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Welcome back to the last part of the summer term. At least in name it is summer term though this week certainly does not have a summer feel! Thankfully last week Y6 had much better weather for their visit to the River Dart Centre. They had a fantastic week, and challenged themselves to overcome fears and apprehensions. They all seem to have returned back taller and even more self-assured.

On Monday this week Y4 and Y5 enjoyed a visit to the new Science Oxford centre. We were one of the invited schools to be able to visit this term following its recent opening. The children loved their learning there and came back full of all the things they had seen. On Tuesday we were visited by one of the archaeologists who excavated prior to the new building commencing in the village. She took a whole school assembly before spending time with Y6. Again the children were fascinated. Y6 have had a particularly busy week as yesterday they enjoyed a visit by a magistrate and a barrister; and today have a Maya day with an expert sharing her knowledge with them.

I am delighted to share with you all that four of our Y6 girls have been selected as finalists in the Big Science Event Investigation Competition run by Science Oxford. A large number of schools in Oxfordshire and Buckinghamshire take part in this, with each small group within each class producing a poster on their investigation. These are all judged with the top twelve across all entries being finalists. This is a huge achievement and we are justly proud of the girls.

In light of the above paragraph please note that we have had to move the **KS2 production afternoon performance** from Friday 5th July to **Thursday 4th July**, as the finals are held in Oxford on the 5th. Good luck girls! We are aware that for some families child care can be a real issue, so we would like to include younger siblings in the audience for the Thursday afternoon performance. The evening performances will remain for adults and older children only. We hope that this will make it easier for families to support our KS2 children and enjoy the production.

We would like to invite all parents and grandparents who can attend to join us for Sports Day on Monday 24th June weather permitting. (If Monday is too inclement then Sports Day will be held on the Wednesday.) Key Stage 1 will be in the morning, starting at 10:00am; with Key Stage 2 starting at 1:30pm in the afternoon. If you wish to bring a picnic chair or rug that would be welcomed as we have limited seating. Please also feel free to bring some refreshments for yourselves if you wish. (The children will have their usual snack and water bottle, so will not require anything additional.) We do hope that you will be able to join us. The rest of our Sports Week offers a range of special opportunities for the children – I am sure it will be a great week as usual.

I would like to invite Year 5 parents to a meeting about secondary school transfer arrangements for 2020 entry to Y7, and the associated transfer test should you wish your child to take this. The meeting will be in the school hall on Wednesday 3rd July at 7:00pm and I do hope you will be able to attend. I look forward to sharing the information with you.

As you will see later in this newsletter, we are inviting the children to dress down on Friday 5th July in return for a donation of a bottle or a toy for the Fete on 6th July. We do hope that almost everyone will be able to join us for the Village Fete (hopefully in glorious sunshine!).

The rest of the term is looking very busy for staff and children. It has been lovely to share in the super work the children are doing and to see their enthusiasm for learning. We were visited by a group of Head Teachers this week, who commented on the excellent engagement in learning and behaviour of the children. As always, I was very proud of them.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

<u>Reminders</u>	<u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u>
Sports Day, 24th June, KS1 10am, KS2 1.30pm (Reserve 26th June)	Monday - Mrs Tamlyn
Production, Thursday, 4th July, Afternoon Performance @ 1.45pm	Tuesday - Mr Fowler
Monday 8th and Tuesday 9th July @ 6pm	Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn
Unless advised otherwise nearer the time, the children should arrive at school at 5.45pm.	Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn
	Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

Universal Infant Free School Meals

We understand that there may be a lack of clarity about the way the ordering and funding works for the free school meals provided for Reception and KS1 so would like to try to address this.

Funding – The government delegates funding to schools for these meals. We are not funded for the number of children on role in Reception and KS1. The amount of funding is based on an average of the number of meals **eaten** on two particular days – one in October and one in January. Due to variations in take up of our meals, data this year is such that we are predicting a probable funding shortfall of around £2000. This is one of the reasons we are careful to cancel any meals not needed – in this way we endeavour to cover any shortfall, and avoid spending the budget needed for teaching and learning.

Waste – We do not have a kitchen on site. Our caterers bring exact numbers of meals to the school each day. Any meals not needed end up wasted so we do our best to let them know accurate numbers. Wasting food does not fit with our eco-school ethos, nor with UK wide initiatives to care for the environment.

Ordering – As stated above, our caterers work to exact numbers to avoid waste. They order ingredients the week before serving so rely on accurate numbers to avoid wastage.

We hope this clarifies the way that the meals work in our school, and helps you to work with us to avoid any possible impact on our teaching and learning budget and any excessive wastage.

