



Friday, 12 May 2017

Head Teacher's Remarks

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Mark

This week has been a quiet week in that the children have been completing tests and tasks most mornings. Y2 still have some to complete next week. The children have all tried their best I am sure, and the outcomes are taken into account in the teacher judgements of progress and secure attainment of learning. This will be shared with you in the written reports issued in July.

The new adventure equipment is now in use – it is understandably very popular at present. One issue has arisen this week regarding footwear – some of the girls' ballet pump style shoes do not stay firmly on their feet, which is a safety risk when climbing on the equipment. Therefore, it is really important that the children do have secure footwear or they will not be able to climb safely, and will not be allowed on the equipment.

Please could I remind parents who drop off at the back gate of school that it is best for the children if you then leave and do not stand by the fence watching the playground. Many children do stand around waiting for their friends to arrive, while others launch straight into an active game. However this few minutes before lessons begin is an important time for the children to settle on school site, and the presence of parents can make this more difficult. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation with this.

As you will see from later in this Newsletter we have been awarded the Primary Science Quality Mark at Silver Level. This is a fantastic achievement and recognises the great science learning which happens in our school. Our thanks go to Mrs Miles for her hard work and dedication in promoting science, and in completing our application for this award.

On Wednesday evening a number of our Choir children sang at the launch of the St Giles Tower Restoration Fund. They performed beautifully and sounded fantastic. A number of the children also sang solos, duets or trios which were also a joy to listen to. My thanks to the children for their performance; and to Mrs Johnston for her work with the choir and support for singing in our school.

Next week is 'Excited about Books' week. During the week the children will be exploring different aspects of reading and using the written word. They will also bring home a leaflet of age appropriate activities you may wish to do at home. Different classes are doing different activities, so do ask your child what they have been doing. We hope to do one short activity each day. The following week is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) week, when our theme is Transport. Lots of exciting things to look forward to!

Saturday 20th May is our next garden Work Morning from 9:00am til 11:00am. The garden is looking lovely as new growth is springing up. We really appreciate the support of parents to help us to keep this as a lovely space for the children to use. We hope to see you there.

Lastly it is with some sadness that I am having to request that the children do not bring 'trading cards' such as Pokemon or fidget toys into school. The cards sadly have led to accusations of theft and caused some upset; and the fidget toys are not appropriate for use in school. If any are brought into school then they will be looked after by the staff and would need to be collected by an adult at the end of the school day. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Mrs K. Tamlyn

Congratulations to our special stars this week who are:

from YR: - Florence Cotterell and Byron Hadaway
from Y1: - Florence Passmore and Freddie Thompson
from Y2: - Tia-Jane Stinson and Seth Taylor
from Y3: - Dominic Curtis and Will West-Beale
from Y4: - Abi Russon and Ella Senior
from Y5: - Joe Tayler and Poppy Bourn
from Y6: - Phoebe Hodgetts and Kara Lewthwaite

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

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

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**LEIGHTON BUZZARD
TRIATHLON CLUB
PROUDLY PRESENTS
CHIP TIMED EVENT**



Saturday 08 July 2017

Start Time - 12.00pm (registration opens from 10.30am)

Tiddenfoot Leisure Centre, Mentmore Road, Leighton Buzzard LU7 2AF

For full details and online entry...

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ENTRY PRICE

£20 1ST CHILD / £15 EACH ADDITIONAL CHILD

SWIM BIKE RUN

Tri Starts (8 yrs) 50m 800m 600m

Tri Star 1 (9 & 10 yrs) 100m 1600m 1200m

Tri Star 2 (11 & 12 yrs) 200m 4000m 1800m

Tri Star 3 (13 & 14yrs) 300m 5600m 2400m

Youths (15 & 16yrs) 300m 6400m 3000m

Name:

Address:

Tel: Mobile:

Email:

1st Child Name: Male / Female

Date of Birth: Est. Swim Time:

Any Medical Conditions:

2nd Child Name: Male / Female

Date of Birth: Est. Swim Time:

Any Medical Conditions:

I agree to abide by the Terms & Conditions of the Events (available at www.thelbtriathlon.uk)

Signed Print Name

Please send completed entry form with cheque made payable to "Leighton Buzzard Triathlon Club" to:
Michael Banks, Diverze, 11 Ropa Court, Leighton Buzzard, Beds, LU7 1DU

Primary Science Quality Mark

I am delighted to announce that Cheddington School has recently been awarded a Primary Science Quality Mark (PSQM) at the Silver level. The PSQM is the only national award scheme to develop and celebrate the quality of science teaching and learning in primary schools. After an initial audit, a year-long action plan plus reflection was created looking at different areas including teaching and learning, professional development of staff and outreach to the wider community.

I am really pleased that the profile of science has improved over the last year and children have been engaging with a range of science topics in a number of ways both in and outside the classroom. I have uploaded our school's portfolio to the website for you to view. This formed part of the evidence that was required to achieve our award.

The week after next will be our STEM week (22-25 May) and we will be continuing our science journey on the theme of Transport. The week will culminate in a Great Egg Race for all pupils, who will be designing and building an eggmobile to transport an egg the furthest distance! Any kind of materials can be used to build their vehicle and it may be powered or not. You may wish to discuss design features with your child beforehand.

Mrs Miles