



Cheddar First School

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Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to everyone! On behalf of all the staff, I would like to thank you for your gifts and kind wishes. The children have settled back into their classes very well and hopefully the worst of the viruses are behind us now! You will have noticed that this is a very short half term but we are looking forward to another busy and productive one. Please keep an eye on the class pages on our website for information about the topics for the term and the activities the children are doing.



Parking at the School

You will have noticed that before Christmas the Local Beat team were monitoring parking and traffic outside the school on a more regular basis. Accompanying the newsletter, you will find a letter from the Sedgemoor Beat team about a new scheme they are trialling. 'The Three Strikes Scheme' is an attempt to encourage safer parking. The letter explains how you can support this scheme in order to keep all our children safe. The beat team will also be carrying out more regular patrols. As ever we ask you to avoid parking on the zig-zag lines, corners or driveways. Thank you.



Additional Sporting Activities

We have some exciting new sporting opportunities for children in Year 3 and 4 this term. On Thursday afternoons, Sophie Luff, who plays for the England Ladies Cricket Team, Western Storm and Somerset County Cricket, will be working with the Year 3 classes giving them a 'taste' of some cricket related activities. She did an assembly yesterday for Year 1 and 2 about playing sport and the STAR message. Smile, Teamwork, Aim high and Respect. This is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils to work with a sports professional and we hope they will enjoy the experience.

Furthermore, on Monday and Wednesday lunchtimes, Mr Croucher will be running a 30 minute Lunchtime Club. Initially this will be for one year 3 (Mondays) or year 4 (Wednesday) class on a rota basis. We hope this will give the children the chance to experience new activities and they will enjoy the wider range of opportunities at lunchtime.

Week beginning January 15th

Monday 15th

Training for Volunteers 11:00-1:30pm

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

Tuesday 16th

Year 4 Brass lessons

Wednesday 17th

Swan & Kestrel Class – Caerleon visit

Training for volunteers 1:30-3:30pm

Year 2 Swimming

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

Thursday 18th

FPTA meeting 1:45pm

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

Friday 19th

Skylarks Family Assembly 2:45pm

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



Collective Worship

Our theme for Collective Worship this half term will be Respect. Respect for people, Respect for things and Respect for places.

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

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. Cake stalls take place at 3:30pm in the School Hall. The dates for this year 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



FPTA News : The next FPTA meeting in on Thursday 18th January at 1:45pm in the Children's Centre. We will be discussing plans for the year's events. Please come along, everyone is welcome. Dates for your diary:

- March 16th FPTA Chocolate Bingo
- May 12th May Fair

Dates for your diary	
17 th January	Kestrel & Swan Class trip to Caerleon
19 th January	Skylark Class assembly
26 th January	Woodpecker Class
8 th February	NSPCC visit to school Parent meeting on On-line Safety at 2:30pm
9 th February	School Closed to pupils for Staff Training
12 th – 16 th Feb	Half Term Break
2 nd March	Goldfinch Class assembly
8 th March	Year 1 Sports Festival at Fairlands 1,30pm – 3:00pm
9 th March	Swan Class Cake Stall
16 th March	FPTA Chocolate Bingo –more information to follow
19 th /22 nd March	Parent/teacher appointments – 4 – 6:30pm
26 th March 6 th April	Easter Holidays School Starts again on Tuesday 9 th April



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%. Currently the figure is 96% which is below or target but there has been lots of illness and we are optimistic that this figure will rise.

Weekly percentage figures:

Kingfisher Class	96.0%
Goldfinch Class	97.1%
Skylark Class	97.0%
Woodpecker Class	99.2%
Falcon Class	96.2%
Kestrel Class	93.8%
Puffin Class	94.9%
Swan Class	98.4%

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.

The term dates for 2018/19 are now also available on our website

Please note holidays in term time cannot be authorised.



AVON & SOMERSET CONSTABULARY

Sedgemoor Neighbourhood Policing Team
Cheddar Police Station, Cliff St, Cheddar, Somerset BS27 3PS
Neighbourhood Beat Manager: PC 2357 Tracey Jones
Police Community Support Officer:
PCSO 7599 Jake Dade
PCSO 9141 Beth Harrington

Dear Parent/Resident

A number of concerns have been raised regarding the safety of children attending Cheddar First School as they travel to and from school.

These concerns have been raised due to a number of parents/residents parking inconsiderately in the surrounding streets during drop off/pick up times.

Examples of dangerous or inconsiderate parking.

- **Driving a motor vehicle on a footpath** – By Parking like this you are preventing pedestrians; particularly the elderly, wheelchair users or families with pushchairs from passing vehicles safely on the pavement. Pedestrians are then forced into the road and this increases the risk of a road accident.
- **Causing an unnecessary obstruction** – Please do not park in front of dropped kerbs. They are there to help less mobile people to cross the road. By parking in this way you are jeopardising their safety.
- **Parking on school ZIG-ZAGS** – By parking like this you are endangering children's lives by reducing the visibility for pedestrians, children and other road users when passing the school.

The parking restrictions that apply in and around the school are purely there to ensure the safety of all the children attending the school and other pedestrians.

Please ensure that you do not compromise the safety of the children by contravening the parking restrictions in place. We, the local beat team, will be carrying out regular patrols and will be Trialling "The Three Strikes Scheme" in an attempt to encourage safer parking.

We are asking parents/residents to report any dangerous or inconsiderate parking through The Three Strikes Scheme by filling in a complaints slip. The complaint slips can be obtained from the school office. The complaint slips should be handed in at the school officer where they will be collected and dealt with by the local beat team. You will need to record the registration of the vehicle, the reason you feel it is parked inconsiderately and the time and date. This can be done anonymously if you wish. We will record the registration and send the registered keeper a warning letter with parking advice if appropriate. If the same registration is reported to us a second time, the registered keeper would get a home visit from a PCSO or Neighbourhood Police Officer to discuss how they were parked and why.

If it were to happen a third time and the beat team felt that the keeper of the vehicle was ignoring all advice they had been given, we would look to issue a ticket which could result in points on your licence or a £30 parking fine.

Please be aware that The Neighbourhood Policing Team ONLY will decide if the parking was inconsiderate and deserves a strike/action.

Please find attached further information about 'The Three Strikes Scheme'.

If you have any questions about the scheme or anything mentioned in this letter, please do not hesitate to contact us, either through the school or by calling our non-emergency number – 101.

Yours Faithfully

Sedgemoor Neighbourhood Beat Team

Have your say

Working Together

3 Strikes

If you feel that parents have parked their vehicle in an inconsiderate manner and wish to let the local neighbourhood policing team know, then please fill out the forms provided at the school front office.

The neighbourhood policing team will then collect the form and act accordingly.

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Strike 1

Letter from the Neighbourhood Policing Team

Strike 2

Home visit from the Neighbourhood Policing Team

Strike 3

Enforcement – £30 Parking Fine.

**Sedgemoor
North East
Neighbourhood Police
Team**



Sedgemoor

Non-Emergency Number 101