



Cheddar First School

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A Fond Farewell for Mrs Bishop!

Mrs Bishop, who currently teaches in Goldfinch class, has decided to pursue some new activities and so will sadly be leaving Cheddar First School at the end of this half term. Mrs Bishop has had a long association with Cheddar First School, having been a pupil, a parent and teacher! She has contributed so much to the development of Cheddar First School and has co-ordinated some wonderful Art events. We will miss her greatly and wish her every success in her future ventures. We will be making a presentation to Mrs Bishop in our assembly next Thursday, so if you would like to contribute to a gift or sign the card please call in at the office.

NSPCC Speak out, Stay Safe

On Thursday 8th 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. If you would like to attend this workshop, please could you e-mail cheddarfirst@educ.somerset.gov.uk or sign up on the lists outside the classrooms. Thank you.



FPTA News:

Be safe, be seen!

High vis jackets are now available. £3 each (£1 goes to the FPTA). Available in yellow, orange and pink. Sizes 4-6 years and 7-9 years. You can order by collecting an order form from the office or emailing victoriaroberts78@btinternet.com directly.

Next FPTA meeting: 22nd February at 1:45pm in the Children's Centre.

Dates for your diary:

- March 16th FPTA Chocolate Bingo
- Kid's Rave - Sunday 22nd April 1:30-3:30pm
- May 12th May Fair

Clothes Collection

If you're having a clear out over the Half Term holidays, please bring in your bagged, unwanted clothes for recycling to help raise funds for the FPTA. We will be collecting clothes, shoes (in pairs), hand bags, towels etc during the week commencing Monday 19th February. No "brick a brac" please. All donations to be bagged and an FPTA representative will be on hand to receive your donations. All donations will be collected at 10am on Friday 23rd February. This is a great and easy way to raise funds for the school and for you to have a clear out at the same time! £300 was raised in November so let's see if we can beat that!

Week beginning February 5th

Monday 5th

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

Tuesday 6th

Year 4 Brass lessons

Wednesday 7th

Year 2 Swimming

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

Thursday 8th

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

Friday 9th

School Closed for INSET

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:

- 2nd March Goldfinch Class
- 20th April Woodpecker Class
- 11th May Kestrel and Falcon Class
- 25th May Puffin and Swan Class
- 6th 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:

- 23rd February Kestrel Class
- 9th March Swan Class
- 23rd March Wren Class
- 27th April Robin Class
- 8th June Kingfisher Class



Dates for your diary	
8 th February	NSPCC visit to school Parent meeting on On-line Safety at 2:15pm
9 th February	School Closed to pupils for Staff Training
12 th – 16 th Feb	Half Term Break
21 st February	Dinosaur Workshop – Wren and Robin Class
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
15 th March	Year 4 parents' meeting about Kilve Residential 7pm
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 Monday 9 th April

Spring Crafts Family Session

Spring into crafty action at a family session on Friday 16th 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. 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 95.6% 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	98.3
Goldfinch Class	96.9
Skylark Class	95.5
Woodpecker Class	92.0
Falcon Class	93.1
Kestrel Class	98.8
Puffin Class	98.0
Swan Class	92.2

Well done to Kestrel Class!

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.

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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 23rd April 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 30th April 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 14th May 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 21st May 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 11th June 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 18th June 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 25th June 9:30am - 10:30am

Monday 2nd 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

