

Friday, 24 July 2019

Cheddington Combined School

NEWSLETTER



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We have reached the end of this long summer term literally in a heatwave. I hope the good weather continues into the holiday period for us all, though I must admit I would not object to it being a little cooler!

It was lovely to welcome our Y6 parents to the Leavers Assembly yesterday morning – the last seven years have just flown by. The children shared their special (and funny) memories of their time here, and they are now ready to move on to their various secondary schools. We will miss them. Then in the afternoon we welcomed those parents whose children received an award in our Achievement Assembly. It is always a lovely way to end the academic year by celebrating academic, personal, sporting and artistic excellence. The staff agonised for some time over the awards as so many children were deserving of praise. Well done to all those who have shone this year.

The House Cup was won this year by Tower House, with almost 13,500 team points – a most impressive total. They were closely followed by Beacon, then Orchard, then Windmill. Every House attained more than 11,900 points, making it a closely fought race to the Cup. Well done children – I know all the points were well deserved.

Our behaviour totals for this half term show that 98% of the children have received a certificate for good choices made, and indeed 96% were awarded gold. An amazing achievement. Over the whole year 79% of the children have attained a Gold certificate every half term. We are incredibly proud of the children for their behaviour choices. Well done!

It is now time to look ahead to September and the start of a new academic year. The children will return to school on Wednesday 4th September. We would cordially like to invite you to 'Meet the Teacher' in the first full week of term at 2:30pm:

Monday 9th September – Y6

Tuesday 10th September – Y5

Wednesday 11th September - Y3

Thursday 12th September – Y2

Friday 13th September – Y1

Y4 parents are invited to come at 2:00pm on Thursday 19th September to hear all about the visit to Woodrow High House and to meet the Y4 team.

Thank you to all parents for your responses to the written reports on your children. If you have yet to return the reply slip please could you do so at the start of the September term as these are our legal proof that you have received the report. Thank you.

Just a little reminder that the stationery shop will be open every day during Good to be Us time (the first eight days of term) in September should your child need any equipment to start the year.

I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the school. I would also like to express on behalf of the staff and myself our thanks for the kind words, cards and gifts. It is so thoughtful of you and is much appreciated. Thank you.

I do hope you all enjoy some family time over the summer break, and look forward to seeing you all in the autumn. It will come round so fast!

Mrs K. Tamlyn

Head Teacher

Reminders

The Lunch Menu is already available for September so please remember to order your child a hot lunch by Wednesday, 25th August.

Autumn Term starts on Wednesday, 4th September 2019.

Preparation for September:

As last year, I hope it is helpful for parents to have a list of required equipment for each year group prior to the start of the new term. Please note the following information:

YR, Y1 and Y2 require a book bag for the safe transportation of their reading books; from Y2 to Y6 a small rucksack is ideal for transporting their reading books and homework requirements. All children need to bring a named clear water bottle daily.

PE kit – YR – house colour polo shirt, red shorts, and plimsolls.

Y1 and Y2 – house colour polo shirt, red shorts, spare socks, black or green track suit, plimsolls and trainers.

Y3 to Y6 - red/house colour polo shirt, red shorts, spare socks, black or green track suit, and trainers.

All children will require hair ties for PE if their hair is long enough to tie back. (This is a Health and Safety requirement.)

Writing equipment: In YR and Y1 all equipment is provided. At the start of Y2 the children will also continue to use school provided pencils etc. However once they are awarded their pen licence they will require a small pencil case in which to keep their pen safe. At that time they may also bring the equipment as listed for KS2.

KS2 (Y3 to Y6) require a small pencil case to contain a blue pen (ink or fibre point only, not rollerball or biro), a glue stick, 2 ordinary pencils, 12 coloured pencils, eraser, a pencil sharpener and a 15cm ruler. (Please note that they should not bring any gel or felt pens.) These items can be purchased at a reduced cost from our stationery shop which will be open from the start of term.

Please note – ALL EQUIPMENT AND KIT MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED

Music Lessons

If your child has chosen to learn to play an instrument please remember to sign up over August with the peripatetic music teachers ready for a September start.

Dear Current Year 3 and Year 4 parents

As some of you may already know, I work as a cycling instructor and deliver Bikeability training in local schools.

I am planning to run a Level 1 Bikeability course on the school playground on Friday 30th August. It covers all the skills needed to prepare for the Level 2 road course that they do in Yr 5 and some games to develop their skills.

The course is 2 hours and cost will be £20. They can get a Level 1 badge and certificate at the end of the session.

For more information about the course content see:

<https://bikeability.org.uk/what/>

Please get in touch to book a place or for more information dan.barber@gmail.com 07957 872 506.

Thanks

Dan