



Friday, 14 February 2020

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We have reached half term and hopefully the children will have a chance to rest and recuperate from the various bugs which have been doing the rounds over the last few weeks. It is part of our usual work with the children to highlight good hygiene habits, especially during the winter season. However we do understand that Covid19 will be high in your awareness, and the Department for Education have asked schools to share the information on the following page with parents. Buckinghamshire County Council have also issued the following statement : *Experts at Public Health England (PHE) continue to work hard tracing patient contacts from the UK cases. The current advice remains that if you have not been contacted by PHE as a close contact of a case, you do not need to take any action at this time. This means that everyone else should continue to go about their daily routine, e.g going to work or school as they would normally. It may arise that one of your staff or pupils may be asked to self-isolate because they are a contact of a confirmed case. The student or staff member will be given specific advice from PHE. In this instance there is nothing further for the school to do. There is no need for schools to close and the children should attend as usual.*

It has been brought to my attention by several concerned parents that a number of cars waiting at the end of the day have their engines idling whilst the parents wait for their children to come out of school. This is not only unhealthy for the other children and families who are walking, it is also not recommended good driving practice. As eco principles are very important to the children of our school, please could waiting cars turn off their engines. Thank you. Another concern regarding parking has been highlighted by the Fire and Rescue Service, and we have included their message later in this newsletter. We do appreciate all parents who do not park close to the school, but use the park and walk facilities.

Thursday March 5th is World Book Day, which is the second week back after half term. We would again like to invite the children to dress as a favourite book character, and to bring in their favourite book on the day. Last year the children were most inventive in thinking of characterisation that did not involve commercially produced costumes, which saves on cost also. We look forward to a fun day celebrating reading. The PTA are inviting the children to do a sponsored read, and are sending a separate communication regarding this. We do hope that everyone will be involved, and every penny of sponsorship adds to the total. There will be no prizes for the most raised – this is a collective effort. The money goes to Usborne who will then supply books to the school up to the value of 160% of the money raised. Every little helps!

Parent Consultation Meetings for the Spring term will be on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March. (Do come dressed up if you wish to on the Thursday!) Booking will open at 6:00pm on Monday 24th February for you to book your ten minute time slot. We look forward to meeting with you. Do remember to log in to FROG to see the latest information on your child's confidence in their learning.

As many of you will be aware, we have for some years had a Parent Consultation Group who meet with myself and, usually, the Chair of Governors to discuss issues, under the following terms of reference:

Composition:

The Representative Parent Group (RPG) is comprised of a volunteer non-elected group of parents whose children are of ages such that the full age range of the school is represented.

Mandate:

The group offer a valuable opportunity for the Head Teacher and a representative from the Governing Body to discuss and receive direct parent comment on issues to be determined by the Head Teacher and Governing Body. This comment will feed into the School Development Plan where appropriate.

Protocols:

Meetings are held termly or half-termly dependent on the requirement of issues to be discussed.

Meeting format is group discussion in small groups to be followed by whole RPG feedback session to the Head Teacher.

It is appropriate for the RPG to share any 'playground conversation concerns' with the Head Teacher to ensure communication is a two-way process. However, it is important that the normal parent-school communications routes are not disregarded.

Questions which arise between meetings can be e-mailed to the Group who will respond by e-mail to the Head Teacher.

Confidentiality:

All discussion items and shared information may be discussed with the wider parent body unless specified by the Head Teacher that they should be treated in confidence.

As children have moved on the members of the group have changed and we are now looking for parents who may be interested in joining this discussion group. We will aim to have a group which has children across the classes, and new members will be invited to ensure that the representation reflects the range of ages and stages across the school. If you are interested, please pop a written note to the school office by Friday 28th February for consideration. Thank you.

I feel I should also thank you for taking the time to read this very long newsletter. I do hope that the children have a good week next week with some more pleasant weather, and that you also have some relaxation time.

