



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

Enrichment Week

Last week we completed our Enrichment Week where students took part in a huge range of activities. It was wonderful to be able to walk around and see students camping overnight, preparing for their futures including mock interviews with Years 9 and 12 and taking part in a variety of trips. We have received numerous messages from the public who came across our young people out in public who felt compelled to contact us to pass on their comments about the wonderful manners and exemplary behaviour they witnessed. Well done to everyone involved but particularly Mr Jones who co-ordinated everything in his usual brilliant way.

Climate Action Team Work

It is lovely to be able to report that our Climate Action Team continue to work hard on many projects. We were proud to send four of our students to Southville Primary School in Bristol this week where they trained three members of staff in climate change education and how to embed it into their curriculum. The students were very professional and made a fantastic impression on the staff there, so much so that they've been invited back to lead an INSET training for all of their staff. This project was in conjunction with 'Teach the Teacher', an organisation who have trained our students to be able to do this. As a school, we look forward to completing our own staff training which will be delivered by the Climate Action Team.

Linked in with this, **Monday 22nd July** will be **WRONG SHOES DAY**. Please donate £1 on ParentPay to wear non-school shoes/trainers on this day (normal uniform still applies). This day is one where all money will go to our link charity MEER - making homes habitable using mirrors to reduce the impact of climate change on vulnerable people in different locations. There will also be an opportunity to pay on the day with cash during tutor time. Silver ribbon pin badges will also be available to buy to show your support. The silver ribbons reflect MEER's use of mirrors to deflect sunlight back into space rather than allowing it to convert into heat by being absorbed into the ground and heating up the air. We are looking forward to seeing all those funky shoes and raising lots of money for this great charity.

Summer Music Concert and Performing Arts Week

It was lovely to have the outdoor music concert at the back of the school on Tuesday evening where we were able to showcase the brilliant talent that we have at Chew Valley School. Those who attended were able to hear a wide range of music and enjoy the weather despite some wind which blew some music sheets around! We are looking forward to the rest of the events linked to the Performing Arts Week coming up.

Governors

The final governors meeting of the year took place also on Tuesday in the Library where we were able to say goodbye to our Chair of Governors, Sheila Williams, who is retiring after giving some great service to the school over a good number of years. Personally, Sheila has constantly supported me during my time of being Headteacher here and has always been a sounding block when required. We wish her all the best for the future. Governors voted in Sarah Cran as her successor and myself, along with the Senior Leadership Team of the school, are looking forward to working alongside Sarah and the rest of the governing body as we continue to take the school forward.

Gold Duke of Edinburgh Expedition

Good luck to all of the Sixth Formers that have headed off today for their four day expedition in North Wales. We have Year 13 students being assessed and Year 12 students training at the same time in the area. Thanks go to the staff who have given up their weekend to support them.

Mind over Mile Charity 2wish in School on Tuesday 2nd July

We will have our regular visit from Rhian Mannings on Tuesday 2nd July linked with the charity 2wish. Students will be able to run a mile at some stage during the day on our grass track on the top field. The charity offers support to families affected by the sudden and unexpected death of a child or young person aged 25 and under and the charity has so far supported over 1,400 families who have lost a child or young person. Working hand in hand with organisations such as the Police, NHS Wales and Organ Donation Wales, it provides support to make sure that no family is missed. Across every Emergency Unit and Critical Care Unit in Wales, there are now immediate support pathways in place. The QR code below enables anyone who wishes to donate to do so.

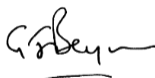


Returning to school in September

Although it is some time away, I wanted to let you know our arrangements for returning for the new academic year. We have two days of INSET on Monday 2nd and Tuesday 3rd September. We are asking the new Year 7 students along with new Year 12 and Year 13 students to join us for the day on Wednesday 4th September with the rest of the school returning on Thursday 5th September. A full bus service will run from Wednesday 4th September. Full details of other key dates for the next academic year are available on our website.

Finally, it was lovely to be able to attend both the Sixth Form Ball at Aldwick Estate on Wednesday and the Year 11 Prom at Cadbury House on Thursday. These are really important events as we celebrate many of the students moving on to the next stage of their life. The students all looked amazing as they dressed up for the evenings.

With very best wishes,



Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Selected Key Dates

Friday 28th June - Monday 1st July

Monday 1st July

Tuesday 2nd July

Wednesday 3rd July

Thursday 11th July

Monday 15th July

Tuesday 16th July

Wednesday 17th July

Thursday 18th July

Tuesday 23rd July

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Performing Arts Awards Evening

Year 6 Parents' Induction Evening

LAMDA Evening

Sixth Form Celebration Evening

Bilbie Celebration Evening

Moreton Celebration Evening

Hauteville Celebration Evening

Rodney Celebration Evening

End of the Summer Term (12.05pm finish)

Monday 2nd September

Tuesday 3rd September

Wednesday 4th September

Thursday 5th September

Thursday 26th September

Friday 27th September

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Years 7, 12 and 13 return to school

Years 8, 9, 10 and 11 return to school

Open Evening

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