

13th January 2022

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to you all – this is the first newsletter of the term, and I would like to wish you all a peaceful 2022. It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back after the Christmas holidays. They have been very excited to share with us the wonderful experiences they had; and to launch themselves into their new topics. KS2 classes participated in the BBC Green Planet live lesson yesterday, which prompted some very good discussion with the children.

In line with guidance from the Department for Education, and in light of a notable reduction in cases, we are again able to share in whole school assemblies and Curriculum Enrichment. Thank you for your support with contributions towards the cost of this provision, and to help facilitate visitors to the school.

As you will be aware from the information sent last week, we are once more able to offer some additional curricular provision – it seems an absolute age since March 2020 which is when this was last able to take place. Thank you for your reply slips and these activities will begin next week for those children who have been successful in being allocated a place. If your child has not been allocated a place then your child will be told before the start date of the activity, therefore if they do not hear anything your child is expected at the provision.

We have the possibility of an exciting addition to our additional curricular provision if there is enough interest. We do not wish to affect any current commitments your children may have with local teachers, but we may be able to offer singing lessons within school. These lessons would operate in the same way as the instrumental learning, in that it would be a relationship between yourselves and the teacher, and we facilitate these lessons during the school day – I understand that this would be on a Friday. If this is of interest to you for your child/children, please could you email admin@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk with the title SINGING by Friday 21st January. We will then discuss with the teacher if the numbers make the provision viable and get back to those of you who have expressed an interest.

The termly class curriculum newsletters will be posted onto the VLE tomorrow for your information. As you know, these outline the key learning which the children will be undertaking in the coming weeks, and may help you in conversation with your children.

At this time of year the weather is very changeable and unpredictable. Please can I remind you that the children should have a coat and appropriate outdoor clothing. Unless it is particularly wet or icy, the children will be outdoors at break and lunchtime. Please can all items be named to avoid a mountain of lost property! Thank you for your support with this.

In our cloakroom areas and lockers there is limited space for storage. Please could parents be mindful that PE kit should be in a draw string PE bag not in a small rucksack or sports holdall. These do not fit safely and therefore cause a Health and Safety risk. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

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