



Friday, 8 September 2017

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Welcome back to the start of an exciting school year – I do hope you all enjoyed some time with the children over the summer and were able to make the most of the pleasant spells of weather. The children have started the term refreshed and raring to go, and are really enjoying the various activities of Good to be Us Week. As usual this is a full and exciting special timetable, which I am sure the children will share with you.

Please remember the Meet the Teacher sessions at 2:45pm: for Y6 today, Y1 on Monday, Y5 on Tuesday, Y4 on Wednesday, Y2 on Thursday and Y3 next Friday. I am sure you will find the time informative.

As usual at the start of the year we are including with this communication the updated quick reference guide which I hope you will find helpful as a reminder of our policies. Please do remember the break-time snacks policy. In light of the Government requirement for schools to encourage and educate children in healthy life choices, and following decisions by the School Council, break-time snacks must be fresh or plain dried fruit or vegetables only on Monday to Thursday. All KS1 children have access to this as part of the 'Fruit for Schools' scheme. On a Friday other snacks are permitted, but please not too unhealthy! Problems of children's diets continue to be a feature of press coverage, and we are held to account for the way we encourage the children to learn good life choices.

May I also remind you that all items of clothing should be clearly named. Mislaidd property is put out in the playground on a Friday afternoon weather permitting. Thank you.

A calendar of key dates accompanies this newsletter. As more dates are confirmed I will include them in future newsletters for you to add to your version. Next week we will send out a grid of possible visits and visitors for the coming year, which will almost certainly have further additions and amendments. Please remember that each year group will probably have at least one visit or a visitor each term. We request a voluntary termly contribution of £10 per child to assist towards the cost of the visitors who come into school and the additional opportunities we offer to the children through the Curriculum Enrichment programme weekly. This should be paid electronically. We thank you for your support with this as it really enhances the learning opportunities for the children. Do remember that you can also support the school through the Governors Development Fund and the work of the PTA. Information for these is on Joinos for your convenience.

Information about the lunch-time and after school clubs, most of which will be starting week commencing 18th September, will be sent out on Tuesday. Please complete and return the reply slip by the requested deadline expressing interest in the clubs – any payments will be invoiced to you once allocations have been made.

As you may have already noticed, our new fitness equipment in the playground was installed prior to the start of term. Please could I ask that you ensure that younger siblings do not play by this equipment whilst waiting for their elder brothers or sisters. This is for Health and Safety and insurance reasons. Our children are being taught to use the equipment safely and know that they should not be on it after school. Thank you for your help with this.

Each family will receive a hard copy letter this evening regarding new procedures. Please do note the contents, and should you need to discuss these do contact us next week. Thank you in advance for your co-operation with them.

Finally I am sure you will be pleased to know that Mrs Beach's operation was successful. She is now in her recovery period, and misses being with us all. In the immediate future whilst we are awaiting her return, Mrs Hughes and Mrs McLeman are teaching Y1 from Mrs Beach's planning. The class are settled and learning well already.

Mrs. K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Next Week's Reminders

Thursday, 14th September at 3.15pm - All children invited to bring dirty wellies, scooters and bikes into School for the Year 2 children to wash.

Meet the Teacher sessions at 2.45pm:-

Year 1 - 11th September

Year 2 - 14th September

Year 3 - 15th September

Year 4 - 13th September

Year 5 - 12th September

Year 2 Wellie, Scooter and Bike Wash

Year 2 is very pleased to announce that they will be running a mini enterprise next Thursday 14th September. Please bring your dirty wellies, scooters and bikes along for a "shine and sparkle". Year 2 will be washing them on the playground after school from 3.15pm. We are charging £1 to wash a scooter or a pair of wellies and £1.50 to clean a bike.

Hot School Lunches

Please ensure that if your child is on a school trip and you have been requested not to order a hot lunch, that your child brings a packed lunch on that day. Free School Meals for KS1 children are paid for by the School. Thank you

The FA Group, Wembley Stadium

The FA Group are giving our children the opportunity to purchase tickets to watch the SSE Women's FA Cup Final on Saturday, 5 May 2018 at Wembley Stadium. Tickets can be booked at TheFA.com/Tickets.

Cheddington Pre-School News

To celebrate 45 Years of Cheddington Pre-School, the Pre-School committee invite you to join them for an afternoon of family fun.

Sat 9th September from 3pm on the Village Green.

Plenty of activities for all, including:

Exotic animals • Bouncy Castle • Face Painting • Moana showing in Methodist Hall (5pm) • Balloon Animals • Kids Games • Sweet Stall • Popcorn • Ice Cream • Tea, coffee & cake • Licenced Bar for the grown-ups • Fish & Chip Van (2:45pm til 5:30pm)

The whole village is invited. Bring a picnic blanket and stay for tea (fish & chips or bring your own).

As part of the 45th Anniversary, we are also inviting everyone to suggest a new logo design for Cheddington Pre-School and have extended the date for entries. See our Facebook page for more details.