Cheddington Combined School



Friday, 23 March 2017

Head Teacher's Remarks

This week ends on a high with Music Evening last night and Red Nose Day today! Yesterday evening was a fantastic celebration of music which takes place in our school and for those children who learn out of school too. The range of instruments and styles was wonderful, and well deserved praise is due to all those who took part. I would like particularly to thank Mr Hickey for organising the evening again this year. Today the children are looking most amusing wearing their red noses – it is good to participate in these national events. The joke competition had numerous entries – see later in the newsletter for the winning one as 'giggle-o-metered' in this morning's assembly!

On Wednesday Y2 had a wonderful visit to Bletchley Park as part of their history learning. The children were extremely interested in the code breaking activity and came back very enthusiastic about all the things they had learned. Their behaviour was exemplary and was commented on by the organisers at Bletchley. Well done children.

Earlier in the week, on Monday morning, we had a most informative assembly from the RNLI. The children were most attentive and had the opportunity to learn a lot about water safety at the beach and elsewhere, as well as the work of the RNLI. This is a most important life lesson for the children which we were pleased to be able to arrange.

Next week Y4 are off to Verulamium on Tuesday as part of their Roman studies. We are hoping for good weather for them.

Also on Tuesday next week we will have a pop-up gazebo with an executive chef from AIP on the playground from 3:00pm. You will be able to sample some of the dishes from the menus, and see they type of meals which will be available. I do hope that many of you will be able to pop in and enjoy the samples. AIP have restructured and are re-launching the meals service, as they are aware that standards had not been where they would have wished.

Next Thursday we will all be going up to the church for our traditional Palm and Easter Service. Then on Friday the children are invited to dress as a super-hero (or dress down, but not in football kit) to celebrate the end of the Big Pedal. Numbers have been lower this year, so if your child can take part by cycling or scooting next week that would be lovely. They could decorate their bike or scooter for next Friday if they wish – with a super-hero theme the possibilities are endless!

We wish our boys football teams good luck in their matches at home against Edlesborough School next Wednesday.

This has been such a busy term, I am sure the children are looking forward to the Easter Break. Do remember that the children should be collected at 1:30pm next Friday for the end of term.

Finally I am sure you will wish to join with me in congratulating two of our teachers who have successfully gained the next stage of their career development. Both Mr Hickey and Mr Reid have been with us since qualification; and, whilst we will miss them, we wish them well in their new posts from September. We will be interviewing for new staff in the early part of the summer term, and I will, of course, keep you informed.

Mrs K. Tamlyn Head Teacher

Stars of the Week Next Week's Reminders School Garden Athletics Club Musical Instruments Note For Footballers Joke Competition Y6 Leavers' Hoodies JRSO News Morning Activity Club Congratulations to our special stars this week who are:

- from YR: Sophie Forster and Felix Persson
- from Y1: James Hegarty and Ellie O'Dwyer
- from Y2: Amber Koutsou and Elliot Skeldon
- from Y3: Paige Bowerman and Alex Wood
- from Y4: Arnau Jimenez Sobrevals and Arthur Thompson
- from Y5: Grace Lancaster and Jack Miller
- from Y6: Millie McIntosh and Chloe Miles

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

No boys' football training.

No girl's football training.

Year 4 visiting Verulamium, St Albans on Tuesday.

Tuesday - Pop-up Gazebo AIP



Your school garden needs you....

Our children are very fortunate to have a wonderful sensory garden in their school grounds. The children are able to play in the garden and use it to enhance their learning. However, as we all know gardens need care and attention particularly at this time of year, so we are looking for volunteers to join in our garden work mornings. These will be held on alternate Saturdays over the next couple of months. Each session runs from 9:00am to 11:00am, with an all-important break in the middle for tea and cake.

The dates are – 22nd April, 6th May, 20th May, 3rd June and 17th June.

We would love to see some new faces join the garden work team, no experience needed, just lots of enthusiasm. If you've got gloves and garden tools please bring them if not we can provide them. Children are very welcome to take part but they will need to bring an adult with them!

Please meet in the garden and we can find plenty of jobs to keep you busy – tying in willow branches, weeding the flower beds, clearing the paths, tidying the pond area, grass cutting ...

See you on Saturday 22nd April!

Athletics Club

Mrs Laidlaw is hoping to run an Athletics Club for Years 3 to 6 on a Tuesday after school starting on 16th May (t.b.c.) It will only be possible to run this club if there are some parents willing to help. Can you please let Mrs Laidlaw know as soon as possible if you are able to help. Thank you

Musical Instruments

If your child brings an instrument into school for a private lesson, can we please remind you that they must take their instrument home again at the end of the day. Thank you

Note for Footballers

Please note there will be no Girls' Football next Thursday.

There will only be football for those boys involved in the matches **next Wednesday**. There are a few remaining fixtures to be played after Easter, however, there will be no further training.

Joke Competition

The winner was Dominic Curtis Year 3 - Well done Dominic!

"Why does Mrs Tamlyn like hats - Because she's the Head"

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies

Don't forget if you want to order one, you will need to fill in the order form (last week's newsletter) and submit with payment.

JRSO News

Thank-you to all of you who have taken part in the Big Pedal this week. We have one more week to go, and next Friday on the last day of term, Friday 31st March, everyone is invited to dress as a Superhero (or dress down) and/or decorate their bike/scooter.





Kidz Zone "Morning Activity Club": Cheddington Combined School

We are delighted to announce we are going to be running a Morning Activity Club, which will include breakfast, at Cheddington Combined School, starting after the Easter break!

Term Dates: Wednesday 19th April - Thursday 25th May

Open Monday – Friday 7:45am – 8:30am

Kidz Zone "Morning Activity 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.

Morning Activity Club

The 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 and canteen – 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 from Monday 27th March - www.kidzzoneclub.com

With our system you create a 'parent account' allowing you to manage all your bookings and payments online. You will have the option of making payments via credit/debit card, bank transfer or childcare voucher payments.

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