/we advise the bank otherwise.

By signing this form I confirm that I have read and agree with the Terms and Conditions of Chew Valley School Societies 500 Club Lottery.

I/we agree that if we wish to cancel this order I/we will also inform **Chew Valley School Society** of this decision.

Please select ONE option from the below

I consent to my name being published as a winner on Social Media

I **DO NOT** consent to my name being published as a winner on Social Media

I consent to my personal data being processed for the purpose of: (Please tick to opt in)

To advise me when I have a win

To send me communications about the society's fundraising events and activities

This data will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 2018 and the Chew Valley School Society GDPR policy

SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

Please return this form, together with your Standing Order Mandate or cheque, to:

Deborah Elsom c/o Julie Seeley
Chew Valley School Society (PTA)
Chew Valley School, Chew Lane, Chew Magna, BS40 8QB
or email to cvssociety@chewvalleyschool.co.uk

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT AND GOOD LUCK!

Chew Valley School Society (PTA)

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

PAYER'S DETAILS:

Bank Details

To (Your Bank's Name):

Address (Your Bank's Address):

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Account Name:

Account No.: Sort Code:

Please set up a Standing Order paying the regular sum of

£2 per month on the 1st day of each month (for single tickets) and then every month until further notice

£..... per month on the 1st day of each month (for multiple tickets) and then every month until further notice

Date of 1st regular payment:

Reference (your First Name and Surname):

Account Holder Details:

Title: Name:

Address:

..... Post Code:

Phone No.: Email:

Signature: Date:

PAYEE'S DETAILS:

Chew Valley School Society

Bank: **Nat West Bank**

Branch: **290 Wells Road, Knowle, Bristol BS4 2QA**

Account Name: **500 Club** Account No.: **20120109** Sort Code: **60-05-22**

Chew Valley School Society (PTA)

500 CLUB RULES

PURPOSE

The purpose of the 500 Club is to raise funds. The money will be paid into the Chew Valley School Society bank account and used to meet funding requests from the school, providing equipment, resources and opportunities for pupils.

RULES

1. The 500 Club has a limit of 500 members at any one time. If more wish to join, a waiting list will be established and new members will be admitted to the 500 Club strictly in the order they joined the waiting list as vacancies occur.
2. For a cost of £2 per month (i.e. per draw) you will be allocated one number between 1 and 500. More than one number may be requested.
3. A draw will be made every month with a 1st, 2nd and 3rd prize.
4. The prizes will total 35% of the monthly income of the previous month.
5. This will be apportioned as: 1st prize of 20%, 2nd prize of 10% and 3rd prize of 5%.
6. The 500 Club is a Small Society Lottery and is open to anyone over the age of 18 (legally 16 but committee agreed 18).
7. Payments must be made by standing order. One month's notice is required for cancellation.
8. Members' numbers will only be entered if their subscription is up to date.
9. If a member has no valid reason for missing a payment, their number may be sold to someone on the reserve list.
10. If the Standing Order mandate pays for multiple tickets and there is an issue with the full payment, all tickets on that mandate will be invalid.
11. The draw will be made by two Chew Valley School Society committee members and a member of staff at the school, in the school reception during the first week of every month. Should the first week of the month be during the school holidays, the draw will be made the month before with that month's lottery draw.
12. The winning funds will be credited to your nominated bank account within one week of the draw.
13. It is the responsibility of the member to advise the organiser of any change of address by writing to Deborah Elsom c/o Julie Seeley, Chew Valley School Society (PTA), Chew Magna, Bristol, BS40 8QB.
14. The number of each month's winners will be posted on the Chew Valley School Society Facebook page.
15. If a winner cannot be contacted, the winnings will be placed into Chew Valley School Society funds after six months.
16. The 500 Club will be run by the Society. In case of any dispute the decision of the Committee is final.
17. Unless otherwise advised, a member will be deemed to have left the 500 Club if his/her subscription renewal remains unpaid for a period of one month.
18. The 500 Club is run as a Small Society Lottery in accordance with the Gambling Act 2005.
19. Application for membership shall be deemed as acceptance of the 500 Club rules.
20. The Chew Valley School Society committee may amend the rules of the 500 Club at any time. Members will be informed of changes by letter or email.
21. These rules were approved at the meeting 19 March 2019 of the Chew Valley School Society.
22. The first draw will be the first week of July 2019.

All data will be held in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998 and the Chew Valley School Society GDPR policy https://www.chewvalleyschool.co.uk/docs/School_Society/CVSS_GDPR_Policy_2018.pdf