

26th May 2022

Dear Parents,

In response to parent feedback in the Governor Survey, the fortnightly newsletter will have a different feel moving forward. I hope you will find the new format easy to navigate, and to find the information you require.

Jubilee Picnic:

It was so lovely to welcome so many families to the picnic last Friday; we were fortunate that the weather was fine just in time. Thankyou to the Choir, who sang 'A Life Filled with Grace' which was written especially for the Platinum Jubilee; and to members of Y3 who performed the maypole dances. We were very appreciative of your warm comments on the exhibition, which is now on display in St Giles for the period of the village celebrations.

School news:

Year 6 are at the River Dart centre this week for their residential experience. We understand that they are having a fantastic time, and they will be travelling home on Friday.

This week, or just after half term, all the children will be learning about the Marine Environment as part of our Eco learning. World Ocean Day itself is 8th June and the children may be participating in some live lessons during the day.

As required by the Department for Education, immediately after the half term break Y1 will be undertaking the Phonics Test, and Y4 will be taking the Multiplication Tables Test.

Y4 will be visiting the History Society exhibition in the Methodist Church Hall on Monday 6th June. We appreciate this staying open for us; and hope that many of you will also be able to have visited this exhibition over the Jubilee celebrations.

Maths training:

Attached to this communication are details of maths training which the school has been asked to share with you.

Share the Learning:

After two years of not being permitted to welcome parents into the school, we are delighted to invite parents of all year groups to visit their children in their classrooms. The children will be able to share their books and activities with you at this time. All sessions will be from 2:40pm until 3:10pm. We hope that many of you will be able to attend, but we do understand that work commitments may make this impossible for you to do so.

Y6 – Wednesday 15th June

Y5 – Wednesday 29th June

Y4 – Thursday 16th June

Y3 – Tuesday 28th June

Y2 – Tuesday 28th June

Y1 – Wednesday 15th June and Wednesday 6th July (You are welcome to attend both if you are able to do so.)

YR – each Wednesday afternoon of the half term at 2:40pm (You are welcome to attend as many or as few weeks as is convenient for you.)

Thank you to the PTA:

As you may be aware, the PTA gifted each class with £100 to spend to enhance the classroom provision. The staff have chosen to do so by purchasing:

Y6 – new reading books for the class reading selection

Y5 – new reading books for the class reading selection

Y4 – new reading books for the class reading selection

Y3 – a subscription to National Geographic for children, and additional games for wet break and lunch times

Y2 – a subscription to National Geographic for children, and some new reading books for the class reading selection

Y1 – new reading books for the class reading selection

YR – a large model rocket

We would like to thank parents and the PTA for their generosity. As you may know, we are saving for a large project of providing a roofed shaded area of the playground which will benefit the children at breaktimes, and during learning time. We are very appreciative of the PTA fundraising towards this provision.

PTA News:

Uniform:

Last week's uniform sale was very popular with many families purchasing pre-loved and new uniform. Thank you to everyone who came along, we hope it was a useful opportunity to get some items for your children.

Please remember the deadline for ordering new uniform is Friday 10th June. Please drop order forms off for the PTA's attention to the school office, or email them to cheddingtonpta@gmail.com. The PTA will aim to deliver all orders ahead of the summer holidays. Good quality pre-loved items can continue to be donated via the box in the school reception.

Ice Cream Fridays:

The popular Ice Cream Fridays will commence from Friday 10th June, and run each Friday of the second half of the summer term. Please note all ice lollies will be 50p each, with sales commencing at 3.15pm in the playground.

Next PTA meeting:

The committee will be meeting on Wednesday 15th June at 8pm, if you would like to attend or raise any points for discussion please do email cheddingtonpta@gmail.com to discuss further!

Summer Craft Bags:

The committee will be busy creating summer craft bags to help entertain children when the academic year ends in July. Further details will be shared next half term!

All monies raised continue to enhance the children's time at the school. To date, the PTA has £18,000 in its account thanks to parents' generous support prior to the pandemic and this year. Future planned donations and projects will be shared in upcoming newsletters.

Half term:

The children breakup for half term at 3:15pm on Thursday 26th May (this afternoon) as Friday 27th is an INSET day for the staff. We look forward to welcoming them back on Monday 6th June at the usual time. We do hope that you will enjoy some special time with the children over the Jubilee celebrations at the end of the week.

After school care:

In response to parental feedback we have arranged with Kidz Zone to extend their offer to 5:30pm. Details are attached to this communication, and we hope that this will support families who require child care.

Upcoming dates:

In addition to the Share the Learning dates, please note the following dates for your diary:

10th June – deadline for ordering uniform for September

15th June - PTA committee meeting

20th June – Sports day (KS1 at 10:00am and KS2 at 1:20pm)

21st June – Reserve sports day should the 20th be too wet.

22nd June – Secondary transfer meeting for parents of children in Y5

27th June – Assessment week starts

5th July – Buckinghamshire transfer day (please note this is on Tuesday 5th not Thursday 7th)

8th July – Y5 parents invited to the Y5 performance during the afternoon (time to be confirmed)

15th July – YR parents invited to a special assembly in the afternoon (time to be confirmed)

20th July – Y6 parents invited to the Leavers Assembly at 9:00am

I would like to wish you all a pleasant half term with the children, hopefully with some warmer weather to enjoy the celebrations.

Mrs. K. Tamlyn