Cheddington Combined School

NEWSLETTER



Friday, 20 October 2017

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It seems slightly unbelievable that it is half term already – the past weeks have simply flown by! A number of children have been to show me some fantastic work this week, which has been a pleasure to see. It was lovely to welcome parents to the Consultation Meetings this week too; and I would like to thank you for your continued support of the school. Thank you also for the support for the Book F00000000air, and for the Christmas cards which your children designed. (Please do remember to return you slip to the office to confirm for us what you have ordered. Hopefully that way all the children will end up with the right number of packages to bring home.) Congratulations to those children whose names were drawn and so have won a voucher for the book fair. I do hope they have enjoyed choosing.

We are currently recruiting to expand our mid-day supervisor team. Please do note the advert on page 2 of this newsletter. We would love to hear from you if you are interested in joining our team who play an important role ensuring that our children have a positive lunch time. Please do consider if this is a role in which you may be interested. Thank you.

Once again we have head lice in school – it is an on-going battle I feel. Please do note the official advice in this newsletter; check your child and take any relevant action. It would be lovely to have a lice free school after half term!

As you will see on page 5 we are again participating in Operation Christmas Child. All instructions are given if you would like to support this worthy cause. There is no obligation to do so, and maybe some of the children might like to get together and share a box. We were able to make a difference to a large number of children last year and we hope to do so again.

The PTA cake sale yesterday was a delight – good for the soul if not the waist-line! Thank you to everyone who donated such delicious cakes, and to everyone who bought one. Your support is much appreciated. The PTA do an amazing job to support the children.

After half term we are launching our Twitter feed. We will use this to share highlights, with an intention of posting two or three times each week. We do hope that you will follow us at @CheddingtonSch to stay up to date with the things going on in school. We do intend to expand this in the future but will not bombard you with tweets!

I do wish your children a restful half term – they are very tired after such a busy time in school; and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 30th refreshed and ready for action. KS1 are already starting to learn the songs for their Nativity which will come round sooner than we expect based on how quickly this half term has gone.

Mrs K. Tamlyn Head Teacher Congratulations to our special stars this week who are:

from YR: - Vallie Finburgh and Josie Harris
from Y1: - Byron Hadaway and Felix Persson
from Y2: - Joseph Feber and Florence Passmore
from Y3: - Barnaby Holder and Elliot Skeldon
from Y4: - Jeremy Birt and Paige Bowerman
from Y5: - Georgie Beighton and Imogen Ramoul

from Y6: - Sam Hart and Oscar Johnston

We are celebrating our Special Stars this year by each child having a gold star badge to wear during the following week. These badges should be worn with pride, and returned to their class teacher on the Friday morning ready to be given to the next child. Thank you for your help and support with this.

Next Week's Reminders

Half Term!



Cheddington School urgently require a:

Midday Supervisor



plus occasional cover as required

Term time only

Come and join our team!

We are looking for adults who enjoy helping and playing with children to join our team of Midday Supervisors.

Hours - 12.25 - 1.30

Choose from 1 - 5 days

For further information and application form, please contact the school office on 01296 668324

Book Fair Competition

All the children's names were entered into a draw and congratulations to the following children who won a £5 book voucher.

Lucie Jones - Reception

Beatrice Passmore - Year 4

Riley Clarke - Year 5

Hannah Sykes - Year 5

Rory Keen - Year 6

PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS NOTE

The school has an ongoing problem with head lice. Whilst not a medical issue, this is distressing and distracting for the children. Please see below the recommended wet combing method which has proven to be effective, if followed strictly, in eradicating head lice from hair.

Lotions or sprays don't need to be used for wet combing. However, to be effective, wet combing needs to be carried out regularly and thoroughly. The method you should use is described below.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb. Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots, with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke, and check the comb for lice.
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head is combed through.
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure.
- Repeat the procedure on days three, six, nine, 12 and 15, so that you clear young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter - if everyone could follow this advice, it should bring the problem under control.



Kidz Zone "Morning Activity Club": *Cheddington Combined School*Term Dates: Monday 30th October - Tuesday 19th December Open Monday – Friday 7:45am – 8:30am

Kidz Zone "Morning Activity" breakfast club is open to all children at Cheddington Combined School.

