Friday, 14 December 2018

Cheddington Combined School





Head Teacher's Remarks

We are almost at the end of term, and the excitement is palpable. The performances of 'A Little Bird Told Me' were fantastic – the children all did so well and spoke with clarity and expression, and the songs were unforgettable. Thank you to all of Reception and KS1, children and staff, for such a memorable start to the festive celebrations.

Today the children have enjoyed a film and popcorn as a reward for all their hard work this term. We have also welcomed those who have helped us over the year as a thank you for their time and support. We are very grateful to everyone for the support they give to the school to help us offer the best for all the children. We are looking forward to our Christmas themed lunch next Tuesday and once again would like to thank the PTA for providing a Christmas cracker for every child.

Buckinghamshire County Council have asked me to remind you about the consultation on School Transport which closes on 4th January. This is of particular interest to us, given that all the children have to travel to secondary school. The survey can be accessed at <u>Home to School Transport Consultation</u> so please do take a few moments to express your views if you have not yet been able to do so.

Following our Christmas jumper day earlier this term, which the children really enjoyed, we would like to invite the children to wear their festive attire each day next week if they would like to. Monday is Craft day, Tuesday is a normal timetable day, and Wednesday is our annual Carol Service in the morning before the children break up for Christmas at 1:30pm. They should wear the rest of their uniform as usual, just replace their cardigan or jumper with a more exciting alternative.

All being well the tree surgeons will be on site from Tuesday to remove the trees which are causing on-going problems. Although we are sad they have to be removed, we understand the necessity and will look to plant replacements in a different location in the school grounds in the Spring. Please be particularly vigilant when collecting your children at the end of the day if the work is continuing at that time. Thank you.

For the safety of everyone on the playground at the beginning and end of the day, please can I remind you that children should push their scooters and bikes to the gate, not be riding them. Thank you.

I am sure you will be aware that security is high on everyone's agenda, especially data security in the light of the GDPR legislation which the government introduced earlier this year. We are very aware of the security of your children's data and as such from January if you need to be in the classroom areas when looking for lost property with your child then you will need to be accompanied by a member of school staff. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

This will be the last newsletter of 2018. January marks nine years of my headship here in Cheddington. It has been my privilege and pleasure to work with all the staff to offer to your children the best possible opportunities and encouragement, and thank you all for your continuing support of the school. We look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Thursday 3rd January at the usual time. May I wish you all a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful 2019.

Mrs K. Tamlyn Head Teacher

Reminders

Safeguarding Lead

Safeguarding Lead on duty
Monday - Mr Fowler
Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn
Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn