



# Cheddar First School

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## NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe

On Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> of February, a representative from the NSPCC will be visiting the school to talk to the children about ways in which they can help to keep themselves safe. On the same day, they will be holding an **Online Safety workshop for parents at 2:15pm**. The workshop is designed to help parents learn more about the internet and technology from online games to setting up privacy controls. Please come along if you can. Everybody welcome!

## 500 Words Competition



We have already received copies of some of the stories children have written for 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. 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'.



## 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
- Kid's Rave - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April 1:30-3:30pm (More information to follow)
- May 12<sup>th</sup> May Fair

## Cash for Clothes

### (Collection next half-term)

Following the huge success of last term's Cash for Clothes collection we are planning another collection next half-term. Please start saving any unwanted clothes, shoes, bags, towels, bedding etc. More details to follow.



## Week beginning January 29<sup>th</sup>

### Monday 29<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup>

*Year 4 Brass lessons*

### Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup>

*Year 2 Swimming*

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

### Thursday 1<sup>st</sup>

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

### Friday 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Staff Car Park

Please could all parents and visitors to the school remember that the car park is a staff car park and the disabled parking spaces should only be used by disabled badge holders. Between 8:30-9:30am and 3:00-4:00pm priority is given to transport for children with disabilities who attend Cheddar First School. At all other times of the day the spaces should be left free for blue badge holders.

## 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



Dates for your diary	
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
15 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 parents' meeting about Kilve Residential 7pm
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	96.9
Goldfinch Class	91.5
Skylark Class	97.6
Woodpecker Class	97.0
Falcon Class	86.9
Kestrel Class	99.2
Puffin Class	97.7
Swan Class	98.8

Well done Kestrel Class!

## 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

Please note holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

*If you have a child who is due to start school in September 2018, please see the information below about Stay and Play sessions.*

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## Stay and Play Sessions

If your child is starting Cheddar First School in September 2018 we are holding some

‘Getting to know you sessions’

on

Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 30<sup>th</sup> April 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> May 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> June 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 9:30am - 10:30am

The reception team would love to meet the children in school and get to know them better.

All sessions will take place at Cheddar First School.

Please come along if you can.



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

