



Cheddar First School

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Well done to all of Year 4s who participated in the Mendip Outdoor Festival last Friday (8th September). It was a wonderful start to the school year to witness both classes engaging in a variety of activities and representing our school so well with their behaviour despite the weather and quite a climb to reach the arena!

Our special thanks go to The National Trust for inviting us and funding this experience, Cheddar Caves for accommodating so many of us and to the Mendip Hills AONB unit for liaising so closely to ensure that the children were catered for accordingly.

Mr Davies and Mrs Blake

FPTA News

The FPTA AGM is a time to look back and celebrate all that we have achieved this year, as well as look to the future and appoint new committee members. The **AGM is on Friday 29th September 6-7pm** in the school hall. Everyone is welcome, so please come along.



There are many ways that you can help the FPTA, from volunteering at events and helping with planning and preparation, all the way through to joining the FPTA committee.

We have an email list for everyone who would like to hear about the different opportunities for volunteering. If you would like to be added to this list please email Michelle with your details mickielou1@gmail.com

The committee is a small, friendly group and we are keen to recruit new members. If anyone is interested in joining the committee, either as a parent member or in one of the named roles of Chair, Treasurer or Secretary, please contact Ali Saull (asaull@educ.somerset.gov.uk) or please leave your contact details at the school office.

Week beginning 18th September

Monday 18th September

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

Tuesday 19th September

Wednesday 20th September

Year 4 Swimming starts

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

Thursday 21st September

Year 3 Swimming Starts

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

Friday 22nd September



Curry and quiz night

Curry and Quiz night Friday 29th September 7 for 7:30pm in the school hall.

A night not to be missed - delicious curries, Mr D is the Quizmaster and (if all that wasn't enough!) it's BYO! Happy days! Tickets are available from the school office @ £7.50/head.

Advance Notice: Cash 4 Clothes Collection – Friday November 3rd We will be collecting clothes, shoes (in pairs), hand bags, towels etc etc, during the week commencing Monday, 30th October 2017. More information next week...

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:

- 19th January Skylark Class
- 2nd March Goldfinch Class
- 20th April Woodpecker Class
- 11th May Kestrel and Falcon Class
- 25th May Puffin and Swan Class
- 6th 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 and the money raised is used to pay for resources for cooking, craft and design activities. The dates are:

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



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

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

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As you know we are working hard to keep overall attendance in the school above 97%.

Term Dates 2017/18

Term dates and In-service days for 2017/18 are on the school website

www.cheddarfirstschool.co.uk under Key Documents.

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 0845 3459122