



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers

School Buddies

In returning to my office during tutor time this week, I overheard groups of students in conversation with each other as part of the buddy system that we run. I smiled to myself as younger students checked in with older ones and talked at length about how things were going and what the day ahead had in store for them both.

Information Evenings

We have been running Year Information Evenings over the past week or so where we talked about arrangements for the year ahead. I personally attended Year 7 and Year 12 and it has been lovely to see so many parents and carers in attendance. We will look to share the details of these with other families who were not able to make it.

Assemblies this Week

Mr Blann has taken all of the House assemblies this week on the theme of the festival of Jewish festival Yom Kippur which in 2026 begins at sunset on Sunday 20th September and ends at nightfall on Monday, 21st September. He talked to all of the students around its theme of atonement and what we can learn from around saying sorry when we get things wrong which is a really important part of our work around building a school based on positive relationships and mutual respect. I know over the year students will look at a range of different festivals from the religions of the world both in assemblies and tutor time and through our curriculum and again look to see what we can learn from them.

European Day of Languages

We are inviting all students to take part in our The Great European Chew Valley Bake Off to celebrate the European Day of Languages on Thursday 24th September. If students would like to take part they need to bake an item representing a country or a language and bring them in on the day. Please remember that we are a nut free school. The department are looking forward to seeing all the amazing bakes. More information from our MFL staff.

Fire Alarm

On Wednesday morning the whole school carried out a fire alarm practice just before break. Visitors and staff who are new to Chew Valley commented on how well this was observed and how quickly the whole school were able to move to our drill positions at the front of the school. We hope that the bell never has to be rung for a real fire or situation but it is important that we practice regularly for such eventuality.

Parking

Now that we are a few weeks into term, can I ask parents and carers who drop their children at school to work with us with regards to pick up and drop offs. All students should be on site by 8.35am at the latest. The main gate, towards Chew Magna, shuts at 8.40am. The rugby club, towards Chew Stoke, is a great place to drop off your children and enable them to have some fresh air on the small walk to school along Chew Lane.

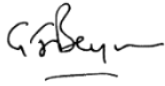
INSET Day

A reminder that next Friday (25th September) we have a whole school INSET Day and the school will therefore be closed to students.

Bromcom and MCAS - Homework and Behaviour

We have been working for the last few weeks with our new modules on behaviour and homework and we are aware that we have some areas to iron out. We are aware that currently homework set remains on the system and we are looking at how we might alter this. With our apologies for this, can I ask that you bear with us as we work through a number of aspects here.

Can I wish you a good weekend.



Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Key Dates

Thursday 24th September
Friday 25th September
Tuesday 29th September

Open Evening
INSET Day (students not in school)
Year 11 Information Evening