



# Cheddar First School

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**Welcome** back to everyone for the start of another busy school year. I'd like to say a special welcome to all our new children and their families. We aim to keep you informed of relevant issues and happenings at school through this weekly newsletter. The newsletter is e-mailed every Friday afternoon and posted on the school website <http://cheddarfirstschool.co.uk/newsletters>. If you do not have access to the internet please let a member of the office staff know and we can send a paper copy home.

I am sure you have all noticed the scaffolding and work taking place on the roof. The work was scheduled to take place during the holidays but due to the discovery of bats and swifts in the roof space the work could not start until the 18<sup>th</sup> August. The team have worked very hard to ensure minimum disruption to the children and I am extremely grateful to all the staff and builders who worked tirelessly over the weekend and on Monday to enable the school to open on Tuesday. The work is now back on track and we are anticipating that it will be finished within the next two weeks.

It has been a busy week and we have been very pleased with the way the children have settled in and for all the hard work they have put in already. Thank you everyone

## **INSPIRE – INvolving and Supporting Parents In Raising Educational achievement**

We are hoping to **INSPIRE** you by inviting you to join your child in their class to find out about routines, expectations and how to support your child at home. The sessions will also cover resources on the school website and On-line safety .Class teachers will be sending letters with more information .The sessions are on the following dates:

Woodpecker and Skylark	25 <sup>th</sup> September or 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct
Kingfisher and Goldfinch	21 <sup>st</sup> or 28 <sup>th</sup> September
Falcon and Kestrel	3 <sup>rd</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> October
Swan and Puffin	11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> October

(The sessions will be 9:00 – 9:40am unless otherwise stated).

## **Congratulations Puffin and Swan Class**

Puffin and Swan Class began the term by designing Mood Boards for a child's bedroom in the Bloor Homes Show Home. There were some amazing designs and the judges from Bloor homes had a really hard task selecting the winners. The children voted for the top 12 and the judges then selected four designs to send to the Interior designers.

The top four were:

- Verity – Jungle Theme
- Cerys- Woodland Theme
- Brandon- Monster Truck Theme
- Sky – Morning Glory Theme

We are now waiting to hear which design will feature in the show home.

## **Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> September**

### **Monday 11<sup>th</sup>**

*Year 3 & 4 Sports Club 3:30 - 4:30pm\**

### **Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup>**

### **Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup>**

*Year 1 & 2 Sports Club 3:30 - 4:30pm\**

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Cheddar First School Singers 3:30pm -4:30pm\**

### **Friday 15<sup>th</sup>**

\* Letters have been sent by e-mail



## **Parents in Year 1 to 4**

If you have not already done so please could you activate your Parentpay accounts as soon as possible. We are hoping to become a cashless school by the end of September. Thank you.

## **Parents of new children**

Please look out for a letter giving you details of how to register with Parentpay. Thank you.

## Family assemblies

Parents/Carers and other family members are invited to come and share in their child's class assembly. The dates are as follows:

- 19<sup>th</sup> January Skylark Class
- 2<sup>nd</sup> March Goldfinch Class
- 20<sup>th</sup> April Woodpecker Class
- 11<sup>th</sup> May Kestrel and Falcon Class
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Puffin and Swan Class
- 6<sup>th</sup> July Kingfisher Class

Assemblies are at 2:45pm in the school hall. Parents of children in Wren and Robin Class will be invited in the summer term.

## Cake Stalls

Each month one of the classes organises a cake stall in the school hall. These events are extremely popular. The money raised is used to pay for resources for cooking, craft & design activities. The dates for this year are:

- 15<sup>th</sup> September Goldfinch Class
- 13<sup>th</sup> October Puffin Class
- 10<sup>th</sup> November Falcon Class
- 8<sup>th</sup> December Skylark
- 26<sup>th</sup> January Woodpecker Class
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February Kestrel Class
- 9<sup>th</sup> March Swan Class
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March Wren Class
- 27<sup>th</sup> April Robin Class
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Kingfisher Class



Cake stalls take place at 3:30pm in the School Hall.

Dates for your diary	
15 <sup>th</sup> September	Goldfinch Class Cake Stall
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Swimming starts
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Year 3 Swimming starts
25 <sup>th</sup> September or 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Woodpecker and Skylark Inspire session 9:00 – 9:40am
21 <sup>st</sup> or 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Kingfisher and Goldfinch Inspire session 9:00 – 9:40am
29 <sup>th</sup> September	FPTA AGM, Quiz and Curry Evening
3 <sup>rd</sup> or 5 <sup>th</sup> October	Falcon and Kestrel Inspire session 9:00 – 9:40am
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Tempest photographer in school – individual/family photos
11 <sup>th</sup> or 12 <sup>th</sup> October	Swan and Puffin Class Inspire session 9:00 – 9:40am
13 <sup>th</sup> October	Puffin Class Cake Stall
16 <sup>th</sup> October	4-6pm Parent/teacher appointments evening
19 <sup>th</sup> October	4-6pm Parent/ teacher appointments
	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October Half Term Break
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Falcon Class Cake Stall
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Kingfisher Class Cake Stall
	<i>Provisional dates, times and venues to be confirmed</i> Reception Nativity play: 12 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> December Years 1-4 Christmas production: 19 <sup>th</sup> and 20 <sup>th</sup> December
21 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas Party
	22 <sup>nd</sup> – 5 <sup>th</sup> January School Closed – Christmas Holiday

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As you know we are working hard to keep overall attendance in the school above 97%. Last year we did not quite reach this target. Whilst we recognise that most absences are due to illness, we would encourage you to send your child to school as much as you possibly can and try and ensure any appointments take place after school or that your child attends school before or after the appointment. It goes without saying that the more days your child is in school, the more they will learn and we all want the best for your children.

### Term Dates 2017/18

Term dates and In-service days for 2017/18 are on the school website [www.cheddarfirstschool.co.uk](http://www.cheddarfirstschool.co.uk) Please note holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

### Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child and would like to talk to a member of staff in private, please make an appointment to see:

Mrs Wookey – Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Smith or Mrs Alen – Deputy Designated leads

As parents you can contact support agencies directly  
NSPCC

0808 800 5000  
Somerset Direct  
0300 123 2224