Mrs. K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

<u>Reminders</u>	<u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u>
Monday, 24th February 6pm - Parent Consultation Meeting bookings open	Monday - Mrs Tamlyn
Tuesday, 25th February - Year 4 Swimming	Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn
Wednesday, 26th February - No Crossing Patrol in the afternoon	Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn
Thursday, 27th February - Bag2School Collection at 9am (Bags coming home today)	Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn
	Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

Masons - London Museums Coach Trip

We would like to draw this trip to the attention of parents as we feel this would be a great way for you and the children to visit London at a very reasonable cost. Details below:-

Tuesday, 7th April - Children £14, Adult £19

Arrive in London at 11.00 - Drop in Kensington

Depart 16.30

Please see website for more information www.masonscoachhire.co.uk

Cheddington Village Newsletter

The school have been very happy to receive any extra Village Newsletters there may be left after the village drop. We then distribute these to the children who do not live in Cheddington. The amount of Newsletters we receive has lessened over the past year, and when the new houses are built we may not receive any. We will still distribute these but rotate which classes receive them.

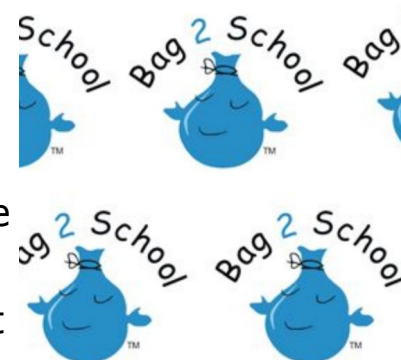
The Village Newsletter can also be found on the Cheddington Village Website.

Bag2School Collection

9am

Thursday, 27th February

Please ensure only correct items are bagged. Please leave bags at the back gate to the School on the morning of collection if it is dry. The PTA will collect the bags and put them in the Gazebo if its raining



Book Fair: 2nd March - 6th March 2020

Our selection of books this term will be from Travelling Books, which always provides an excellent range of reading material. Do take this opportunity to visit the Fair and stock up on your children's reading material either after school or during Parent Consultation Meetings.

Thank you again to all those parents who support the Book Fairs each term. Once again we will be providing an opportunity for parents to pay by phone in addition to cash (no cheques please, we are now a cheque book free school). As always, books which are received as commission will be added to either the Library stock or classroom collections. Children will be bringing home a Book Fair Leaflet which contains a selection of special offer books. Please see the website for Gift Vouchers <https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/travelling-books>. Each child will receive a World Book Day token after half term which can be used at the Book Fair if you wish.

We would be grateful, as usual, for help in supervising the Fair. If you are able to help for all or part of a session, please indicate on the attached slip, and return it to Mrs Dance (School Office) by 28th February 2020.

BOOK FAIR – Spring 2020

To: Mrs Dance, School Office

I am able to help at the undernoted Book Fair sessions:-

Name: Tel No:

Name of Child: Year:

	02.03	03.03	04.03	05.03	06.03
2.00pm - 3.00pm	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX
3.15pm - 3.45pm		XXX			
3.30pm - 5.30pm	XXX		XXX	XXX	XXX
6.00pm - 8.30pm	XXX	XXX	XXX		XXX

Due to a recent incident, we have been asked by Buckinghamshire Fire & Rescue Service to remind parents to please park responsibly when dropping off and picking up their children from school. Park and walk facilities are available from the Recreational Ground/Tennis Courts and the Village Hall.



Buckinghamshire
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE
we save lives

As has been proved recently, inconsiderate parking can cause life-threatening delays to emergency service vehicles that are trying to reach a school or nearby premises during these times.

We appreciate that not all schools have adequate parking nearby, and if there are really no other options than to drive, please allow a few extra minutes for your journey and park further away from the school entrance and walk the last few minutes.



Please let us through...
SOMEONE NEEDS HELP



**EMERGENCY VEHICLES REQUIRE
A MINIMUM OF 10FT (3 METRES) CLEARANCE**

**Inconsiderate parking
CAN COST LIVES**