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Newsletter

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SCHOOL NEWS

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We are at the end of another very busy week in school. Year two had a wonderful experience on Tuesday as they dressed in Victorian costume and experienced what the school day might have been like when Eleanor de Rothschild was associated with our school. They all enjoyed the day – even though it was a little scary in places! Yesterday YR visited Woodside Farm as part of their learning. They all had a super day and came back excited to share about the animals they had seen and petted – including a snake! They received many compliments from the Farm staff and members of the public as their behaviour was exemplary. Well done YR! KS2 have been putting the final polish on 'Ye-Ha' and I – for one – am really looking forward to the first performance this afternoon!

Our special stars of the week this week are: from YR – the whole class for their behaviour on the visit; from Y1 – Finn Concanon and Cherry Finburgh; from Y2 – the whole class for their super behaviour and effort at Victorian day; from Y3 – Riley Clarke and Imogen Ramoul; from Y4 – Amelie Barnes and Harry Bryant; from Y5 – Ella Van de Linde and Ellabella West-Beale; and from Y6 – George Lancaster and Joseph Robertson. Congratulations children and well done!

Very special congratulations are due to Emma List who was awarded The Cottesloe Family Key Stage Two Achievers Award at the Sports Partnership Awards evening yesterday. This is a superb achievement and recognises Emma's all round ability and commitment to sport. Very well done Emma!

During Sports Week one of the competitions was to design a flag to support Team GB at the Rio Olympics. It was very difficult to judge but the winners are now announced. Congratulations to Millie McIntosh – first place; Ellabella West-Beale – second place; and Madeleine Roberts – third place. Well done girls for some fantastic designs. Another competition was to design a football strip. There were some fantastic designs submitted. In Key Stage 1 Georgie Long was our winner, with Alyssa Clark being Highly Commended; and in Key Stage 2 Jack Miller's design won, with Madeleine Roberts being Highly Commended. Very well done to everyone – we have some very talented designers and artists in our school!

From 17th until 23rd June our children took part in a Buckinghamshire Class SumDog competition. They did really well with Year 3 coming second in the County and Year 2 third. All six classes were in the top 10! Well Done! Within our school our overall winner was Sidney Jones who answered an impressive 917 questions correctly! Very well done Sidney. In fact, year 2 excelled themselves with six of the top ten places being children in year 2; though Year 3 won overall.

You may have missed in the newsletter of 24th June the information about being a Travel Plan Co-ordinator. We are most grateful to Mel Humble who has been our Co-ordinator for the last few years and done a super job. She is now moving on to paid employment and so we are seeking someone who would be interested in taking on this role. As an Eco School this is important to us and we have a team of JRSOs who are keen to keep sustainable travel, safe parking and other initiatives such as themed walks to school at the forefront. Please do get in touch if you are interested.

I am very proud of all our children for all the things they achieve and the way they conduct themselves. As Parents you may wish to know that our KS1 outcomes were above County averages for children reaching the new expected standard; and at KS2 were above National percentages in both reading and SPAG and equal to national percentages in Mathematics. We were particularly proud of our year 6 children as two thirds of them reached the new higher expected standard in all three tests, which is considerably higher than the national picture of 53%. Well done to the children and to their teachers and support staff.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the performances next week. The children will have transfer day on Tuesday when they will meet their new staff teams – this will be in next week's newsletter.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Governors Update

Once again your governors met this week and as promised I attach an update, for the final time this school year...

You may be interested to hear that we discussed our travel plan and heard about the great work our JRSOs have done during the year. I'm sure you will have seen Bob our booster seat boy around and about at various events, he has been surprising parents and children alike with the size you need to be to be out of a booster seat! We've also had some great successes with raising awareness about safe parking around the school as well as our regular walks to school throughout the year. You may also like to know we were 7th in the country for cycling to school, which led to the children being able to try the cycle-smoothie maker during Sports Week. Thanks to all involved with this and especially to Mrs Humble who is leaving us having led this work so successfully. If you are interested in joining the "award winning" travel team, please do get in touch.

We also had a great discussion about communications and the progress we are making updating our communications when talking with you. There has been a lot of work behind the scenes this term by both governors and staff for which we are very grateful. Hopefully you will already have noticed some of the changes as they have come in and we hope you will notice big changes when the children return in September.

