Cheddington Combined School

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I would like to begin this week by extending a thank you to all those who were able to join the children this morning for our Act of Remembrance. Y2 have also been over to the war memorial to lay the wreath which they had made. As explained last week we held our Remembrance in the Hall this year as Armistice Day is tomorrow. Y6 were pleased to share tea/coffee with those of you who were able to stay. I am sure that a number of our children will also be taking part in the village commemoration on Sunday.

We were also joined this morning by a visitor from Oxford Brookes University. We are participating in a research project about remembrance in schools, and she was most interested and moved by the way the children conducted themselves. Once the research is published I will inform you of the outcomes.

The children have had a very busy week, and – as usual – I have seen some wonderful work from a number of classes. Several of our Governors have also visited this week, and so have seen the high quality of work going on in our school.

Y5 had an amazing day at the Space Centre yesterday. They really enjoyed the opportunity to learn about space exploration and knowledge, and are excited to apply it in their class learning and recording. Next week Y2 are visiting the Natural History Museum in Oxford. I am sure they will have a great day too.

Congratulations are due to Jack Ambrose, who has been chosen to be an England mascot at the football match this evening. Do tune in to the television to see him walking out onto the pitch with the team!

Next Friday is Children in Need. We are inviting all the children to come dressed in spots (non-uniform) for a donation to this National Charity event. We will be taking part in several fun activities during the day – ask your children next week! We also hope to sell cookies, and if so we will advise you on Thursday next week.

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Kingswell to our staff team. She will be working with us in YR on Wednesday mornings, and in Y6 each Friday morning, as well as being part of the mid-day team on those days. We are still recruiting for a mid-day supervisor, as a member of the team has just been offered a full time role elsewhere. Please do consider if you, or someone you know, may be interested in spending time with the children over lunchtime.

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

from YR: - Hugo Pickles and Erin Wheeler from Y1: - Beatrice O'Neill and Maya Rasekh

from Y2: - Jack Brown and Oliver Hine from Y3: - Oliver Ireson and Bea Ornbo

from Y4: - Grace Ambrose and Lilith Maxwell from Y5: - Ella Senior and Arthur Thompson from Y6: - Ryan Lewis and Sienna Martin

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

Thursday, Year 2 Trip to Oxford

Friday, Children in Need

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought books at the recent Book Fair. The school has received £584 in commission which will go towards books for our library and classrooms.

Boys and Girls Football

Please note that Boys and Girls football have swapped days next week:-

Wednesday, 15th November - Girls football practice.

Thursday, 16th November - Boys will be playing in an away match.

Children in Need, Friday, 17th November



This year's theme for Children in need is "spotacular". For a donation, the children will be allowed to wear non-school uniform with a "spotty" theme. (No football kits).

Reception and KS1—Manger Mouse

Please remember to order your Manger Mouse programmes if you havn't done so by now. Next week is the last week of first round programmes. The order form is in last week's Newsletter. Look out for information in next week's Newsletter on how to order second round programmes.

PTA NEWS

Fundraising

The PTA are always very grateful for any support we receive with regards to our fundraising for the school. As you know, our next project is to work on the redevelopment of the pond area.

With that in mind, we were absolutely delighted to receive a donation from two enterprising young ladies in Y3.

Lily Davies and Hattie Sladden, made and sold chocolate lollies during half term. They raised a grand total of £10, and attached a note requesting their donation go towards 'the pond tidy'.

Hattie & Lily – we can assure you that is where your donation will go, and we thank-you so much for your efforts – looks like any future PTA committee will be in good hands with these young ladies!

Thank-you

Over the coming weeks you will see the posters for the forthcoming Victorian Market on display throughout the village. We would like to thank Kelly & Rob Filistad of @KVAdigital for their kind donation in assisting us with making these posters.

Autumn Term: PTA dates for your diary

NOVEMBER

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.