



Cheddar First School

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Volunteering in School - Safeguarding Training for Volunteers

We are always pleased to welcome parents and grandparents into school to help with activities. If you are interested in helping in school you do need to have a Disclosure and Barring (DBS) check. In January 2018 we will be running a Safeguarding training session for all our volunteers, so if you are interested in helping in any way – school trips, walking to swimming or in the classroom - please let your child's teacher know as soon as possible so we can include you in the training. If you already volunteer we will invite you automatically.



A message from the school council:

Thank you to all of you who have donated item(s) for this year's Food Bank Appeal as mentioned in last week's newsletter. If you have not yet had the chance, please help us by submitting one or two items from the list on our website. A supermarket trolley for donations is outside our hall and it will be there until Thursday 7th December. All donations are gratefully received.

Week beginning 27th November Food Bank Collection

Monday 27th November
Year 3 & 4 Sports Club 3:30-4:30pm

Tuesday 28th November
Year 4 Brass

Wednesday 29th November
Year 4 Swimming
Year 1 & 2 Sports Club 3:30-4:30pm

Thursday 30th November
Year 3 Swimming
Cheddar First School Singers 3:30-4:30pm

Friday 1st December

FPTA News:

Festive night - Friday 1st December

Our Teddy and Jars Tombola stall will be in the car park on the corner of Cliff Street & Redcliffe Street from 5pm. Please come and support us! If you can spare 20 minutes to help out on the stall then please let us know beforehand (email mickielou1@gmail.com) or come & volunteer on the night. Jars filled with sweets and/or small toys, as well as, clean Second Hand teddy bears can be donated to school as of Monday 27th November.



Christmas Fair - Friday 8th Dec 5-7pm

Come along and meet Father Christmas in his grotto! They'll be lots of festive crafts to keep everyone entertained and refreshments, cakes and hot dogs to keep everyone full of festive cheer! Grotto tickets are available from the school office, £2.50 per child in advance (£3.50 on the day).



Christmas Activities The FPTA organise some fantastic events that help make Christmas extra special for the children. Volunteers make this happen! If you are able to help please contact us via our Facebook page, email Michelle at mickielou1@gmail.com and/or sign up on the sheets that will soon be appearing on classroom doors soon.

Christmas Decorations - 30th November (3:30pm) Get into the festive spirit and help decorate the school!

Festive Night - 1st December. Can you spare 20 minutes to help on the FPTA stall?

Santa's Grotto - 7th December. We need some strong people to help put together grotto from 6:15pm.

Christmas Fair - 8th December (5-7pm) Please sign up for 30 minutes and help run a craft stall, sell teas & coffees or serve hot dogs.

Advertising opportunity Would your company like to advertise in the Christmas Play programme? £40 for a full page or £20 for a half page. Please contact the FPTA via our Facebook page for details. Alternatively, please leave your contact details at the school office FAO Claire Holmes.

Scooters Buying a scooter or accessories? Enter this code (123717) and the school will receive 10%! www.micro-scooters.co.uk

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:

- 1st 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	
1 st December	Skylark Cake stall (Please note this is a change of date)
1 st December	Festive Night
4 th December	Recorder Assembly 3pm NEW DATE
7 th December	Last day for Foodbank collections.
8 th December	Christmas Fair
12 th December	Reception Christmas Play 5:30pm
13 th December	Reception Christmas Play 2:00pm
14 th December	Christmas Lunch
19 th December	Years 1-4 Christmas Play
20 th December	Years 1-4 Christmas Play
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 0800 800 5000

Somerset Direct

0845 3459122

A reminder to parents:

Topic Webs and Homework Tasks can be found on the school website via the class pages ☺



The FPTA would like to thank our partners for their ongoing support of our fundraising efforts

