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Yet another week has flown by, and it seems that summer is at last with us. The children are really enjoying being on the field at lunchtimes and making the most of the tables in the shade under the trees. Fresh air is so important for the children but we do need to be aware of the potential harm from the sun as well as the benefits. We do encourage the children to wear a sun hat when they are outdoors, and to apply sun cream prior to coming to school. The children are encouraged to drink regularly during the day and can re-fill their water-bottles on request.

This message is particularly important for next Monday for Sports day. The weather forecast is suggesting a glorious day, but one which will be very hot. In light of this we are intending that - should that be the case - only Y6 will support the KS1 games whilst the remaining classes in KS2 remain indoors during the morning. In the afternoon KS1 will remain inside whilst KS2 have their sporting celebration. We do understand that it is lovely for older and younger siblings to watch each other, but if it is to be very hot we need to ensure the well-being of the children. If there is a lovely cooling breeze then we will of course all be out to cheer each other on!

It was lovely to welcome back Y6 from their visit to Devon last week. They had an amazing time. They challenged themselves, encouraged each other and achieved things they had only imagined. Despite some less than wonderful weather at times, the rain did not dampen their enthusiasm; and they were (as usual) complimented on their positive attitudes, good manners and peer support. Well done Y6! Thank you to the staff who accompanied this visit.

Next week is Sports Week and the children will be participating in lots of exciting sporting and other competitive activities. We are looking forward to welcoming Luke De-lahunty, a Paralympian athlete from Aylesbury, on Tuesday afternoon. Please do remember to organise your sponsorship for the fitness circuit. We will benefit from any money raised above the cost of Luke's visit to us. Every penny literally does count if we are to be able to afford some new equipment for the children.

All year 5 parents are invited to attend a Secondary School Selection Test Meeting on Wednesday, 21st June at 7.30pm in the School Hall.

The school has received a very specific message regarding parking on Lammas Road. As we do not know who owns this vehicle we are sharing it with you, and thank everyone who does park with care and consideration. "Could you please ask the driver of RO14 KPE not to park on the grass verge in Lammas Road. It is hoped by us that live here that one day all drivers who park on school visits will let the grass actually grow. Many thanks."

This morning the children listened to a very interesting assembly from Mrs Nathan, who is a qualified brass teacher. At present we are not able to offer brass instrument teaching in school, so we are particularly pleased that Mrs Nathan is able to offer this to KS2 children from September. (Lung capacity is critical for brass success!) If you are interested for your child to learn a brass instrument then do let her know via the link later in this newsletter.

I am sure that many of you will have seen the SchoolNews article in the Leighton Buzzard Observer last week about our STEM week just before half term. It was a fantastic week which the children really enjoyed.

Do remember that next Friday is a dress down day for the children in return for donations of sweets (not chocolate), bottles or nearly new toys for the village fete. The theme is sports wear and on this occasion, football shirts will be allowed. Thank you.

We look forward to seeing as many of you as are free this afternoon and on Monday.
Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special stars this week who are:

from YR: - Tilly Hutton and Jayden Kennedy
from Y1: - Edie Scott and Marisa Swart
from Y2: - Elsie Adamson and Grace Lewis
from Y3: - Charlotte Audoire and Kayden Bell
from Y4: - Keely Darvell and Cameron Jacobs
from Y5: - Ellie Beattie and Rory Keen
from Y6: - Alex Humble and Madeleine Roberts

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

Secondary School Selection Test

All Year 5 Parents are invited to attend a meeting on the Secondary School Selection Test. This will be held in the School Hall on Wednesday, 21st June at 7.30pm.

SRE DVD

All Year 3 parents are invited to attend a viewing of the SRE DVD next Tuesday, 20th June at 3.30pm in the Year 3 classroom.

Today your child has been to an assembly about playing a brass instrument and the fun and enrichment to the whole of life playing an instrument can bring. From September I will be offering brass tuition in any of the following valved instruments - trumpet, cornet, tenor horn and euphonium and would welcome any children in KS2 who are keen to learn for 20 minute lessons in school once a week arranged with myself. If your child is in year 1 or 2 we can talk about the possibility as well if they are very keen. If you would like further information please contact me by email:

katiecornetplayer@gmail.com

Kate Nathan



Understanding Autism

A new course for parents delivered by the Licenced EarlyBird Trainers in Buckinghamshire
Saturday 17 June 2017, 10.00 to 3.00pm at BLT Learning Campus, Aston Clinton, EYFS/17/180
This course aims to give:

- An overview of 'What is Autism?
- To look at the 'Four Key Areas of Difference' in the way children with autism learn and how these differences impact on children at home and in schools and settings.
- To begin to explore the strategies used to support children with Autism including visual supports, social stories and the sensory environment.
- To explore ways of working together with your child's school or setting.
- To provide opportunities to meet and share experiences with other parents and ask questions specific to your child's and family's needs.

This course is for parents of children with Autism who are aged between 3 and 11 years old. It has been specifically developed for parents (or other family members) who have not been able to access a place on the National Autistic Society EarlyBird Programme.

The course costs £45 and includes lunch & refreshments along with handouts.

To book your place please log in to www.learningtrust.com

'Understanding Autism' Event Code EYFS/17/180. You will need to create an account, when registering choose the Job role 'Parent'.

For any queries, please contact Jo Lee email: cpd@learningtrust.net



Cakes Needed!

The PTA are selling refreshments at Sports Day on Monday 19th June.

If you are able to donate some cakes for sale, it would be most appreciated.

Any donations should be left in the school office on Monday morning.

Many thanks in advance!!

Raffle Tickets

Today, the children should be bringing home some raffle tickets for the forthcoming Cheddington Village Summer Fete.

It costs £1 per ticket with a variety of prizes to be won!!

Please return your tickets and money to the school office in an envelope clearly marked: 'PTA Raffle'.

Please also return any unused tickets. Alternatively if you require more, then please contact us: cheddingtonpta@gmail.com

The draw will take place on 1st July at The Village Green, Cheddington



Dress Down Day – Friday 23rd June!!

Next Friday we are holding a 'dress down' day. The theme of which is 'Sport'. (Please see elsewhere in the newsletter as to what attire is permitted!)

In exchange, we kindly request a donation of either a bottle (either alcoholic or non-alcoholic)/ sweets (not chocolate), children's tombola gifts, which will be used in our 'bottle stall' at the Summer Fete on Saturday 1st July.

Cheddington Village Fete

The Village fete is on Saturday 1st July on the Village Green between 2pm & 5pm.

Once again we will have the traditional stalls, ice cream, Pimms & lemonade, fun for all the family. Please keep the date free and support Cheddington School, St Giles Church and the Scouts.

We would also appreciate any assistance you can offer. If you think you can help in any way, assisting with set up, clearing away, or helping on a stall, then please email us at: cheddingtonpta@gmail.com

Date for your diary:

Friday 14th July - KS1 & KS2 discos