

Friday, 3 November 2017

# Cheddington Combined School

## NEWSLETTER



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It was lovely to welcome the children back from half term. They are so enthusiastic about their learning. I have seen several children this week who have demonstrated an outstanding attitude to their work and produced some wonderful outcomes. I am very proud of all of our children for their positive attitude and determination to do their best.

Year 2 have been working on a lantern for Waddesdon Manor Lantern Walk. It looks beautiful. They started the project working with some of the staff from Waddesdon Manor, and have then completed it as a class. Details of dates are on page 2, and we do hope that many families will be able to visit and enjoy the Christmas celebrations at the Manor (while also admiring the work of Y2).

We do hope that some of you may be able to join the children next Friday for our Act of Remembrance. This year we will hold this simple but important commemoration in the school hall at 10:55am as Remembrance Day itself is on Saturday. Please arrive at 10:50am if you are able to, and you are most welcome to stay for tea or coffee afterwards. It has been lovely over recent years to be joined by members of our village community on the Green, and we hope you may still feel able to share with the children a day early.

This afternoon Y6 are participating in The Big First Aid Lesson run by the St John Ambulance organisation. This is a special event ahead of Bonfire Night this weekend and is part of their PHSE/Citizenship education. They will learn when, how and who to call in an emergency; how to recognise and treat a casualty who may be choking; and how to recognise and treat a burn. Hopefully these are skills they will not need to put into practice this weekend; though they are valuable life skills.

Congratulations are due to Dominic and Alistair Curtis who have just had a book published. Their drawings became viral on the internet when their Dad transformed them into real life photos – at 'thingsihavedrawn'. The book is available on Amazon and in a number of bookstores; and the boys have been on the promotion trail. They have done extremely well and we are very proud of the way they have handled their growing success. Well done boys.

Thank you to those parents who have already send in a shoebox for Operation Christmas Child. It is not too late if you would like to participate in this charitable event. Details are in the newsletter of 20<sup>th</sup> October.

I am very pleased to share with you all that Mrs Beach is making a great recovery and will start a phased return to work next week. We would like to thank Mrs Hutton for her support and teaching of Y1 over the past half term. Mrs Hughes will continue to teach the class at the start of each week as Mrs Beach makes her gradual return to full-time teaching.

Finally we would like to extend a huge thank you to Richard Roff, who has most kindly donated a number of large screen Apple computers to the school. Some are already in use and we are most grateful for his generosity.

Mrs K. Tamlyn  
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special stars this week who are:

from YR: - Oliver Craft and Fran Koutsou  
from Y1: - Josh Clarke and Fletcher Wells  
from Y2: - Alistair Curtis and Lola Masters  
from Y3: - Georgie Long and Tia Stinson  
from Y4: - Dominic Curtis and Denny McKerrell  
from Y5: - Ben Davies and Ryan Stonestreet  
from Y6: - Tess Pledge and Alfie Woodcock

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

Year 4 - PJs for swimming on Tuesday

Year 5 - Trip to Space Centre on Thursday

Whole School - Remembrance on Friday at 10.50am

#### Football Training

Please note that there will be no football training next Wednesday, 8th November as the children will be playing a match.

#### **Christmas Willow Lantern Schools Competition**

Cheddington Combined School have entered the Christmas Willow Lantern Schools Competition. If you would like to support the school and see our Lantern you can visit Waddesdon Manor from 11 November to 2nd January. You will be able to walk through an illuminated trail featuring willow lanterns by local schools, including our own.

#### **School Photographs**

If you ordered school photographs, the children are bringing these home today. Please check their bags!

## Cheddington Combined School

Dear Parents,

**Re. Key Stage 1/Reception: "Manger Mouse"**

Reception/Key Stage 1 pupils would like to invite you to one of the following performances:

Friday, 8th December at 2.00pm Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday, 12th December at 2.00pm

Thursday, 14th December at 5.30pm

Programmes may be ordered now, priced at £2, and will be sent home as soon as they are printed.

Unfortunately, seating is limited, and it is therefore in your interest to request programmes as early as possible. Orders are limited to **two programmes per family** and these will be issued on a **non exchangeable/non refundable basis**.

Additional programmes will be offered subject to availability following the first allocation. These will be issued on a first come first served basis, again limited to two per family. Keep your eyes on the Newsletter for the re-release date. Due to everyone's excellent co-operation, we have been able to honour almost all requests for programmes over the past few years.

In order to allow our children to concentrate and perform to their best, we are sorry that children under school age are not admitted to performances. All pupils and Pre-school will have had an opportunity to watch the Play in school.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. K. Tamlyn

Head Teacher

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To: Mrs Hamper (in a sealed envelope, please)

I would like to order 1 / 2 programmes for **"Manger Mouse"**

and enclose £2 / £4. (please delete as appropriate)

**(CASH ONLY PLEASE)**

<i>PERFORMANCE</i>	<i>Max.<u>total</u> of 2</i>
<i>Friday, 8.12.16 at 2pm</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 12.12.16 at 2pm</i>	
<i>Thursday, 14.12.16 at 5.30pm</i>	

**Name:** ..... **Class:** ..... (eldest child in R /Key Stage1)

Like us on Facebook!!

The PTA Facebook page has been relaunched. Please ensure you follow us, where we will endeavour to advise you of upcoming PTA events and how our fundraising is progressing.

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](mailto:chedding-tonpta@gmail.com).

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

**NOVEMBER**

**4<sup>th</sup> - Photos by Carrie** – Reminder for all those who have booked slots for a photo session – it is tomorrow!!

**24<sup>th</sup> – 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.

**25<sup>th</sup> – 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**

**8<sup>th</sup> - School Disco – KS1 – 6pm – 7pm**

**8<sup>th</sup> – 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!