



Cheddar First School

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A MASSIVE thank you to everyone who so kindly donated food, drink, toiletries and Christmas crackers for this year's Food Bank Appeal.

We were astounded at your generosity and community spirit at this time of year and we know the Food Bank send their kind thanks to you all too.

Have a very merry Christmas from us all in The School Council.

Thank you to Cheddar Fire Station

As well as giving we have been receiving this week. We want to say a huge thank you to Cheddar Fire Station who made Cheddar First School one of their charities this year and presented a cheque for £400 to the FPTA. This money will be used to help buy resources for all our children. Thank you to everyone involved.



Week beginning 11th December

Monday 11th December

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

Tuesday 12th December

Year 4 Brass

Wren and Robin Class play – 5:30pm at The Baptist Church

Wednesday 13th December

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

Wren and Robin Class play – 2:00pm at The Baptist Church

Thursday 14th December

Christmas Dinner – children may bring a Christmas hat to wear.

Friday 15th December

Please note there are no sports clubs during the final week

Christmas Plays: Years 1 – 4 will be performing Superstar on the 19th and 20th December. We will be providing their costumes but would like everyone to make a 'star' at home. Please see the information below.

FPTA News:

Festive night - Friday 1st December The FPTA stall raised just over £150 and we loved being part of the Cheddar Festive Night Community. You will still have the chance to buy Christmas decorations and Colour Group tea towels on Friday at the Christmas Fair.



Christmas Fair - Friday 8th Dec 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 £3.50 on the day.

Bags and more!

Great news! If you loved the artwork your child created for the community group bags, then you have an opportunity to use it for other keepsake/gifts. Extra Mile Printing are able to use your individual artwork to be printed on to other items which they sell in their shop... mugs, coaster, fridge magnets these are just some of the great gift ideas they have to offer. Just pop along to their shop which is opposite Tesco.

Christmas Party

Its nearly party time... Each year the FPTA helps to organize a special Christmas party lunch for the children at the school and we ask parents to provide some of the party food. The school will be providing sandwiches & cakes. On Monday, the FPTA will be putting up "sign up" sheets outside the class room doors. Please can you sign your name next to one item that you are happy to donate. Thank you ☺

Raffle Donations

If you could spare a bottle of wine or anything else suitable for the raffles at the Christmas plays then boxes will be in school all next week. Thank you for supporting our Christmas events.

Stamps

Recycle your stamps! All used stamps welcome, torn or cut from envelopes with no more than 1cm of envelope around each stamp (not cut so close that the perforations are damaged).

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.

Dates for your diary	
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	9:30 am – Christmas Service at St Andrew's Church
21 st December	Christmas Party
	22 nd – 5 th January School Closed – Christmas Holiday
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 ☺

Superstar Costume

Please could you help your child make a star for their costume.

We would like every child to make a star for their costume which should be approximately the size of the example below.

It can be coloured, painted, decorated with wrapping paper, whatever you choose, but preferably made out of cardboard. (The inside of a cereal packet would be ideal)



Please could your child bring their star in by Friday 15th December.

Thank you for your help 😊