# **Cheddington Combined School**





Friday, 13 October 2017

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#### **Head Teacher's Remarks**

This week has been particularly busy in school as the children have completed a range of tasks and tests as assessment of their learning so far; and then, for most of the rest of the week, they have been completing their Design Technology projects for this term. The standard of work is remarkable – not to mention the delicious smell of fresh bread cooked by Y3! I am sure that your children will be keen to share with you what they have been creating.

Today marked the close of our Governor election and once the candidates have been informed, a Joinos message will be sent. We welcome them to the Governing Body of our school.

I am sorry to have to say that we have again been contacted by a resident of Lammas Road reporting that access to their home was impossible due to inconsiderate parking at the end of the school day. Please could we all park and walk where possible, using the village hall car park or the parking at the recreation ground. I do understand that there are rare occasions when you do need an urgent 'get away', but please could I remind everyone to park with consideration for our neighbours. Thank you.

We are particularly pleased to share with you all that our Green Flag Assessment yesterday was successful. The assessor particularly complimented the Eco Team for their enthusiasm and knowledge; and she recognised that eco principles lie at the heart of our school. Very well done to the children who showed her round, and to all of our school for their thought and consideration for our immediate environment and our planet.

Thank you to all parents who have already paid the voluntary termly contribution of £12 for this term (and to those who have already paid for the whole year). This money covers the cost of the Curriculum Enrichment programme – including all materials and cookery ingredients; the cost of visitors to our school – on average they charge at least £400 per day; and the cost of our Curriculum Weeks – such as our STEM week, which last year was celebrated in the local press! If this has slipped your mind, please could we gently remind you that this is set up on Joinos ready for you to pay if you are able to. We are very grateful for your support in being able to offer a rich curriculum to the children.

We are looking forward to seeing you next week at Parent Consultation meetings, at which you will have the opportunity to hear how your children have settled in their new classes and discuss targets for them to work on over the next half term. The Book Fair will be open for your perusal, and the Governors will be present to serve tea and coffee.

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

from YR: - Kiri Rance and Alex Tierney

from Y1: - Sophie Forster and Guy Wheeler from Y2: - Oliver Hine and Chloe-Mae Smith

from Y3: - Elsie Adamson and Annabelle Marshall from Y4: - Phoebe Campling and William Ireson

from Y5: - Abi Russon and Coral Waller

from Y6: - Maisey Beighton and Harry Bryant

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

Tuesday, 17th October - Parent Consultations

Thursday, 19th October - Parent Consultations, PTA Cake Sale

#### **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'.

#### Thank-you

Thank-you to those people who have offered to help at PTA events, many of you will have received an e-mail during the past week. If you think you may be able to help and get added to our database of helpers, then please email <a href="mailto:cheddingtonpta@gmail.com">cheddingtonpta@gmail.com</a>.

We will simply send an email to everyone on the database, explain what we need e.g help on a stall at the market, help selling cakes etc and if you can help let us know!

#### Cake Sale

We will be holding a cake sale on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2017 after school.

If you can help with donating cakes to this event, we would be very appreciative.

Quite simply, the more we have to sell, the more money we make for your children!

#### 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: <a href="mailto:cheddingtonpta@gmail.com">cheddingtonpta@gmail.com</a>.

In addition to this, we will be needing help for the Victorian Market so if you can offer an hour or so on the day or in preparation let us know. Those who have already offered, we have you on our list, but all other parents, please give it some consideration as this is one of our biggest fundraising events.

#### PTA Events at a Glance:

Please see below a list of events which will be held between now and the end of Autumn Term for your reference. Each week we will include this in the newsletter as a reminder!

#### Christmas Cards

Please note the cards which have been designed by your children will be available to view at the parents' evenings. This year the Company have changed to an online ordering system, details of which will be given to you then.

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

#### **OCTOBER**

**17/19**<sup>th</sup> **Parents' Evenings** — Your children have designed Christmas Cards which can be viewed and ordered at the Parents' evenings, so please make sure you have a look! No obligation! Well, not much anyway ;-)

**19<sup>th</sup>** Cake Sale - after school, we will be selling a selection of cakes. We ask in advance if anyone can contribute to supplying cakes that you leave them in the school office on the day of the sale. All tins etc will be returned (if labelled!) Please can we ask that any donations **DO NOT CONTAIN NUTS**.

#### **NOVEMBER**

- **4**<sup>th</sup> **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!
- **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!

#### Photography by Carrie

Carrie Beddall, a family photographer is offering a photography shoot for you & your family at school on **Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November.** 

The cost for a sitting is just £5, (non-refundable). The sessions can be for just children, the entire family, grandparents etc. (animals can be accommodated, but only at the end of the afternoon session).

There will then be the opportunity to purchase a range of prints/packages from Carrie afterwards. (Price List will be sent via Joinos or emailed on request to PTA email below).

Sessions will be either 15 or 20 mins depending on number of participants.

If you would be interested in booking a slot, then please indicate below in order of preference e.g. 1,2, 3 etc which time slot would suit you.

Please return your <u>form with payment</u> in an envelope, marked 'PTA Photography' to the school office. (Cheques made payable to: Cheddington School PTA)

Upon receipt of the form and payment, you will be emailed with confirmation of your allocated time slot, within your preferred hour. In the event you are unhappy with a time slot, please let us know, and if we cannot accommodate you, your payment will be returned.

# Please note: due to high demand, bookings will only be accepted upon receipt of your booking form and payment.

All places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you need any further information, please contact us on: <a href="mailto:cheddingtonpta@gmail.com">cheddingtonpta@gmail.com</a>

Many thanks

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PHOTOGRAPHY BY CARRIE:	
To: PTA, via School Office	
Please indicate time slot in order of preference:	Name:
10.00hrs – 10.30hrs	Number of participants in Photo shoot:
10.30hrs – 11.00hrs	Adults: Children:
11.00hrs – 11.30hrs	Email address:
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