

Newsletter – Monday 10th January 2022 (fortnightly)

W/B	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
10th Jan Menu week 2		Toddlers AM Eco Club	PE (Acorns/Oaks) Primary Sports After School - Sports Club (Acorns)	Music lessons & Toddlers PM PE (Acorns/Oaks) Primary Sports After School - Sports Club (Oaks)	Forest School (Acorns)
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Dates for the Diary

13th Jan: Music lessons restart
 14th Jan: Forest School for Acorns starts
 18th Feb: Last day of school
 21st-25th Feb: Half term
 28th Feb: Return to school
 18th March: Comic Relief
 8th April: Last day of school
 11th-22nd April: Easter Holidays
 25th April: Return to school



Our Learning Toddlers

It is wonderful to welcome back our families to our Toddler sessions on Tuesday mornings and Thursday afternoons. We are looking forward to

more fun and learning through play over the coming weeks!

Acorns (Nursery/Reception)

We have started the term with a mini topic all about Winter. We are enjoying the frosty mornings, as it allows us to go and look at the patterns in the ice. Our main topic this term is called 'Starry Night'. We will be looking at animals, with a focus on nocturnal animals and also looking at why we as people need a good night's sleep. There will be a sleep diary to complete at home in the coming weeks. We are planning to finish the topic off with a trip to Exmoor Zoo – details TBC.

Acorns (Y1/2)

We began the term with finishing off our topic work from last half term. We have started our new topic 'Bright Lights and Big City' today, and will be looking at Queen Elizabeth II in more detail before looking at London and finishing with the Great Fire of London. In Science this half term we are looking at Seasons. In Maths, the

next few weeks will be focused on multiplication and division. We will be learning our 2, 5 and 10 times tables. You can help at home by step counting in 2, 5 and 10 forwards and backwards with and eventually without a 100 square. If you need a new 100 square please email Mrs Pugsley who will send one home.

Oaks

Happy New Year and thank you for the Christmas gifts gratefully received.

During the Spring term we will be studying:

Rocks and Rumbles - This project teaches children about the features and characteristics of Earth's layers, including a detailed exploration of volcanic, tectonic and seismic activity.

The Romans as part of our continued 'Invasion' project - This project teaches children about the History and structure of ancient Rome and the Roman Empire, including a detailed exploration of the Romanisation of Britain.

Forces and magnets - This project teaches children about contact and non-contact forces, including friction and magnetism. They investigate frictional and magnetic forces, and identify parts of a magnet and magnetic materials.

Could you encourage the children to gather at least 3 very different pieces of rock (or more) for an investigation during the week beginning the 17th January, thank you.

OOSC – Out of School Club with Angie Lunn

We have been sharing our time between our outside and inside spaces due to the change in weather and reduced light. The children are always keen to play outside and where possible we try and stay outside as much as we can. Bearing that in mind, can I ask that any children booked in bring gloves with them, as their hands can get very cold and can prevent them from enjoying themselves.

This week the children have been playing outside on the scooters and role playing in the outdoor classroom. They have been using the field for ball games and the garden for making up creative treasure hunts.

Claire-Louise: *The Out Of School Club is so much fun because we get to play outside until dark and we get to play treasure hunting.*

Bea: *I love Out Of School Club because I have lots of friends there.*

Trips and Residential

The PTFA have very generously offered to finance two trips for each class this year. At present, the intention is for Acorns to go to Exmoor Wildlife park this term, and the Tiverton Museum next term. Oaks will be going on a trip to Escott 'Saxon Village' or Beer Caves this term, and we hope to get the financial support and numbers to attend a residential next term, which the PTFA will fund the transport for. A separate letter about this which will come out this week when we have received all of the relevant quotes.

Forest School

Thank you to Emma Hayes for leading Forest School for the Oaks. Emma has undertaken this as volunteer and the Oaks have really enjoyed our time. The Acorns will be having these sessions from this Friday, so please ensure they bring in a change of clothes and shoes every week now.

Volunteers

Also a massive thank you to all our volunteers who have helped at school. The children love to interact with people besides ourselves and we really appreciate the help. If anyone else is interested in volunteering to support with anything from Art to Reading, please do let us know.

Boots or a change of shoes

As the weather changes, the children are increasingly being restricted as to where they can play by their footwear. Unfortunately, the field and grass areas are very muddy, which is then being brought into class on the children's shoes. Please can all children bring in a change of footwear that can be kept in school – even on PE days – so that we can keep the mud outside and our classroom environment clean.



School dinners

Please make sure that you are ordering school dinners well in advance, as below:

Orders for week commencing	Deadline on
Monday 17 th January	Sunday 9 th January

If you have forgotten to order, please contact the office ASAP.

Music Lessons

Mrs Craddock's music lessons will resume this Thursday and will now be in the afternoons rather than the mornings. If you would like to have a taster session, please let the office know and they can provide you with a form.



Get well messages

We are sending our thoughts and well wishes to Miss Chipman - Mrs Ford is currently covering her.