We looked at the feedback from various different groups, including your comments in the staff survey. Since I have summarised the results of the parents' survey elsewhere, I'll not discuss that here. However the information that we have from you and our other research has been used to create our plans for the school next year. Thank you to those who responded, hopefully when you see the plans at the start of next term you will recognise your comments.

We've reviewed the schools results including the SATs and Phonics tests. You will have seen your child's individual results already. We've seen the school averaged results and were proud to see how well the children have done. The results are in line with our plans and we are grateful to the teachers and children for their hard work in getting us to this point. It's great news for the school so we are all really pleased!

It's been an exciting and full year for the school and the governors are no different. We have a few changes coming up and said goodbye to Jane Nichols who has supported the school for many years as a governor. We will really miss Jane and sincerely thank her for her support and service over the years. We will also be saying goodbye to our year 6 children, and inevitably for some of their parents this is the end of the journey at Cheddington school. All of the governors wish our year 6 children the greatest of success at their new schools next year. We know that their foundation at Cheddington will always be with them, and we hope it will have set them up for secondary education. Good luck all of you! If you are one of those parents who will have no children at the school next year but still want to be involved with our school, do contact us through the school office; there are lots of ways you can remain involved with the school community.

Finally have a wonderful summer break, enjoy the holidays and we look forward to the year ahead.

Simon Aulton
Chair of Governors

PICNIC ON IVINGHOE LAWN

Tuesday 23rd August

11.30 – 2pm



Charlie
AND THE
CHOCOLATE
FACTORY

*Buy your picnic from



or

*Bring your own food

*Roald Dahl and Beatrix Potter Storytimes

*Raffle

*Cake and Goodies Sales

*Activities Tables

*Dress up

COME AND JOIN IN THE FUN



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Travel Plan Coordinator

Are you willing to join a winning team, to help our school children develop a culture of walking to school; for their health and for their environment? Can you help maintain the success of the school and keep us as the top school in the region? If so we need your help for about 1 hour a week to coordinate the weekly Walk Once a Week (WOW) programme, and to lead a team of fellow volunteers to deliver sustainable travel to the school.

Cheddington School has a highly successful programme of encouraging children to make sustainable journeys to school by walking, scooting, cycling, using the school transport and parking and walking when journeying to school. We have the Modeshift Stars Gold award and are the top school in the Region. We now need to build on this success by identifying a motivated volunteer to take on the coordination of this programme over the coming years.

You will be motivated to work with children and adults and keen to promote environmentally wise choices. You will administer the scheme, working with teachers and governors along with our team of Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) to coordinate and promote our Walk Once a Week (WOW) programme along with our termly/half termly whole school walks throughout the year.

This role will take about 1½ hours per week along with one after-school governors meeting per term and a termly Travel Plan Coordinators meeting at County Hall in Aylesbury.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office for a copy of the role description and person profile. The closing date for this opportunity is Thursday 7th July 2016, although we may close earlier should we get a lot of interest.

PTA NEWS



AYLESBURY WATERSIDE THEATRE

We can offer tickets to a number of Matinee performances of Aladdin at the Aylesbury Waterside Theatre (Cast including Michelle Collins – Eastenders)

**Tickets £18 each, no booking/transaction fee
(Normal price from £22)**

***Ticket price includes the £2 donation to: Cheddington School PTA**

Tickets will be allocated on a first come first serve basis and will be dependent upon availability as only a limited number of seats have been reserved.

Cheques MUST be received **by 23 September**. All Cheques should be returned to school and made payable to: Cheddington School PTA.

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Aladdin Pantomime

Saturday 10 December 2016 @ 2.30 pm We would like _____ tickets
(Circle 2C & 2D)

Saturday 17 December 2016 @2.30pm We would like _____ tickets
(Circle 1D, 1E & 1F)

Saturday 31 December 2016 @1.00pm We would like _____ tickets
(Stalls M & N)

We enclose payment of _____ (£18 per ticket)

Childs Name _____ Class _____

All tickets are non-refundable or exchangeable.

Do you or any of your group have any access requirements: YES NO

If yes, please specify: