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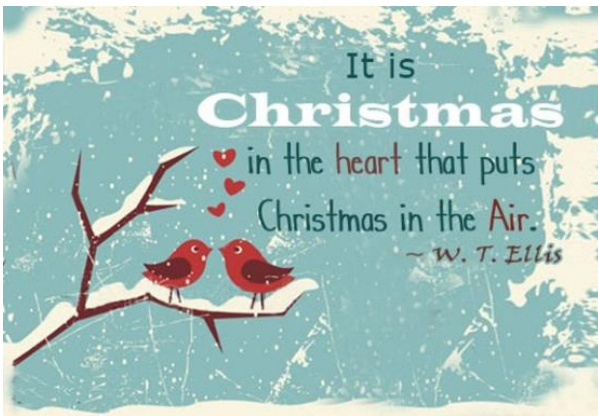
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10th November 2017

Reception Open Mornings

Thank you to everyone who came to our open days this week. It was lovely to see so many familiar and new faces and the school council definitely enjoyed doing their guided tours. If you know of anyone who might have missed the open days ask them to contact the school office for an appointment.

FPTA News



It's that time of year again! – So here are some dates for your diary and some items to begin gathering!

Donations for our December Festivities!

Festive night (Fri 1st Dec): teddies and filled jars for our Teddy & Jar Tombolas. Please bring into school the week beginning the 27th November.

Christmas Fair (Friday 8th Dec) & School Play hampers: Cakes & Mince Pies for the refreshment stall. Chocolates, sweets, biscuits, bottles of booze, mince pies, toiletries and other items suitable for the tombola stall or for hampers for the school play raffles. Please bring into school the week beginning the 4th December.

Thank you to those parents/grandparents who have already offered vouchers for their business or other raffle prizes. All donations are gratefully received. Please bring any raffle prizes into school by Friday 8th December so that we can distribute prizes between the four play raffles. Please include your business's name so that we can pass on our thanks.

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 mickielou1@gmail.com and/or sign up on the sheets that will soon be appearing on classroom doors. Dates for your diary:

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

Festive Night- 1st December. Can you spare half an hour to help on the FPTA stall?

Grotto- 7th December. We need some strong people to help put together Santa's Grotto from 6.15pm.

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

Further FPTA News:

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:

- 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 | |
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| 10 th November | Falcon Class Cake Stall |
| 17 th November | Children in Need day and Community groups |
| 1 st December | Festive Night |
| 8 th December | Christmas Fair |
| | <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 |



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



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 all parents

Please do not smoke **on or around** the school premises - Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.