We also wish Sophia a speedy recovery following her stint in hospital and we all look forward to seeing her in school once she is better.



Congratulations

Well done to Gemma and Isla on donating their hair to the Little Princess Charity and raising an amazing £205! If you would like to donate you can on www.justgiving.com/G-Elsworthy



COVID-19 Update

Please can all parents/carers still remain vigilant. Whilst there is no requirement for us to test pupils in the Primary Schools, we would suggest that you test regularly at home. Should you wish to do so, lateral flow test kits can be ordered online:

[Order coronavirus \(COVID-19\) rapid lateral flow tests - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-covid-19-rapid-lateral-flow-tests)

The isolation rules have changed recently to reduce the number of days isolating from 10 to 7, providing that there are two negative results on Days 6 and 7 which are taken 24 hours apart.

This means the first test on Day 6 can be taken at any time after midnight (preferably early in the morning). This gives the opportunity to take the second test on Day 7 24 hours apart and should allow attendance in school on Day 7.

As an example, the first test may be taken at 6:15am on Day 6, then the second test can be taken at 7:15am on Day 7. Providing both LFD tests are negative, you can then be released from isolation immediately following the second test result and this will allow you to immediately return to normal life.

It is prudent that you try and take precautions to limit face to face contact, keep a face covering on where possible, and wash or sanitise your hands regularly.

Confirmatory PCR tests following a positive LFD test result are to be temporarily suspended from Tuesday 11th January. This will mean that anyone who receives a positive LFD test result will be required to self-isolate immediately and will not be required to take a confirmatory PCR test.

PTFA DATES AND NEWS

Diary Dates

27th January - PTFA Meeting @ school early evening (time TBC) 5th March - Jumble Sale @ Witheridge Parish Hall

Happy New Year from the PTFA! We hope you had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to lots of fun fundraising with us in 2022! If you would like to get involved, please feel free to join us on 27th January for our next meeting.

Lottery - Hard to believe that we have been doing this for a whole year now. Here are some stats on our first year:

TOP 3 WINNERS

Jeni Cooke, winning 5 times, total: £68
Matt Mantle, winning 5 times, total: £58.80
Pauline Dawson, winning 5 times, total: £57.90
WINNINGS DONATED BACK TO SCHOOL:
£131.70 (from 11 wins) FUNDS RAISED TO
DATE: £836.80

If you haven't signed up for a ticket or two please visit:

www.yourschoollottery.co.uk/lottery/school/east-worlington-primary-school

Christmas Raffle - Thank you so much to all who sold tickets and donated items for hampers. We made a brilliant £516 profit, all of which will be used to fund things that directly benefit the children.

Jumble Sale - As you will see from the Diary Dates, we are hoping to hold a jumble sale in early Marc. If you are having a clear out and want to get rid of unwanted clothes, toys, books or general bric-a-brac, we'll be happy to take it - please speak to Chanelle re. collection.

Chanelle

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JOB ADVERTISEMENT

FOR THE PERMANENT POST OF

Governance Professional (Clerk to the Directors)
20 hours per week x 39 weeks per year

&

Income Generation Administrator
10 hours per week x 39 weeks per year

Grade D

£10.41 – £11.50 per hour - depending on experience
(pay award pending)

AT CHULMLEIGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Required ASAP

We require an enthusiastic, organised and IT literate person to provide administrative support to the Directors of Chulmleigh Academy Trust. This interesting and varied post will include duties such as organising, attending and minuting meetings, advising on procedural matters, managing the Trust policies and providing information and advice to the Directors in relation to governance matters. The role is 20 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum.

In addition, we are delighted to offer the successful candidate the part time role of Income Generation Administrator. The role will involve working with the Senior Leadership Team to create and deliver an income generation strategy, which ensures that income generation and business development opportunities are realised. The role is 10 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum.

Candidates should demonstrate the following skills and attributes:

- A high standard of English and Mathematics
- Ability to communicate effectively
- Experience as an effective administrator
- Maintaining high levels of confidentiality and discretion
- Able to work under pressure

The usual working pattern will be Monday to Friday, ideally from 8.30am – to 4.30pm (4.00pm on Friday). However, some flexibility with the work pattern will be required to cover meetings.

We are committed to employing the very best candidates and would consider splitting the roles for the right candidates. Please indicate on your application if you are interested in both roles or prefer one of the roles.

An application form, job description, person specification and further information about our standing and success are available on our website: <https://insurl.com/VacanciesCAT> Completed application forms to be emailed to personnel@chulmleigh.davon.sch.uk

As employers we are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and in that regard have appropriate policies and procedures. All staff undertake a criminal record check via the Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) and interviews will include questions about safeguarding children.

Closing date: 10 am Tuesday, 25th January 2022
Interview Date: Thursday 3rd February 2022



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

FOR THE PERMANENT POSTS OF

Teaching Assistant
(various roles available)

39 weeks per annum - term time only

Grade C: £9.81 to £10.21 per hour
(depending on experience/pay award pending)

AT CHULMLEIGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE
Required from January 2022

We are seeking to appoint enthusiastic, committed, patient and motivated Teaching Assistants to join our team at Chulmleigh Community College.

