

22<sup>nd</sup> September 2022

Dear Parents,

The school term now feels well underway and the children are settled into their curriculum learning. It was lovely to welcome so many parents to the Meet the Teacher meetings at the start of the term, and to the YR Parent tea yesterday afternoon.

School News:

Curriculum Enrichment started this week for all children. Please can you support your child in having their container for cookery and clothes for Forest School activities when your child is participating in that rotation. Thank you. We are very appreciative of parental support for both this programme and for visitors who we are able to invite to enrich the learning for the children. As mentioned in the last newsletter, these are funded in part by our requested voluntary contributions of £10 per term. Thank you to those parents who have already been able to make this contribution. If this has slipped your mind, and if you are able to do so, please could you action this when you have a moment. Thank you.

The children have today had their individual photograph taken, as well as a photograph with their siblings. This is in response to your request for a joint photo as well as the individual ones. In the coming days the proofs will be available for you to see and place any orders online. We hope you will be pleased with the results – the ones I have seen look lovely.

Parent volunteers:

During the last two years we have been very restricted in being able to invite parents into the school. However, since the situation is now more relaxed we are once again able to enquire if any parents are available on a regular basis to help listen to children read. This would not be with your own child's class, but would very much help to support the children and the staff. If you are able to consider this, please could you send an email to [admin@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk) headed READING. We will then be in touch. Thank you.

Representative Parent Group:

We are seeking to reinstate our Representative Parent Group. This is a volunteer non-elected group of parents whose children are of ages such that the full age range of the school is represented. The Terms of Reference are as follows:

*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 by the Head Teacher to the Group who will then be requested to 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.*

If you are interested in being part of this group, then please could you email [admin@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk) headed RPG by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September. Should we have too large a group expressing interest then names will be drawn at random whilst ensuring the age range of the school is represented.

PTA News:

The AGM will be held in the school hall on Monday 26<sup>th</sup> September at 7:00pm. All parents are part of the PTA and we hope that many of you will be able to join us.

Parking:

Whilst we do understand that some families need to travel by car, please can all parents make every effort to use the park and walk from the recreation ground or the village hall, and not park in the vicinity of the school. The parking on the High Street since the beginning of term has caused considerable problems with visibility and traffic flow, which make it more dangerous than needed for the children at the beginning and end of the school day. Similarly, in Lammas Road inconsiderate parking and large numbers of cars negotiating the residential road make it very disruptive for residents and more dangerous for families who walk home that way. We really appreciate your help and consideration with this matter.

Upcoming dates:

The dates of most events are still being finalised, but please note:

Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> September – Y3 visit to Hazard Alley

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October – Family Photo opportunity in the school hall organised by the PTA

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> September – Y4 Parents are invited to a special assembly provisionally at 2:40pm

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Y3 Parents are invited to a special assembly provisionally at 2:40pm

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> November and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> November - this term's Parent Consultation Meetings, which will be on-line meetings as usual.