



# Newsletter



It has just been pointed out to me that this is the last Friday in January which has, for some reason, raised my spirits with the thought that warmer spring weather might be on the way. In reality, I am fully aware that we are far from being out of the woods in respect of the chilly weather but the end of January seems like an important milestone.

Classes 3 and 4 have now got four sessions of swimming under their belts and I have received some good reports about the progress being made. At Cheriton, we attach a high importance on the teaching of swimming which is why our children swim for each of the 4 years they are in Key Stage 2 when the requirement is for us to provide swimming and water safety lessons in one of the years in either Key Stage 1 or 2.

When 10 sessions have been completed, we will receive individual assessments detailing the level of competence achieved by each child and these will be passed on to you.

Swimming is the only sport to be included within the national curriculum physical education programme of study.

Each pupil is required to be able to do the following:

- Perform safe self-rescue in different water based situations
- Swim competently, confidently and proficiently over a distance of at least 25 metres
- Use a range of strokes effectively, for example, front crawl, backstroke and breaststroke

It looked like we might all need to start swimming last week when we opened the school to discover a burst pipe had flooded Class 2. Thanks to the speedy response of staff members and the heroic efforts of a parent, Mrs Faber and two governors, Liz Brett and Lis Flett (also a parent), The worst of the water was quickly removed and the room was back in operation from the beginning of the week. My thanks go to this wonderful team.

Parking and driving behaviour in the village, appears to be causing some anxiety again. The zig-zags are largely being left clear which is a great help but there has been a bit of double parking taking place which is not considered safe even though the road seems wide enough to cope. We have had instances in the past where the curb-side car has driven away leaving the second car parked in the "middle" of the road. Further requests have been made to me to ask some of you to keep your speed down through the village with "20 being plenty".

Many thanks to those of you who have contacted Kate Munce to offer your services as a "Handy man or woman", page 3. Your help is very much appreciated.

*Andrew Goldsworthy*



## River Visit—Class 3

Last Tuesday the whole class went to the river bank for our fun river day! We had a great time and we learned that the river that flows through Cheriton is actually a tributary of the River Itchen.

We also learnt all about the different creatures living in our river, such as Freshwater Shrimps, Bullhead fish, Mayfly Nymphs, Mino fish and Stickleback fish.

Our river is a chalk river and there are only 170 in England.

By Liberty & Daisy



### BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CLUB—update!

The B&A Club has grown so much in popularity that we have had to employ another member of staff. Ms Becker has very kindly offered to join Miss Pammant each morning to help with the increasing demand. In the Before School Club we have the capacity to have 16 children attend. The After School Club, run by Mrs Munce, can take up to 8 children. Hopefully there will not be too many occasions where we are unable to fulfil your request.

The cost remains the same—£5.00 for a morning session, £7.50 for an afternoon session.

(It must be the only thing that hasn't increased in price this year!!!)

We have spaces in Clarinet and Saxophone lessons for Yrs 4,5 & 6. Contact the Melissa Debont [melissadebont@yahoo.com](mailto:melissadebont@yahoo.com) for more details.



### **Term Dates: September 2022- July 2023**

Autumn Term 2022 1st September-16th December 2022 (Half term from 24th October to 28th October 2022)

Spring Term 2023 3rd January-31st March 2023 (Half term from 13th February to 17th February 2023)

Summer Term 2023 17th April- 21st July 2023 (Half term from 29th May to 2nd June 2023)

## Calling all handy men & women.....



Cheriton School needs you!

In absence of having a caretaker, the list of small maintenance tasks for work required in the school is growing.

Whilst major tasks can be contracted out to professionals, there are a number of tasks that just need someone who is a bit handy and able to offer ad hoc help.

We are not asking for a permanent commitment, just be on a working party WhatsApp group that will post jobs that need doing. You can then volunteer for those that you are able to help with.

The school will purchase all necessary materials and provide the tools.

To protect the children, the majority of work will need to be undertaken outside of school hours so we are looking for evening and/or weekend support.

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- Repair hand towel dispenser in staff toilet
  - Put clock up on outside wall of hall
  - Install a second water butt
  - Repaint the squash court markings
  - Replace the mesh topping over the squash court
  - Paint the rear of the Year R trike store
  - Construct a 'water wall' feature on back of Year R trike store
  - Clear brambles from around gas tanks
  - Clear rubbish from around bin store area
  - Repair bottom of wire link fencing in playground
  - Paint the staff toilet
  - Adjust the front gate
  - Repair mosaic at the front
  - Prune bushes at the front of the school

If you feel that you may be able to help, (even if it is only for a 30 minute task!), please can you WhatsApp Kate Munce on 07825 443194 requesting to be added to the group. As well as attempting all manner of DIY, Kate will also coordinate the jobs, tools, materials etc. so we make best use of everyone's help.



Thank you for your support.

## DIARY DATES

4th Jan (10 weeks)	Swimming Lessons for KS2 children—10 weeks—Alton Sports Centre
10th Feb	INSET DAY
24th Feb	Film Night
3rd March	World Book Day—"YOU ARE A READER"
17th March	Red Nose Day
22nd March	Class 1 & 2- Play "There's a Sunflower in my Supper" 2.30 to 3.30pm
23rd March	Class 1 & 2- Play "There's a Sunflower in my Supper" 5.30 to 6.30pm
29th March	River Day Part 2- Class 3
31st March	INSET DAY
8th May	BANK HOLIDAY—King's Coronation
9th—12th May	Yr 6 SAT's week
19th May	Sports Day
23rd May	Class 3—Butser Ancient Farm
26th May	Reserve Sports Day
22nd June	Class Photographs—AM
29th June	Yr5—Perins Taster Day—All Day
3rd - 5th July	Class 4—Residential Trip = Minstead
21st July	Last Day of Term—close at 1.30pm

### Office Reminder.

We **aim** to be a NUT FREE school. Please ensure when sending in snacks, packed lunches or birthday treats that they do not contain nuts.

## CLUBS

INTRA8Dance	Monday (3.30 to 4.30pm) - Yrs R to 4 - Hall
FOOTBALL	Monday(3.30 to 4.30pm) - Yrs 1,2 & 3 - Back playground
MACRAME	Tuesday (Lunchtime) - Yr 5/6—Class 4—No Charge
NETBALL	Tuesday (3.30 to 4.30pm) - KS2 - Back playground
COOKERY	Wednesday (3.30 to 4.30pm) - KS2 - Hall
JUDO	Thursday (3.30 to 4.15pm) - KS1 & 2 - Hall
RUGBY	Monday (3.30 to 4.30pm'ish) KS2 - Rec Ground
FRENCH	Friday - (Lunchtime) - KS1 & 2 - Front playground
CHOIR	Monday —(8.30am) - KS2 No Charge
GARDENING	Thursday—(Lunchtime) - KS1 & 2 No Charge

**MUSIC LESSONS**—Drums/Woodwind/Piano/Violin (Private lessons in school time.)

Please contact the office if you are interested in joining any of the above