The Teaching Assistant role involves providing support for pupils, including those with special needs, to enable access to learning. You will be tenacious and committed to supporting the needs and development of individual pupils whilst being an excellent team player and communicator. Previous experience of working with pupils with different abilities would be an advantage. The successful candidates will provide support across both KS3 and KS4 (age 11-16 years).

Candidates should demonstrate the following skills and attributes:

- A good standard of English and Mathematics
- Excellent communication skills
- Patience and positivity
- Support inclusion and be fully committed to ensuring the very best for all our pupils
- The ability to support colleagues, use positive behaviour management strategies and ensure the school continues its excellent provision for all pupils

We are pleased to have the flexibility to offer various permanent opportunities including:

- 30 hours per week x 39 weeks per annum – term time plus an additional week to cover Non-Pupil Days
- part time opportunities that we will be pleased to discuss at interview.

An application form, job description and information relating to our standing and success are available on our website: <https://insurl.com/VacanciesCAT>

Please email completed application forms to personnel@chulmleigh.davon.sch.uk by 10 am on Tuesday 25th January 2022. Please indicate on your application if you are interested in a part time role.

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Closing date: 10 am Wednesday, 19th January 2022
Interview date: Friday, 28th January 2022



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

PERMANENT

AFTER SCHOOL CLEANERS REQUIRED

CHULMLEIGH COMMUNITY COLLEGE

AND

CHULMLEIGH PRIMARY SCHOOL

Grade C (after 10pm) - (Starting at £10.01 per hour)

Grade A (before 10pm) - (£9.25 per hour)

Pay award pending

Various posts now available

Chulmleigh Academy Trust is seeking motivated and enthusiastic individuals to join our highly valued, hardworking, and committed premises team.

We have vacancies for cleaners to cover an agreed work pattern within the shift times of 16.00 to 01.00 Monday to Friday and 16.00 to midnight on Friday.

Agreed contracts would be 41 weeks per annum. Contracts will be split between two contracts covering the two grades and pay scales where necessary. An inflationary increase is currently pending.

Shifts within the stated period above can be flexible to suit the candidate. Please state clearly in your application the number of hours and the work pattern you would prefer.

Duties will include cleaning, both internally and externally and other tasks that may be designated by the Nightshift Supervisor. The postholders will need to take responsibility for school security, as duties will include locking and unlocking the building.

We are pleased to offer these permanent positions, which are now available.

An application form and job description are available from our website: <https://thwart.com/VacanciesCAT>

Please download and complete the application form and email it to personnel@chulmleigh.devon.sch.uk. Candidates may be contacted to arrange interview prior to the closing date.

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Closing date: 10 am Friday, 21 January 2022

Interview date: Friday 21 January 2022



JOB ADVERTISEMENT

Lapford Community Primary School

Teaching Assistant	(17.5 hww Grade C, £9.81 - £10.21 per hour depending on experience)
Higher Level Teaching Assistant	(6 hww Grade E, £12.45 - £14.02 per hour depending on experience)

Both roles pending a pay award

*Both roles are available with immediate effect and are fixed term until 31 August 2022
It is possible that both roles could be undertaken by the same person*

Teaching Assistant: We are seeking to appoint an enthusiastic, committed, patient and motivated Teaching Assistant to join our team. The post involves supervising and providing support for pupils, including those with special needs, to enable access to learning. You will be providing general learning support to children within the classroom. Experience of working with all ages and abilities would be an advantage. The role of the successful candidate will include providing help with learning tasks; feeding back to the teacher on progress made; encouraging students to take responsibility for their own learning, self-care and promoting development of self-esteem, promoting independent learning, and supporting children to lead a healthy, active life. The working pattern is Monday to Friday, mornings only, from 9 am to 12.30 pm.

Higher Level Teaching Assistant (HLTA): In addition to the Teaching Assistant skills outlined above, the key responsibility of the successful candidate will be to work under an agreed system of supervision/management to plan, prepare and deliver lessons to groups/whole classes in the absence of the class teacher. Subjects to be covered will depend on the specialisms offered by the candidates and will be agreed with the teacher. It would be an advantage if a candidate held a Level 3 HLTA qualification (Regulated Qualifications Framework).

The preferred weekly work pattern is Tuesday, ~~Wednesday~~ and Thursday afternoon (1.30 - 3.30 pm). We may be able to offer a level of flexibility regarding the work pattern for the right candidate.

For both roles, candidates should demonstrate the following skills and attributes:

- A good standard of English and Mathematics
- Excellent communication skills
- Patience and positivity
- Support inclusion and be fully committed to ensuring the very best for all our pupils
- The ability to support colleagues, use positive behaviour management strategies and ensure the school continues its excellent provision for all pupils

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Closing date 10 am on Wednesday 19 January 2022

Interview Date: Friday, 28 January 2022

