Cheddington Combined School

NEWSLETTER





Friday, 17 November 2017

Stars of the Week Next Week's Reminders Head Lice Year 3 Projects **PTA News PTA Dates** Manger Mouse -Second Allocation

Head Teacher's Remarks

We are all having a very 'spotty' time today to participate in Children in Need. Thank you for all your donations to this worthy cause. As those of you who are following our Twitter account (@CheddingtonSch) will know we have already raised over £150 even before the cookie sale. I am sure that the children will enjoy the cookies which Y3 and Y5 made yesterday – the smell of them cooking was mouth-watering!

Year 2 had a fantastic visit to Oxford yesterday. The children were – as always – very well behaved and were fascinated by the range of artefacts to support their learning in Science particularly, but also in History and Geography.

I am afraid that I again need to mention the issue of head lice. We seem to have rather a persistent problem at present. Please could I remind all parents that head lice need to be addressed at least 10 consecutive days in order to ensure that any lice are completely removed. It is not necessary to use expensive treatments, plenty of conditioner and a nit comb will ensure the removal of any live lice and their eggs. However as their gestation period is 10 days that is the recommended time to treat. The guidance for schools to share with parents is included again later in this newsletter. Thank you for your support with this issue – if everyone takes action then we can eradicate the unwelcome 'visitors'.

Children do fall in and out of friendships and, especially as the term moves on and they become more tired, little niggles do rise to the surface. If your child is having friendship issues please do contact the class teacher. We have lots of experience of supporting children to manage these disagreements. Thank you.

Next week on Wednesday Year 3 are inviting their parents and the rest of the school to see some of the work they have been doing in History. The children have really enjoyed their learning about the Stone Age, and I am sure they will have a lot of interesting information to share. The next Friday the children are invited to come to school replacing their usual school jumper/cardigan with a Christmas jumper in return for a donation for the Victorian Christmas Market on Saturday from 1:00pm to 4:00pm. We do look forward to seeing as many of you as are able to come at this special event. The Market is one of the main fundraisers organised by the PTA – and a great way to do some Christmas shopping!

I am sure you will have seen in the press the school which is requesting £1 per day from parents (£190 per year). As we are very careful financial managers we are thankfully not in that position as yet. However we do request a termly contribution of £12 (£36 for the year) to help cover the cost of Curriculum Enrichment (including cookery ingredients), and to pay for visitors to our school to support the learning of the children. (Year 3 and Year 4 already have a special visitor booked for early December.) If you have not yet had a moment to make this contribution we would be most grateful if you could. Thank you to those parents who have already done so, but there are still a significant proportion who have yet to support their children's learning in this way.

Mrs K. Tamlyn **Head Teacher**

Congratulations to our special stars this week who are:

from YR: - Darcy Curran-Rose and Harrison Hamilton-Jardali

from Y1: - Maggie Adamson and Jayden Kennedy

from Y2: - The Whole Class for a fantastic trip this week

from Y3: - Emily Forster and Amelia Persson

from Y4: - Taylor Keane

from Y5: - Ella Hammill and Cameron Jacobs from Y6: - Jaden Austin and Charlie Hazelden

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

22 November at 2.30pm - Year 3 parents invited into class to see projects

24 November - Christmas Jumper Day (school uniform with Christmas jumper) for a donation of chocolate or a bottle for the Market.

25 November 1pm - 4pm Victorian Christmas Market (Choir singing at 2.30pm)

PLEASE COULD ALL PARENTS NOTE

The school has an ongoing problem with head lice. Whilst not a medical issue, this is distressing and distracting for the children. Please see below the recommended wet combing method which has proven to be effective, if followed strictly, in eradicating head lice from hair.

Lotions or sprays don't need to be used for wet combing. However, to be effective, wet combing needs to be carried out regularly and thoroughly. The method you should use is described below.

- Wash the hair using ordinary shampoo and apply plenty of conditioner, before using a wide-toothed comb to straighten and untangle the hair.
- Once the comb moves freely through the hair without dragging, switch to the louse detection comb.
 Make sure the teeth of the comb slot into the hair at the roots, with the bevel-edge of the teeth lightly touching the scalp.
- Draw the comb down to the ends of the hair with every stroke, and check the comb for lice.
- Remove lice by wiping or rinsing the comb.
- Work methodically through the hair, section by section, so that the whole head is combed through.
- Rinse out conditioner and repeat the combing procedure.
- Repeat the procedure on days three, six, nine, 12 and 15, so that you clear young lice as they hatch, before they have time to reach maturity.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter - if everyone could follow this advice, it should bring the problem under control.

Attention Year 3 Parents

Year 3 have been completing projects based on the Stone Age and would like to invite parents into our class to share our learning with you on Wednesday 22nd November at 2.30pm. We hope you can attend and look forward to seeing you then.

Miss Gillman

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 & 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!

Raffle Tickets

The children are bringing home a book of raffle tickets (one per family) which we should be grateful if you could sell, sending the proceeds back to the school office. If you have any unsold tickets, could these also be sent back to the office. Many thanks.

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

 8^{th} – 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.

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Re. Key Stage 1/Reception: "Manger Mouse"

| Friday, | 8th December at 2.00pm | Dress Rehearsal |
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| Tuesday, | 12th December at 2.00pm | |

Thursday, 14th December at 5.30pm

We are pleased to be able to invite parents to place an order for a further one or two Programmes priced at £2 each. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. These Programmes are non-refundable.

Please check next week's Newsletter to see if, after this second round allocation, there are any Programmes left.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. K. Tamlyn

Head Teacher

<u>To: Mrs Hamper</u> (in a sealed envelope, please)

SECOND ALLOCATION

I would like to order a further 1 / 2 programmes for <u>"Manger Mouse"</u> and enclose £2 / £4. (please delete as appropriate)

| PERFORMANCE | Max. <u>total</u> of 2 | | |
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| Friday, 8.12.16 at 2pm | | | |
| Tuesday, 12.12.16 at 2pm | | | |
| Thursday, 14.12.16 at 5.30pm | | | |

| <u>Name:</u> | Class: | (eldest child in | R /Key Stage1) |
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