Many thanks for your assistance with this.

Half Price Book Fair, Wednesday, 26th June to Tuesday, 2nd July

The Book Fair will be open on the above dates and also during the New Reception Class Parent Meeting on Tuesday morning. The children are bringing home a leaflet with information on this event. You may wish to take the opportunity to buy a half price book!

Thank you so much to all the children, parents and staff who collected a bucketful of old currency to support Hope and Aid Direct. I thought you'd like to see a picture of the contents of the bucket, it was full to the brim, and really heavy, absolutely amazing.

Using our own vehicles, and with an entirely volunteer run team, we deliver a variety of aid to the migrant camps in Europe where many thousands of people are living. As well as other essential items, we usually send boxes of donated toys. Many children are growing up in really poor conditions.

We usually take three convoys a year, and each one costs several thousands of pounds, so your generosity will help us to continue our work.

Thank you all once again.

With very best wishes,
Janet Page



There is a current outbreak of measles in England. Please make sure that your child's MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccination is up to date and complete. Public health England recommends 2 doses. If you are unsure, contact your own GP or the immunisation team for advice on 01296 567860.



Dear Parents

After thirteen collective years on a PTA, Faye and I will be stepping down from co-chairing the Cheddington School PTA this year, along with five other much-loved members. It's been our absolute pleasure, and before we go we would like to make sure that the PTA can continue from September onwards. We are lucky enough that two current members, Will and Mark, have volunteered to take over the roles of Secretary and Treasurer, but we do need a Chair (or Co-Chairs) for the PTA to be able to continue. It is a requirement of the Charities Commission that a Chair is in place, or the PTA cannot run. As things currently stand, there will be no PTA in September.

This means that not only will the children lose out on around **£10,000** per year in extra, much-needed funds, but among many other things there will be...

NO discos
NO cake sales
NO ice creams
NO Christmas Fair
NO uniform shop
NO Christmas cards

We're well aware that from the outside it's a scary prospect to take on the role of Chair, but we've realised over the last two years that it's not nearly as hard as you might think- it's really a co-ordinating role as most of the major tasks (like organising uniform, cake sales etc) are already covered. It is not, as you might think, a role where you have to 'do everything'! It would suit somebody who is very organised, and good with people. It's definitely a role that could be shared between two people. Also, Faye and I would be providing a full handover, and are not leaving the school for two more years (in my case at least- Faye will be here a little longer!), so will still be around should you need any guidance along the way...

Please do get in touch if you think you can help. We are of course also looking for new, active members of the PTA to help at events so do drop us a line whatever you are able to offer. We are a really open, friendly bunch of mums and dads and normally meet in the pub, usually just once a half term. Most of our business is done over our WhatsApp group! Please email kate.holder@hotmail.com in the first instance, and we can arrange to meet up and have a chat.

Just to reiterate, if nobody steps forward, there will be no PTA in September.

Thanks so much for reading,
Kate (Holder) and Faye (Sladden)

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Cheddington Village Fete

This year the village fete will be held on Saturday 6th July. If you are able to help with setting up, assisting on one of the stalls or clearing away, we would love to hear from you! Even if you can only assist for a short period of time, every little really does help, as the church and scouts will also welcome volunteers. As in previous years, all proceeds raised will be split equally between Cheddington School, St Giles Church and Cheddington Scouts.

Dress Down Day

On Friday 5th July we will be holding a dress down day (no football strips) in exchange for a 'bottle' (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) or a child's toy for the tombola at the village fete.

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Raffle Prizes

If your Company or you know anyone who would be able to donate a prize for the Village Fete Raffle, this would be greatly appreciated. Please hand any donations into the School Office. Many thanks, The PTA

Uniform Orders

A reminder that uniform orders need to be placed by 21st June in order for it be ready for collection on Wednesday 17th July. An order form is attached in the e-schools message dated 23rd May.

School Disco

The next school disco will be held on Friday 12th July. More to follow.

Advanced Notice

The AGM of the PTA will take place on Monday 9th September at 7.30pm in the school hall. This is open to everyone to attend, and will include wine and cheese. All Welcome.

Reminder

Just a reminder that you can follow the PTA on Facebook at [https://www.facebook.com/Cheddington PTA/](https://www.facebook.com/CheddingtonPTA/)



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Little angels can sure make a mess!

We need help keeping the place clean

1 Hour each day Monday to Thursday

3 Hours Friday/Weekend (Flexible)

Term time only. Cleaning after the pre-school is closed times negotiable.

For more information or to apply please contact Michelle or Karen on the details above.