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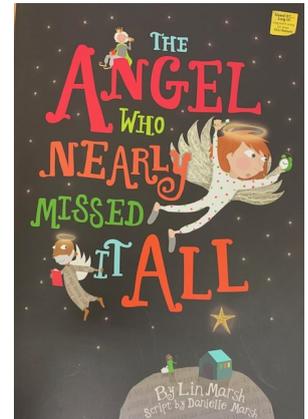
Year 2 Nativity

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The Year 2 pupils made sure we ended our week with a big smile as they performed their superb Nativity 'The Angel who nearly missed it all'.

Every great performance has to brave through technical problems and the Year 2s were professional to the end—at one point having to unexpectedly perform a song without music! The children should be very proud of themselves and go into the weekend with a smile.



SEND at Cheddington Combined School

Welcome to the SEND information sharing section of the newsletter. I thought it would be useful to share SEND information with parents through the newsletter moving forward. This information may be signposting you to useful website or sharing information about different aspects of SEND.

For my first item I'd like to draw your attention to Buckinghamshire Family information service. They provide a wide variety of information looking at family support, childcare and early years, the local offer for SEND, family centres, advice and support for families, education and learning and things to do in Buckinghamshire. <https://familyinfo.buckinghamshire.gov.uk/>

The Buckinghamshire Family Learning team run free, online courses and workshops for parents and carers of children across Buckinghamshire. These courses are designed to help parents/carers to understand how they can best support their children during their education. <https://adultlearningbc.ac.uk/family-learning/>

Miss Bateman



Popcorn is prepared in the same pot, in the same heat, in the same oil and yet ... the kernels do not POP at the same time.

Don't compare your child to others.

Their turn to POP is coming!

Cheddington PTA

Christmas Disco

ONE WEEK TO GO!

Friday 16th December, School Hall, KS1 4.45-5.45pm & KS2 6-7pm.

Tickets are £4 per child or £6 for a family ticket, and entry includes drinks, snacks, crafts, nail bar and festive tattoos! You can scan the QR code on the poster (attached) or follow the payment link attached. Please take a screenshot of your payment to show upon check in. Alternatively, you can leave the correct amount of cash at the school office in an envelope with your child's name and year clearly marked PTA DISCO. Payment can be made on the door, though this may slow entrance and delay the children's fun!

If you are able to volunteer and help us run a fantastic party for the children, it would be much appreciated. A sign up sheet will follow.

ENTRANCE and EXIT details: Please enter via the playground for dropping off and collecting your child/children. It will be clearly signposted. All children must be signed out. If you are happy for your child to walk home without a parent/adult chaperone, please confirm in writing to the school admin email address by 12 noon on the day, with the email entitled 'DISCO+YEAR#' (and the year group your child is in). As you know, the school take the safety and wellbeing of our children very seriously, this extra step ensures their high standards are maintained. Thank you.





Children in Need 2022

The children came to school wearing a variety of yellow accessories to show their support of this charity, leading to £127.50 being raised. Many thanks to everyone on behalf of Children in Need. The money has been deposited on your behalf.



PTA—Christmas Fair

It was a fantastic opportunity to get into the festive mood on Saturday 26th November when Cheddington School PTA hosted their annual Christmas fair. It was the first time this was able to be hosted since 2019 and I for one really enjoyed the opportunity to get festive with our school community.

Miss Pughe conducted the choir with expert precision and the children sang like angels! Thank you to the whole choir for your efforts.

We will keep you updated as to how this money is being spent—watch this space!



Curriculum Headlines

Year R this week have been sharing the story Jesus' Christmas Party and then retelling it with lots of actions, so that we know the story really well. We have also been using our Fine Motor Skills to do lots of cutting and colouring on some Christmas themed crafts.

Year 1 worked really hard on their moving pictures in DT. They created a moving picture and wrote their own story to go with this, the children showed great enjoyment and pride in the work that they produced. The children have also shown great pride and knowledge in English when writing fact files based on the Teaching Talons visit earlier this term.

Year 2 have been very excitedly practising lines and songs ready for our nativity on Friday. Alongside this, our DT project has been creating free standing nativity scenes featuring the main characters. We enjoyed showing these to the parents at our performance

Year 3 have had a fantastic time designing, making and devouring their own sandwiches in Design Technology. It has been especially lovely to see the children trying new foods and experimenting with flavours. The children have also been developing their recorder skills and are playing beautifully as an ensemble.

Year 4 have been working very hard designing and creating wonderful picture frames and learning about rhyming couplets in English. Roald Dahl's 'Revolting Rhymes' were used as inspiration for this writing.

