Cheddington Combined School



Friday, 30 September 2016

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September has been a very busy month, and the coming few weeks up to the half term break are looking even busier! In this week's newsletter you will find details of our H arvest Celebration next week; appointment requests for Parent Consultation Evenings; details of photographs and the Book Fair; as well as PTA events. October is also Walk to School Month. The JRSOs have planned a special Mix and Match Whole School Walk to School for 13th October, but we do hope that the children will make every effort to walk, cycle, scoot or park-and-walk throughout October. Walking has been shown to be an excellent form of exercise for adults too which is an added bonus!

Tomorrow is the cross county run at Hughenden Manor, which a number of our older children are entering. We do wish them luck – sadly the forecast is not for the best running weather, but I am sure they will do their best and enjoy the occasion despite the weather. Thank you to all participants for representing our school.

Next Thursday we celebrate Harvest. The children are preparing presentations which I am sure will be very interesting. Fresh produce is increasingly difficult to share with the community, so we are requesting any loose change you may have spare to fill 'towers'. The School Council have chosen to support the Save the Children Syria Appeal as our Harvest charity. Any coins will be gratefully received, and we thank you for your support.

This year we are trialling an additional time for Parent Consultation appointments. We do hope that this will be beneficial to you. Please could I ask all parents to respond promptly so that the staff are able to co-ordinate appointment times. We look forward to meeting with you in a few weeks.

The social and emotional well-being of all the children is most important to us and I would like to ask you for your support regarding issues between children. It is inevitable that children do 'fall in and out of friendships'. We have clear guidelines for all staff regarding difficulties between children, though these can take up a huge amount of time. If your child has a disagreement or difficulty with a friend or peer, they should tell an adult on duty and/or their class teacher. Most difficulties are quickly resolved – often by playing with someone else for a while - but if a situation continues then further intervention and support will be put in place. However we are reliant on the children telling us. If your child is unhappy about a situation, please check that they have spoken with their class teacher about it, and encourage them to do so.

We are sad to say good bye to Mrs Ayling, who leaves us today. We wish her every success in her new job. We look forward to welcoming Dr Spencer and Mr Barber to our staff team in the coming weeks.

Last week the newsletter included details of a vacancy for a Parent Governor. Please do consider if this is something you would like to do; and do not hesitate to speak to myself or Dr Simon Aulton if you would like any further information.

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

from YR: - Iniyal Kulanthaivel and Fletcher Wells from Y1: - Sebastian Craft and Florence Passmore from Y2: - Annabelle Marshall and Bea Ornbo

from Y3: - Peppa Campbell and Jacob Scott

from Y4: - Cameron Jacobs, Zakl Jones and Coral Waller

from Y5: - Amelie Barnes and Grace Lancaster from Y6: - Jake Russon and Lauren Wood

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.

Whole School Harvest Assembly Thursday, 6th October 2016 at 9am

Parents of children at Cheddington School and senior citizens of the village are cordially invited to attend the whole school Harvest Assembly celebration. This will take place in the School Hall. Please do not arrive more than 10 minutes prior to the start of the assembly.

Please note that no small children are invited as this is very disruptive to the children who have worked very hard on their Assemblies.

PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS - 18 and 20 OCTOBER 2016

Dear Parents,

Would you please indicate on the slip provided, the days and times you would be able to attend this consultation with your child(ren)'s teacher. It would be most helpful if you could indicate these with a 'tick'.

If there are any times you are unable to attend, please mark these on the list with a cross.

Could you write the name(s) and class(es) of your child(ren) where indicated, and return the attached form via the <u>eldest child</u> in the family. Consecutive appointments can then be arranged where possible. This year we have added a new earlier time slot to give parents more flexibility and therefore, appointments outside of these times will not be possible.

The Book Fair will be 'open' for your perusal on 18 October from 3.20pm to 6pm and on 20 October from 6.00pm to 8.30pm.

Yours sincerely, K Tamlyn Head Teacher

20th October

To: Cheddington School Class Teachers					
PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS					
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18th October	X				
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	3.30pm	6.50pm	7.45pm	8.30pm	
Thursday					

Book Fair: 17 - 21 October 2016

Our selection of books this term will be from Travelling Books, which always provides an excellent range of reading material. Do take this opportunity to visit the Fair and stock up on your children's reading material either after school or during Parent Consultation Evenings.

Thank you once again to all those parents who support the Book Fairs. As always, books which are received as commission will be added to the Library stock. Children will be bringing home a Book Fair Leaflet which contains a selection of special offer books.

We would be grateful, as usual, for help in supervising the Fair. If you are able to help for all or part of a session, please indicate on the attached slip, and return it to Mrs Dance (School Office) on Monday, 10th October 2016.

BOOK FAIR 17 - 21 October 2016

To: Mrs Craft (via school office)

I am able to help at the undernoted Bookfair sessions.

	17.10	18.10	19.10	20.10	21.10
3.15 - 3.45pm				xxx	
3.30 - 6pm	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX
6.00 - 8.30pm	XXX	XXX	XXX		XXX

Name:	 Tel	No:	

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

The School Photographer is due to be at Cheddington School on Thursday, **20th October 2015**. <u>Every pupil</u> will have an individual photograph taken <u>and</u> a family photo with siblings who attend the school. Small proofs will be sent home, and you will then be able to place an order for the pictures you require.

Please indicate on the attached slip if you require a <u>family photograph</u> of your own child(ren), with siblings/family members <u>not at the school</u> and return the form to school by Wednesday, 12th October. As we need to compile the lists for the photographer, <u>no forms or changes can be accepted after 12th October</u>.

<u>Photos with other family members will be taken from 8.40am and you will be allocated a time slot nearer the time.</u>

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To: School Office (by Wednesday, 12th October)					
i Only return for group pictures with family members not at Cheddington School					
School Photographer, 20th October 2016					
Names of school child/children	<u>Year</u>	Names of family member(s)			
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Signed:(Parent/Guardian)					

Northbrook Fundraising

Please note that children will be bringing home a Northbrook fundraising catalogue (one per family) today.

This is the perfect opportunity to purchase gift wrap (for all occasions!) whilst at the same time raising funds for the school.

Catalogues, orders and payment should all be returned to school by 21st October 2016.

Notice of PTA AGM

Please note the AGM of the PTA will take place on Monday 7th November at 7.30 p.m. in the school hall.

Everyone is welcome to attend and your support would be much appreciated.

Victorian Christmas Market

Our annual Christmas market will be held on Saturday 26th November.

Every year we look for new and exciting stalls. If you would like to reserve a stall, then please email: cheddingtonpta@gmail.com. Cost is £15 and reservation would need to be made by Friday 21st October. Thank you