Cheddington Combined School

NEWSLETTER



Friday, 19 May 2017

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The April showers arrived a little late this Wednesday – soaking our boys' football team for their match. Sadly they lost, but had played throughout the match with a super attitude and with determination. Well done boys, and thank you for representing our school.

Also on Wednesday the children enjoyed this half term's eco activity – with a theme of sound, they are producing some wonderful artistic creations which will be on display at the Open Garden event on $18^{\rm th}$ June. I am so looking forward to seeing them.

This week each class has been taking part in 'Excited about books' activities. I do hope you have been able to share in some of the ideas sent home in the leaflets I mentioned last week. Sometimes reading can feel like another thing to make sure we do with our children, when it could be a voyage of discovery into imagination or finding out about a possible new passion. Hopefully this week has been inspiring and enjoyable. Next week the children will be focussing on STEM activities. I know there are some very exciting things planned – including an activity with eggs!

Next Thursday is the PTA cake sale for this half term. Please do note their information later in this newsletter. Friday 26th is an INSET day prior to half term. This half term seems to have flown by!

Thank you to those parents who did book a hot meal for their child yester-day. Our funding is based on the number of children who had a hot meal booked for Census day. Although the Government state that these are Universal Infant Free School Meals, in reality the school is given a grant based on a census figure, and any meals over that number have to be funded by the school. Given the cut in funding for the school, your support was appreciated.

This afternoon the children will be taking part in some Food Revolution Day activities. Do ask your child what they have learned. We have adopted a different approach this year, and hope that the children will find it a fresh way of considering their healthy diet.

This Saturday is our next Garden Work Morning. Unfortunately I am unable to attend this time, but I do hope many of you will be able to spare a little time to help with the larger jobs. The willow tunnel is gradually being brought back to a tunnel shape, and the pond area is just starting to emerge from under a lot of growth! All your help is much appreciated.

I am very pleased to share with you all that, following interviews on Monday this week, the Governors and I have appointed two new members of staff to join us at Cheddington in September. We are looking forward to welcoming Miss Katie Gillman and Mrs Katie van de Linde. Class allocations will come to you in July as usual, and I am confident that our new staff will prove a real asset to our team.

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

from YR: - Josh Clarke and Izzy Sniders
from Y1: - Molly Isdale and Lola Masters
from Y2: - Poppy Poulson and Amy Whinnett
from Y3: - Megan Dowling and Taylor Keane
from Y4: - Eddie Ingram and Hollie Scott
from Y5: - Harry Bryant and Jacob McNorton

from Y6: - Elizabeth Audoire, Lottie Brown and Ella Marie Scott

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.

Curriculum Enrichment

Please note that there are two Curriculum Enrichment sessions left until the end of term, being 16th and 30th June. Forrest Schools children will need to bring their outdoor clothing on these days. Thank you

Morning Activity Club

I am pleased to confirm that our morning activity club will be continuing for the whole of the next academic year. Please see the information letter that the children are bringing home today which has a reply slip to register your interest in this. Thank you

Year 6 River Dart

Please be aware that the final letter for River Dart, confirming travel arrangements etc., is being sent home with your child today. Also being sent home is the kit list and medical form. The medical form must be returned on Monday 5th June <u>only</u> if you require us to administer any medicines to your child, please hand it in with the appropriate medicine.

If you are sending pocket money for your child would you please send it in a sealed, named envelope for staff to look after.

Eco Art

We are currently collecting tin cans for our eco art project. If you have any empty cans can you send them in (clean please) with your child on Thursday 25th May. We will not be making our art until after the River Dart trip so the final date for them is Monday 12th June but it would be useful to have some donations in early.

Many thanks as always for your continued support.

Cake Sale - Next Thursday 25th May 3.15pm onwards

If you think you would be able to supply some cakes for the sale, could you please email: Lynnekellslondon@yahoo.co.uk.

Your donations would be very much appreciated!

Black Tie Ball



In association with Cheddington Combined School & Pre-School

Tring Park Cricket Club - 15th September 2017

Live Band

Black Tie

Charity Raffle

Enchanted Magic Mirror

Tickets £45 per person

Bookings now being taken

For tickets please contact:

Clare Cleland - 01296 293 591 or Cheddington Pre-School - 01296 662292 cheddingtonpreschool@btconnect.com

SAVE £5 - BOOK BEFORE 30TH JUNE 2017

Sainsbury's Vouchers!

Please ensure if you have collected any Sainsbury's vouchers that these are deposited in the PTA mailbox in the foyer of the school, your vouchers can help our school get fantastic new sports and cooking equipment!!

Forthcoming Events:

14th June - Bags 2 School...gather up your unwanted clothes!

16th June – 2pm – 4pm Official opening of the Play equipment and opportunity to view the School Garden.

23rd June – Dress down day in exchange for bottles (Theme to be confirmed)

1st July 2pm – 5pm, Village Green - Village Fete

15th September - Black Tie Ball (details to follow)

We will be organising gifts for Father's day at the start of next term.

Second half of summer term, ice-creams will once again be on sale on Friday afternoons! 50p a lolly!!

We will once again be offering discounted tickets for Aylesbury Waterside Christmas Pantomime....information should be available from July.

4th November....... 'Photography by Carrie' returns to Cheddington School. Please feel free to check out her website, and some of the fabulous portraiture which many of our families benefitted from last year...and raised over £250 for school!!

SCHOOL CLOSES FOR HALF TERM ON THURSDAY, 25TH MAY AT 3.15PM and RE OPENS ON MONDAY, 5TH JUNE