Year 5 have had a busy two weeks. For DT they created a fantastic range of doorstops using the design process to explore its construction through use of nets and developing their sewing to create strong joins, as well as the adding of embellishments to create individual products. Year 5 have also been working hard in English: planning, writing and editing a non-chronological report comparing two early video games: Space Invaders and PAC-Man.

Year 6 worked really hard on creating a storage pot inspired by Greek archaeology. They created true-to-form 'Pyxis' pots which are designed to hold small precious items for example jewellery. I'm sure they will look forward to using them when at home!





Key Stage 2 pupils were treated to a wonderful performance by senior students from Tring Park Performing Arts School last week.

'Jake' had to complete some revision in time for his exams, however he and his friend needed a little help. Thankfully, he had made friends with a fantastic group of scientists and friends called 'The Catalysts'. They helped him understand some elements of the curriculum including the water cycle, human geography (in relation to industry), and the need to 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle' among many others.

Thank you so much to Tring Park School!

Food Appeal

As we get nearer to the festivities of Christmas, many of us are feeling the impact of the rising cost of living. The ability to feed our families as we would like to may be a struggle for us where we may not have struggled before. To support the community, we are acting as a collection point for any donations you may be able to spare, please ask your child to bring any donations into school to give to their class teacher. All donations will be collected regularly over the coming days before we break up for the Christmas break and will be distributed via the Ivinghoe Emergency Foodbank and The Leighton Linlade Homeless Service.

Thank you.

Healthwatch

Scarlet fever is a common childhood infection caused by *Streptococcus pyogenes* or Group A *Streptococcus* (GAS). It is not usually serious and can be treated with antibiotics. The early symptoms are:

- Sore throat
- Headache
- Fever
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- After 12-48 hours, a pinhead rash with the texture of sandpaper may appear.

If your child exhibits these symptoms, please keep them at home until 24 hours after antibiotic treatment has commenced. This limits the risk of infection. Please note, family members who are well and do not have symptoms, do not require antibiotics and can continue to attend school as normal however they should seek treatment if they develop symptoms. Cases of GAS in the population are currently higher than normal.

In very rare cases, GAS bacteria can enter the bloodstream and cause an illness called invasive Group A strep (iGAS). It is considered very rare for children with scarlet fever to develop iGAS infection. We are in regular communication with the Public Health Team at Buckinghamshire Council to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our community whilst cases of GAS are higher than normal in the general population. As we receive updated advice, we will distribute this to you.

Cheddington School Bits and Pieces

- Christmas post—Our Christmas postbox will be back in school from Monday 12th December. Please remember to put the recipients name (plus family name) and year group on the envelope otherwise we cannot guarantee that the cards will get to the intended person.
- There will be no after school football, multisports or running club next week. All other after-school clubs will continue as normal. A new club schedule will be distributed from January—more information to follow soon.
- Year 1 'Share the Learning' (13th December: 8:35-9am)— Please come to the playground with your child at the start of the day. We are looking forward to welcoming you to the Year 1 classroom.
- Christmas celebrations—The children are welcome to celebrate the festive period by wearing a Christmas jumper or accessory (hair band, bobble, socks/tights, dress) alongside their standard school uniform (trousers, skirt, jumper) on the 19th and 20th of December. Although reindeer antlers are great fun, the children may be limited as to when they are able to wear them in class.
- Young Voices tickets—For those parents who have ordered tickets and/or t-shirts, please note they will be ready for collection from the school office from January 5th. Please note, we cannot send these home with pupils as we require a signature of receipt.
- Monday 12th December Preschool nativity—Children in our current Reception class and siblings of those children at preschool who will be starting school in September will be invited to attend their performance should they want to.



Did you know (Cheddington School)...? The oldest part of the school dates back to 1857 with Mr John Lewis appointed as the new Schoolmaster.

Did you know (Cheddington village)...? The population of the village in 1861 was 628. In the 2021 census it was 1770.

Dates for your diary:

- 12th December—Christmas craft day
Preschool nativity
- 13th December—Year 1 Share the Learning
- 14th December—Christmas lunch
- 15th December—Parent meeting at 19:30hrs
- 16th December—PTA school discos
- 19th –20th December—Wear Christmas clothing to school
- 19th December—Carol Service at St Giles
- 20th December—13:30 End of term
- 5th January—School reopens for the Spring term
- 11th January—Reception 'Share the learning'
- 13th January—Young Voices



A final note...

The school team have had such pleasure over the last couple of weeks watching the children face and overcome challenges across the curriculum for example through their Design Technology learning, enjoying poetry in Literacy lessons and experiment in Science among other things. Our whole school value this half term has been Teamwork and I have seen evidence of this across school—in lessons and on the playground.

Although this is the last newsletter for the term, please keep an eye on our e-schools platform as important communications may come out. In the meantime, I wish everyone a happy and healthy last week in school!