

The Cheddington Link 5th September 2025



Cheddington Combined School

Enjoying our learning, sharing our success

Welcome back!

It's been so wonderful to see everyone's smiling faces back at school.

We are all set and ready for a fantastic year ahead.

Excitement on the field!

We couldn't believe it today - Mr Moss was out on the field with his metal detector and he stumbled across a hidden treasure chest! The children were so excited! We opened it up and inside were lots of clues and hidden treasures. We went around all the classes so they could see what was inside and they've spend the rest of today talking, writing and drawing about why they think it appeared, the meaning behind the items and what they think we should do with the treasure!

Save the date

We would like to invite all our families to save the date on **Wednesday 24th September** for a secret event after school for approximately an hour. More exciting details to follow!

Start of the new school year - School Rules:

Yesterday I led an assembly reminding the children about our school rules. To help everyone remember them we have streamlined it down to our 'Three Golden Rules'. They are:

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Safe

Below I have added the slides I shared, explaining how we can keep to our three golden rules. Please take a moment to go through them with your child so that we can continue to work together. We will use these alongside our HEART Values to encourage and teach our children how to grow and learn together.

A few reminders:

- Children must arrive at school between 8.25am and 8.35am. At 8.35am the gates will be closed and you will need to come through the front office where your child will be marked as late.
- We are unable to authorise any term time absence apart from medical issues (confirmation letter of appointments will be required). If you do need to request a leave of absence, please ensure you have completed the 'Leave of Absence Request Form' which you can find on our website.
- If your child accumulates ten sessions of unauthorised absence (one session = a morning or an afternoon so one full day is classed as two sessions), a fine will be issued by the Local Authority.

- *An email will be coming out from your child's class teacher regarding end of the day pick up arrangements. If there are any last minute changes to these arrangements, please contact the office directly on the day.*
 - *Breaktime snacks should be fruit or vegetable based on Mondays - Thursdays. Children are allowed to bring in a small 'treat' snack on a Friday.*
 - *We are a **nut free school** - please do not send any nuts into school, including Nutella on sandwiches, as we have some children and staff with severe nuts allergies.*
 - *Please can you ensure your child does not bring in any toys from home. Last year we had lots of cases of favourite toys getting lost and it was heart breaking. It is much safer to leave them at home. If your child requires a transitional object to support them with their sensory needs, this must be discussed and agreed by their class teacher.*
 - *Please can we minimise the size and quantity of pencil cases and water bottles. Again, last year we had some children who barely had anywhere to complete their learning on their tables as it was inundated with huge pencil cases and huge Stanley cups.*
 - *Long hair should be tied up with plain hair accessories - no cat ear Alice bands please.*
 - *No jewellery should be worn with the exception of small stud earrings if ears are pierced. Please remember that these need to be removed or taped over by the child for PE lessons for health and safety.*
 - *Mobile phones are not allowed to be used on the school site. Please ensure they are not used on the playground at pick up time.*
 - *School shoes and socks - children are allowed to wear plain black shoes or trainers to school, and have an additional pair of plain black trainers to wear for PE. Socks should be logo-free and plain white or grey.*
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Clubs

More information about clubs will be coming out next week from Mrs O'Reilly. Keep an eye out for the email.

Next week

Mr Moss isn't here next week so there will be no crossing patrol. He will be back on Wednesday 17th September.

Diary dates

Please see below for the list of dates for your diary for this term. This will be updated every week so please keep an eye out.

A message from the PTA

Thanks for everyone's incredible support last year, we were able to raise £5,880!

It's a huge contribution towards the school's minibus, which will provide more trips and visits locally to support the children's learning.

We are planning events for the coming school year and will share them soon, along with a date for the AGM which all parents and carers are welcome to attend.

Thanks again,

The PTA Committee

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Gilly Brown

Headteacher

Our behaviour at school

Our three golden rules: Be ready
 Be respectful
 Be safe

Ready	Respectful	Safe
We arrive at school on time	We listen when others speak	We follow instructions
We are always ready to learn	We treat others as we want to be treated	We use equipment safely
We show we are listening	We are kind and polite	We stay safe online
We try hard and do our best	We respect differences	We move safely around school
	We respect the school	

What happens when we show our three golden rules?

- We earn Dojo points which we can use at the end of each half term or save
- When we earn a Dojo point we also earn a House Point – the winning team get an extra play at the end of each half term
- We feel like a team, we feel like we belong
- We feel proud of ourselves and our school
- We **enjoy** our learning and share our success

What happens when we don't follow the three golden rules

- We may be asked to talk to an adult about our behaviour choices
- We may be asked to work in another classroom
- We may miss some of our break or lunch time
- We may need to say sorry if we have not shown we are ready, respectful or safe
- We may need to have a conversation with our parents and teachers to help us manage our behaviour going forward

How we celebrate our good learning:

- Dojos
- Wall of Excellence
- Celebration assemblies
- Stickers for good work in books
- Postcards home
- Extra responsibilities / jobs in the school



Dates for your diaries:

Every week we will include a rolling list of up and coming dates for your diaries:

Friday 12th September =

New to Cheddington parent and carer coffee afternoon in the hall 2.30pm - 3.15pm. If your child has just started in Reception or any other year group, you are warmly invited to join us.

Tuesday 16th September =

Maths at Cheddington parent and carer meeting

Reception parents and carers 3pm - 3.15pm

Year 1 and Year 2 parents and carers 3.30pm - 3.45pm

Key Stage 2 parents and carers 3.45 - 4.00pm

Wednesday 17th September =

Individual and sibling photos - come to school looking extra smart!

Monday 22nd September =

Year 6 parents and carers River Dart meeting 5.30pm - 6.30pm in the hall

Wednesday 24th September =

3.30 - 4.30pm (ish) Save the date! (see above)

Friday 26th September=

Bucks Flu vaccinations for children - more information to follow

Tuesday 7th October =

Whole school golf taster sessions (during school time)

Thursday 16th October =

Year 4 class assembly at 2.45pm for Year 4 parents and carers

Monday 20th - Wednesday 22nd October =

Year 4 to Grafham Water for residential trip

Friday 24th October =

Whole school non-school uniform day (not Halloween)

Break up for half term

