



# Cheddar First School

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## Cheddar Caves and Museum

As part of their topic on the Stone Age children in Years 3 and 4 have been to visit Cheddar Caves and the Museum to find out more about life during the Stone Age. The trips enabled the children to handle artefacts and develop some Stone Age survival skills. We are very grateful to David Thorpe, Customer Services manager, for arranging this trip for the children free of charge.

## Cheddar First School Open Morning for families with Pre-School Children.

We are looking forward to welcoming parents and families of pre-school children in the local area to Cheddar First School on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November 9:30-10:30am & Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November 1:45-2:45pm. So if you have a pre-school child or know of someone who has, why not come along and have a tour of the school and see what we can offer. Children are welcome to come to a 'Stay and Play session' whilst adults enjoy a guided walk around the school. This is a fantastic opportunity to come and see the school in action so please spread the word! The FPTA have put some information on their Facebook page so please like and share with your friends if you can.

**Dogs** – Just a reminder that the school site should be kept free of dogs. Whilst many children enjoy looking at your pets, some children find them very frightening and we want to avoid any anxiety or accidents. If you have a dog please can you ensure that you do not bring them onto the school site ( even carrying them) or leave them unattended at the school gate. Thank you for your co-operation with this matter.

**ParentPay** Thank you to all the parents who have already made their child's bookings through ParentPay. We know that there have been some 'teething problems' but we are assured that once it is all up and running it will be easy and very useful for all of us. There are only 19 families who haven't registered yet. Although the title is 'ParentPay' we would ask you to sign up even if you are eligible for Free School Meals, as the only way to place an order for meals is through the 'ParentPay site'. If you want help with registering, please call into the office in the afternoon to see Mr Smart.

## Week beginning 30<sup>th</sup> October

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October**

**Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**  
*Year 4 Brass*

**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November**  
*Year 4 Swimming*

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> November**  
*Year 3 Swimming*  
*Cheddar First School Singers 3:30-4:30pm*

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November**  
*Cash 4 Clothes collections*

## FPTA News

### Cash 4 Clothes

Don't forget, to please bring in your bagged, unwanted clothes for recycling to help raise funds for the FPTA the week following half term. We will be collecting clothes, shoes (in pairs), hand bags, towels etc, during the week commencing Monday 20<sup>th</sup> October 2017. No "brick a brac" please. All donations to be bagged and brought to the school during drop off or pick up. Cash 4 Clothes will be collecting all donations at 10am, Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November. This is a great and easy way to raise funds for the school and have a clear out at the same time, over £220 was raised in June, let's see if we can beat this amount!

## Advance Notice: Colour Group Shopping Bags Available for Christmas

The children have been drawing portraits in their classes. These will be collated into Community Groups and printed on cotton bags. The bags will be available to order in time for Christmas. Further details and order forms to follow.

**Scooters** Buying a scooter or accessories? Enter this code (123717) and the school will receive 10%

[www.micro-scooters.co.uk](http://www.micro-scooters.co.uk)

**Headlice** We have had several reports of Headlice over the last week. Please could I ask all parents to be vigilant and check and treat their children's hair over the half term holiday if required. Full instructions are included at the end of this newsletter. Thank you for your help.

**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 and the money raised is used to pay for resources for cooking, craft and design activities. The dates are:

- 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

	23 <sup>rd</sup> – 27 <sup>th</sup> October Half Term Break
6 <sup>th</sup> November	Open morning for families with pre-school children 9.30-10.30am
9 <sup>th</sup> November	Open morning for families with pre-school children 1.45-2.45pm
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Falcon Class Cake Stall
8 <sup>th</sup> December	Skylark Class Cake Stall
	<i>Provisional dates, times and venues to be confirmed</i> <i>Reception Nativity play: 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> December</i> <i>Years 1-4 Christmas production: 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> December</i>
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%.

### 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) 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 0800 800 5000  
Somerset Direct  
0845 3459122

## HEAD LICE

We have heard once again head lice are a problem. We have tried really hard in school to keep you informed as to the best way of dealing with the lice. However, it does require all parents to be vigilant in checking hair regularly to ensure the life cycle of the head louse is broken. Please may I ask that you all check your whole family.

Yours sincerely

**Mrs M Wookey**

**Headteacher**

### BUG BUSTING

1. Your usual shampoo
2. Any conditioner
3. A detector comb

### METHOD

1. Wash hair with shampoo and rinse.
2. Comb hair with an ordinary comb to straighten hair.
3. Comb whole head in sections with detector comb, checking comb between strokes for lice. The hair follicles are open at this time and hard for head lice to hold onto.
4. Apply lots of conditioner. Use detector comb again. The hair follicles are closed, but the conditioner makes the hair slippery.
5. Rinse hair thoroughly with clean water. Dry as usual.

**REPEAT 3 MORE TIMES WITH 3 DAYS BETWEEN SESSIONS**

**WET COMB ON SHADED DAYS**

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