



CHEPSTOW HOUSE NEWS

Volume 1 Issue 1

16 September 2011

Dates to remember!

Mon 19 Sept

After School Clubs

Tues 27 Sept

Harvest Festival
Assembly

Thurs 6 Oct

**Pelican Class
Assembly**

*Parents welcome from
8.30am for coffee &
croissants*

Fri 7 Oct

Jeans for Genes Day

Wed 12 Oct &

Thurs 13 Oct
Year 2 Parents'
Appointments

Thurs 13 Oct

Reception visit to
Holland Park

Thurs 13 Oct

Year 1 visit to Museum
of Childhood

Wed 19 Oct

**Sparrow & Robin
Class Assembly**

*Parents welcome from
8.30am for coffee &
croissants*

Wed 19 Oct

Last day of half term
Full school day

Thurs 20 Oct

HALF TERM

From the Head

Welcome and welcome back to our new and already established parents.

This year sees Chepstow House reach its first full year of classes, as we now have Reception, year 1 and Year 2! It will, as usual, be a very busy year as you will see from our events card. The teachers have already planned trips out, visitors to the school and charity events.

The children are beginning to settle in to the daily routines of their new classes and it is a pleasure to see those eager faces back at our front door.

Mrs A Barr, Headmistress

Olympic Fever!

The countdown has begun. In order to prepare for this fantastic sporting event in our own home town, this year Chepstow House are going to be celebrating the 3 Olympic values of *friendship, respect and excellence* and the 4 Paralympic values of *equality, courage,*

determination and inspiration. We have some inspiring past Olympians and 2012 Olympic hopefuls scheduled to come in during the year to tell us how these values apply to them and, of course, us! I would love to hear from anyone who knows an Olympian, a coach, or someone involved in the event who could also come and talk at an assembly. Perhaps you are an Olympian yourself....

Miss Prentice, Puffin Class



Auditory Verbal UK

The Chepstow House charity for this academic year is Auditory Verbal UK. They are an organisation who work with severely and profoundly deaf children to help give them equal opportunities among their peers. We have started the Autumn term with a visit from representatives from the charity who presented a very engaging and interactive assembly to the children. Please ask your children about it and see what they learnt about listening. The school will be running a number of special days and mufti days to raise money for Auditory Verbal UK over the year, so we ask for your full support in this. You may wish to find out more by visiting their website www.avuk.org.

Auditory Verbal has been chosen as our charity as we have Benjamin Reed in our school who is profoundly deaf in both ears and has been since birth. Auditory Verbal UK were key in his acquisition of spoken language. This very specific approach to speech, combined with the use of his cochlear implants, has meant that Benjamin acquired age appropriate spoken language by the age of 4 and is now able to fully participate in mainstream school life.

Brookwood Catering are presenting . . .

A Smoothie tasting session on Friday 23rd September for the children's usual morning break. Mango, Passion fruit, Banana and Vanilla Peach to name but a few of the delights that will be prepared by our lovely catering chef Angela.

AuditoryVerbal^{UK}
Children, parents and professionals in partnership

See over ⇨

Parent Class Representatives

The following will be Class Representatives for this school year:

Robins	Mrs Hooft-Graafland (Pieter's Mum)
Sparrows	Dr Rowley (Christopher's Mum)
Puffins	Mrs McDonald (Zoe's Mum)
Pelicans	Ms Park (Zachary's Mum)
Swans	Mrs Bishchoff-Papasavvas (Maximilian's Mum)
Swallows	Mrs Higgins (Thompson's Mum) & Mrs Woodruff (William's Mum)

Harvest Festival Donation

The School will be celebrating Harvest Festival during our full School Assembly on Tuesday 27th September. It would be wonderful for the children to participate by bringing in to school any non-perishable produce - such as a can of beans, tin of soup, packet of biscuits etc which will then be given to those who are less fortunate than ourselves through a charity set up by the local church. All donations welcome from Monday 26th September onwards. Thank you

Little Swallows & Swans

It is super to see the Swallow & Swan classes already settle into life at Chepstow House. We have been having lots of fun getting to know each other, baking scones in cookery, becoming doctors & nurses in our role play, looking after our garden, starting up sports, visiting the library & even starting on our reading and cursive writing! We look forward to move adventures & learning over this term! Miss Hutchinson & Miss Avanzi