At 'Kidz Zone' we provide a fun, active, safe environment for children, under the care of qualified staff.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club runs from 7:45am – 8:30am, Monday – Friday. Children have a choice of a variety of indoor activities each day. Breakfast is included in the form of cereals, toast and juice. The cost is £3.50 per session.

"Start Active"

Activities will take place in the school hall – children can take part in their school uniform and can bring a pair of trainers to wear.

Children will have the chance to earn the "Sports Star" award at each club, rewarded for following our FUN agreement of Having fun, keeping safe, playing fairly and showing respect.

Children will take part in a variety of fun and engaging activities throughout the week.

Book Online - www.kidzzoneclub.com

Booking is now open for October - December!

Like us on Facebook for regular updates on what we have been up to at all our clubs!

Just search: Kidz Zone Club

Contact details:

Book online at www.kidzzoneclub.com Email hello@kidzzoneclub.com Call 0759 084 4281

Main office number: 0845 366 4227



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD, SHOE BOX CAMPAIGN



We are pleased to be able to once again take part in the Samaritan's Purse Shoe

Box campaign.

- Get an empty shoebox and wrap the lid and box separately.
- Decide if your gift is for a boy or girl and the age category.
- Fill your shoebox with a suitable variety of new gifts that a child will love. Why not add a note or photo? See Samaritans-purse.org.uk for gift ideas.
- Include the suggested £5 donation for each shoebox you fill. This amount is essential to cover the project costs shipping. STOP! Can you donate online? It will make your donation go further and we will be able to tell you which country your shoebox gets shipped to. Donate now at samaritans-purse.org.uk/followyourbox. If you cannot donate online, then please enclose your cash or cheque in an envelope and place it inside your shoebox on top of the contents.
- Complete the label below and stick it to the lid of your shoebox.
- Secure the lid with an elastic band.
- Bring the shoebox to school the week after Half Term w/c MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER.

Please ensure that this is ticked and stuck on the top of the box.

2-4 Years Old	DOV
5-9 Years Old	IBOA
10-14 Years Old	

2-4 Years Old	CIDI
5-9 Years Old	GIKL
10-14 Years Old	

Please visit Samaritans-purse.org.uk for gift suggestions and further information.

Thank you for your support!

PTA NEWS

Like us on Facebook!!

In the next few weeks we will be Re-launching our PTA Facebook page. Please note this is not a school social media page, but a means by which you can keep up to date with PTA Events. Many classes have their own Facebook Page, and we would simply ask that you like and share our page to ensure everyone is fully aware of events! We will keep you 'posted'.

PTA Victorian Christmas Market

If you would like, or know of anyone who would like a stall at this year's market, then please do get in touch. We have a few spaces remaining, so if you'd like further information please contact: chedding-tonpta@gmail.com.

Our most recent Bags 2 School donations raised £75 for school. Thank-you for your kind donations.

At a Glance, Autumn Term: PTA dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

4th - **Photos by Carrie** - A fantastic opportunity to get photos of your children, sibling photos, family, including the family pet. They can wear their best outfit, change and wear their ballet/rugby outfits, school uniform – You even get to fix their hair before the photos are taken!! Check the proofs out at home. Carrie comes very highly recommended. Slots are filling up fast though!

24th – **Christmas Jumper Dress Down Day** - Children can come to school wearing a Christmas Jumper. (Please note the rest of the school uniform policy should be adhered to). In exchange the children are requested to bring a bottle, sweets, etc which will be used at our Christmas market. Bottles will be collected at the front and back gates at morning drop off.

25th – Victorian Christmas Market 1pm – 4pm

Come and see Father Christmas, take a horse and carriage ride to the grotto, refreshments, a wide range of stalls, and the school choir performing at 2.30pm.

DECEMBER

8th - School Disco - KS1 - 6pm - 7pm

8th - School Disco - KS2 - 7.15pm - 8.15pm

£3.50 per child, which includes a drink and a snack. Please note we will only be able to accept **CASH** payment for this event, whether paid in advance or on the door. Apologies for any inconvenience caused.

More detailed information will be in the newsletter in relation to each event as we get closer to them!