



Charmouth Primary School Round-up

Tuesday 24th January 2023

Clubs

Netball Club will run from Thursday 26th January – this club is open to Key Stage Two and will need at least 14 children to go ahead. The club will run until 4:30pm.

We need a few more children to attend this club in order for it to go ahead. Please contact the office to register your child's interest in the Netball Club.



Swimming

Year 5 and 6 will be swimming first from **Thursday 12th January to Thursday 16th March** for a nine-week period.

Each week we will need helpers. If you are available to help please let the office know.

Next term, it will be Adventurers class swimming and we will need helpers, so please have a look in your diaries now!

Navigators Outdoor Learning

Navigators are planning to go to the beach for their Outdoor Learning on **Wednesday 8th February**.

They will need some parent volunteers for this afternoon session. Please contact the office if you are available to help.

Diary Dates

Thursday 26th January 9-10am

Parent Coffee Morning

Tuesday 7th February

Safer Internet Day

Wednesday 1st March

SEND Coffee Morning

Thursday 2nd March

World Book Day – dress up as a favourite book character. Parents are invited to come and share stories in the afternoon.

Thursday 9th March 9-10am

Parent Coffee Morning

w/b 20th March

Parent consultations

Friday 31st March from 12pm

Spring Picnic – all welcome!

Adventurers Trip

We need some parent helpers to come along on our trip to **Dorset Museum on 9th February**. Please let the office know if you are able to volunteer. Thank you.



SEN Coffee Morning

Thank you to those parents who were able to attend the coffee morning last week – we really value the opportunity to meet more informally.

The next SEN coffee morning is on **Wednesday 1st March** – we hope you can make it.



School Council

School Council met last week and will be having a focus question to ask other children to help ensure a strong pupil voice. Their first question is about what playground equipment children would most like to have.

Reading

Please can we remind you to record when you have heard your child read at home.

This will mean we can celebrate their achievements in class.



Football Books

We have some Premier League 2023 sticker albums in the office. If you would like an album and some stickers to start you off, please come to the office.

Local Food Links

If you are having trouble ordering food on Local Food Links, please let the office know as they are happy to help with this if needed.



Chickenpox

We would just like to make you aware that Chickenpox is circulating. This is a common childhood illness – please use the link below to access NHS advice and information.

<https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/chickenpox/>

Upcoming Event

Miss Farmer will be holding a Reading and Phonics meeting for parents of Explorers and Pathfinders in the coming weeks. Please watch this space for further details.



All The Good Things!

There are a lot of fun things going on at school at the moment – Cooking for Pathfinders, Swimming and **Outdoor Learning for Navigators**, Ukelele for Adventurers, PE with Lee on a Friday and afterschool Sewing Club, Funetics, Board Games and this week, Netball Club!



Fabulous Mask Making!

Adventurers have made some incredible masks as part of their Come Fly with Me... Africa topic. Thank you to the wonderful volunteers who have helped ensure that this was so successful!





Teacher Strike

As you will probably be aware, the National Education Union (NEU) has announced the results from their ballot and that the teachers who are members may be commencing strike action.

This action will take place on the following dates:

1st February

2nd March

15th March

16th March

The NEU states that the reason for the ballot was: 'a result of failure by the Secretary of State in England and the employers in Wales to ensure enough money is available to pay a fully-funded increase in pay for teachers which at least matches inflation, and which begins to restore lost pay.'

Most of our teachers are members of the NEU. Whether our staff choose to exercise their right to strike is a personal matter. Staff do not have to inform school of their intention to strike until the actual day of the strike. This means that schools have to risk assess the potential disruption and make the necessary arrangements.

Other non-striking unions, including those our teaching assistants are members of, have issued guidance to their members about how they should respond, including not to cover for striking colleagues.

Our staff are committed our school and children; the action they decide to take is not one that will be taken lightly, and is one that they ultimately, in the longer term, believe does have the best interests of the children at its heart.

As soon as we are able to fully risk assess the situation, parents will be informed on whether all classes will be open on the strike days.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.



Online and Virtual Safety

It has come to our attention that a number of our children are accessing games, films and TV programmes which are not designed or appropriate for their ages. While this can cause distress to individual children, it can also be a confusing message about how we treat each other and behave.

We are also aware that some children are using WhatsApp on their phones and that some less than pleasant messages have been sent. WhatsApp's terms and conditions state that users should be 16 years or over. Please also be aware that where parents are responding to chats without the knowledge of other users, this is a safeguarding concern.

If you are unsure about your child's internet, gaming or television use, there are many websites where support and guidance can be obtained. <https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers> has advice about staying safe online and has the facility to search for a particular game. Other useful websites are listed on the Online Safety section of our website (<https://charmouth.dorset.sch.uk/e-safety-2/>).

Attendance Letters

We have a responsibility to address low levels of attendance. Parents of children with less than 90% and 95% attendance recently received letters to highlight their child's level of attendance. If you have any concerns about your child's attendance, please contact the school.

We have regular meetings with the local authority to review attendance figures for each individual child.