Friday, 16 November 2018

Cheddington Combined School



Head Teacher's Remarks

NEWSLETTER

School has been very busy since the last newsletter with some exciting highlights which I am sure your children will have shared with you. Last week we were visited by Danny Butler, a world champion cyclist, who was bullied as a child and gave a most powerful message to the children about celebrating difference and being strong. (He also stressed the 'do not try this at home' message as he jumped on his bike onto the roof of his van!) The children really enjoyed his visit and discussed lots of the points he raised when back in class. It was a lovely opener to anti-bullying week this week.

Last Friday the School Council hosted our 10p Games which raised some funds for 'Doing it for Dan'. Thank you to all those who supported this event, which raised just over \pounds 60. Dan is responding well to his treatment and we plan to buy him a gift to help keep him amused during his period of recovery. He was well enough to come home for a couple of days and popped in to see us. It was good to see his smile, and we wish him well.

Also last Friday Y5 and Y6 visited the Open University in Milton Keynes to listen to an interactive orchestral performance. They thoroughly enjoyed the music and the learning in the Q&A session.

On Wednesday this week Y2 visited Oxford as part of their learning in Science. The children conducted themselves excellently, and were most excited to share their learning with me. They were particularly fascinated by the dung beetles!

Today is Children in Need and this afternoon the School Council (and Mr Fowler) have organised a Bring and Buy sale. Once again our thanks for your support for this national charitable campaign; I am sure this afternoon will be fun and the children will enjoy their new purchases.

Next Friday the children are invited to wear a Christmas Jumper over their polo shirt instead of their usual red cardigan or jumper for a donation of a bottle or chocolate for the Christmas Market. Please see the PTA information later in this newsletter. We look forward to welcoming you all to the Market on Saturday 24th November between 1:00pm and 4:00pm. Choir will be singing at 1:15pm to welcome Santa; there will be a wonderful Christmas shopping opportunity with a fantastic range of stalls, and mulled wine and delicious edibles to enjoy whilst you shop.

This afternoon your child will bring home an envelope from Exemplar Education. I would like to make it clear that the school does not actively endorse tutoring for our children, but we have agreed to circulate this information as we do get queries from parents who would like support with their children's learning at home. This company contributes resources and funds to World Vision who support children and education in third world countries – a charity which is understandably close to our heart and mirrors our values. All the information you need is in the envelope which you child will bring home – if they do not give this to you, then please hunt in the bottom of the bag!

Buckinghamshire County Council are running two public consultations at present that I would like to draw your attention to. Links are published later in the newsletter and I encourage you all to give your views on these important topics.

May I again remind you of the information evening for our assessment system to be held on Tuesday 27th November. We look forward to welcoming you.

Mrs K. Tamlyn Head Teacher

Reminders

- Safeguarding Lead
- Meet the Governors
- Consultations in Bucks
- Christmas Lunch
- Nativity Second Round Programmes
- Dancing for Dan
- Christmas Jumper Day
- Lego Keyrings/Figures
- Foreign Currency

| Reminders | Safeguarding Lead on duty |
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| Friday, 23st November - Christmas Jumper Day | Monday - Mrs Tamlyn |
| Saturday, 24th November - Christmas Market | Tuesday - Mr Fowler |
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| | Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn |
| | Friday - Mr Fowler |
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Meet the Governors

Martyn Dolbear joined the Governing Board in 2014 and Chairs the Marketing and Communications Committee.

"In 2014, after 30 years in the print industry, I decided to implement a change in my work/life balance and am now a self-employed pest controller.

My sales and marketing experience in the commercial sector gave me an insight into most forms of corporate communication including PR, social media campaigns, design and brand management.

I feel this experience allows me to bring skills to the governing body that can improve school communications with all stakeholders.

Wherever possible, I try to attend school trips and visits, as it is a great reminder of what a good school Cheddington is and how much of a credit the children are to the school."

Consultations in Bucks

Please see below consultations that are open to parents that are currently underway. Information has been posted on the Bucks County Council website as well as local media and Facebook.

Early Help Consultation

The consultation closes on 13 December 2018

Home to School Transport Consultation

The consultation closes on 4th January 2019

Hot Christmas Lunch

Please note that the Christmas lunch will be served on Tuesday, 18th December. If you have already ordered your child's hot lunch for that day, please note that the menu has changed to Christmas lunch and you will have to change your order.

If you want your child to have Christmas lunch please note that the deadline for ordering is Wednesday, 12th December.

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Dear Parents,

Re. Key Stage 1/Reception: "A Little Bird Told Me"

Friday,7th December at 2.00pmDress RehearsalTuesday,11th December at 2.00pmThursday,13th December at 5.30pm

We are pleased to be able to invite parents to place an order for a further one or two Programmes priced at $\pounds 2$ each. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. These Programmes are non-refundable. Please note that if you have already requested a second allocation with your first round order then you will have to re-submit this.

We will send a Joinos message next week if, after this second round allocation, there are any Programmes left.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. K. Tamlyn

Head Teacher

To: Mrs Hamper (in a sealed envelope, please)

SECOND ALLOCATION

I would like to order a further 1 / 2 programmes for "A Little Bird Told Me"

and enclose f_2 / f_4 . (please delete as appropriate)

| PERFORMANCE | Max. <u>total</u> of 2 |
|------------------------------|------------------------|
| Friday, 7.12.18 at 2pm | |
| Tuesday, 11.12.18 at 2pm | |
| Thursday, 13.12.18 at 5.30pm | |



`Dancing for Dan'

Each year the PTA organise at least one school disco per term.

The PTA have decided that funds raised at the upcoming disco on **Friday 30th November** will be donated to: `Doing it for Dan'.

Dan is a former pupil of Cheddington School, who is undergoing treatment for a rare and aggressive form of non-Hodgkin's lymphoma.

> You can read his story on the following link: www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/doingitfordan

> When? Where?
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> Reception & KS1
> 5.15pm - 6.15pm
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> KS2
> 6.30pm - 7.30pm

School Hall - entry will be via the rear gate only.

COST: £5 per child

The children will provided with drinks and crisps, and the ever popular nail painting bar will be open for business!



Friday 23rd November Christmas Jumper Day!!

You are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper (rest of school uniform should still be worn!)

In exchange, we would be grateful if you could bring a bottle....(bubble bath, squash, wine, mulled wine) or chocolate.

These donations will be used at our Christmas Market which takes place on Saturday 24th November.

Personalised Lego Keyrings/Figures: **Reminder**

Last day for ordering personalised Lego figures/keyrings is: Friday 30th November.

Please leave order forms and payment in the PTA Mailbox in the school foyer.

Foreign Currency - Collection Box

If you have any foreign currency that you will no longer be using or it is out of date, the PTA now have a collection box in the Office Reception. Any donations would be greatly appreciated as this can raise funds for the school. Many thanks.