



Cheddar First School

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A message from the school council:

Thank you to everyone who has so generously donated to this year's Christmas Food Bank Appeal. Just to let you know that there is still a little time left if you have been meaning to contribute but haven't been able to do so yet. The trolley outside our school hall will be here until next Thursday morning (7th December).

Christmas Plays: Tickets are now available for the Christmas plays. You should have received the order form in your child's book bag so please ensure we have the reply slip no later than Friday 8th December.

FPTA News:

Festive night - Friday 1st December Thanks for your donations of Teddies and Filled Jars. You can still bring them along to the stall tonight from 5pm in the car park on the corner of Cliff Street & Redcliff Street. We

would be grateful if any of you can spare 20 minutes & help us out on the stall. Merry Christmas!

Week beginning 4th December

Monday 4th December

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

Tuesday 5th December

*Flu Jabs – all years – ONLY WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION SLIP
Year 4 Brass*

Wednesday 6th December

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

Thursday 7th December

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

Friday 8th December

Christmas Fair 5 -7pm School Hall



Christmas Fair - Friday 8th Dec 5-7pm

The Christmas fair is on **Friday 8th December 5-7pm (doors close 6:30pm)**. 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 priced at £2.50 per child in advance or £3.50 on the day.

Call out to those who love a bit of **festive baking!** We would love your donations of cakes & biscuits for the Christmas Fair next Friday. Please bring in cakes & mince pies for the refreshment stall on Friday 8th December. Or if you could spare a bottle of wine or anything else suitable for the **Christmas Fair Tombola** or school **Plays raffles** then boxes will be in school all next week. Thank you for supporting our Christmas events.

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 door.

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 the grotto together 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:

- 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	
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 – Please see separate letter
20 th December	Years 1-4 Christmas Play – Please see separate letter
21 st December	Christmas Party
	22 nd – 5 th January School Closed – Christmas Holiday
Christmas News from St Andrew's Church – Please see below.	
15 th January	Monday 11am – 1:30pm – Safeguarding training for volunteers
17 th January	Wednesday 1: 30pm – 3:30pm – Safeguarding training for volunteers

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

A reminder to parents:

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