



# Cheddar First School

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## Caerleon Trip

Despite the cold weather, all the year 3 and 4 classes spent an enjoyable day at Caerleon visiting the amphitheatre, Roman Baths and Roman Legion Museum. The trip gave the children the opportunity to experience life as a Roman soldier in the Capricorn Centre where they were able to handle the armour and see where the soldiers slept, as well as find out how the Roman's relaxed at the Baths and see real artefacts from Caerleon's past. The experience gave the children a fantastic start to their Roman topic this term. Thank you to everyone who got their children to school for 8:20am and to the staff and volunteers who made the trip possible.



## 500 Words Competition

In assembly this week we have been talking to the children about the BBC Radio 2 500 Words Competition. The competition, to write a short story of 500 words or less, is open to all children aged 5 -13years old and we have encouraged the children to take part. Parents or Guardians need to submit the stories on line by 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2018. If your child does write a story we would love to see it. Please send a copy into school and we will read it and display it on our 500 words board.

Details can be found at the webpage:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/articles/4h26FXFQ4KfMV7VV5bJxY3g/500-words-2018> or by an

internet search for 'BBC 500 words'.

Week beginning January 22<sup>nd</sup>

**Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

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

**Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Year 4 Brass lessons*

**Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

*Year 2 Swimming*

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

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

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

**Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Woodpecker Class Cake Stall*

## 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

## Family Assembly

Parents/Carers and other family members are invited to come and share in their child's class assembly. The dates are as follows:

- 2<sup>nd</sup> March Goldfinch Class
- 20<sup>th</sup> April Woodpecker Class
- 11<sup>th</sup> May Kestrel and Falcon Class
- 25<sup>th</sup> May Puffin and Swan Class
- 6<sup>th</sup> July Kingfisher Class

Family assemblies start at 2:45pm in the School Hall

## 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:

- 26<sup>th</sup> January Woodpecker Class
- 23<sup>rd</sup> February Kestrel Class
- 9<sup>th</sup> March Swan Class
- 23<sup>rd</sup> March Wren Class
- 27<sup>th</sup> April Robin Class
- 8<sup>th</sup> June Kingfisher Class



**FPTA News** : The next FPTA meeting is on 22<sup>nd</sup> February at 1:45pm in the Children's Centre.

Dates for your diary

- March 16<sup>th</sup> FPTA Chocolate Bingo
- May 12<sup>th</sup> May Fair

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19 <sup>th</sup> January	Skylark Class assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> January	Woodpecker Class
8 <sup>th</sup> February	NSPCC visit to school Parent meeting on On-line Safety at 2:30pm
9 <sup>th</sup> February	School Closed to pupils for Staff Training
12 <sup>th</sup> – 16 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Half Term Break
21 <sup>st</sup> February	Dinosaur Workshop – Wren and Robin Class
2 <sup>nd</sup> March	Goldfinch Class assembly
8 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 1 Sports Festival at Fairlands 1:30pm – 3:00pm
9 <sup>th</sup> March	Swan Class Cake Stall
16 <sup>th</sup> March	FPTA Chocolate Bingo –more information to follow
19 <sup>th</sup> /22 <sup>nd</sup> March	Parent/teacher appointments 4 – 6:30pm
26 <sup>th</sup> March - 6 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter Holidays School Starts again on Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> April

## Spring Crafts Family Session

Spring into crafty action at a family session on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February at 2:30pm at Cheddar Library and make a variety of cards and decorations. The Sewing and Craft Group who meet at the library invite children (accompanied by a parent, grandparent or carer) to this Spring Holiday Family Session. Please telephone Cheddar Library on 0300 123 2224 to book a place, or e-mail [chelib@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:chelib@somerset.gov.uk). There will be a 50p charge for materials."

## 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 our target but there has been lots of illness and we are optimistic that this figure will rise.

Weekly percentage figures:

Kingfisher Class	98.3%
Goldfinch Class	90.4%
Skylark Class	98.6%
Woodpecker Class	99.3%
Falcon Class	91.5%
Kestrel Class	97.3%
Puffin Class	99.7%
Swan Class	96.9%

Well done Puffin Class. FANTASTIC attendance this week!

## Term Dates 2017/18

Term dates and In-service days for 2017/18 are on the school website

[www.cheddarfirstschool.co.uk](http://www.cheddarfirstschool.co.uk) under Key Documents.

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