



Cheddar First School

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NSPCC

The School Council sent home information earlier this week about a fundraising activity for the NSPCC. On Monday, the children will be dancing for 5 minutes every hour in support of the NSPCC. The children also brought home a sponsorship form - please do not feel obliged to find sponsors. However any money we do raise will be put to very good use by the NSPCC.

A message from Mrs Bishop

'I want to thank everyone for their kind gifts, cards and wishes. My last day of term was very special and I felt quite overwhelmed! I have really enjoyed the flowers over the holiday and the hamper was amazing! I shall look forward to spending the vouchers too. I've also found a place on the wall for the picture which I will look at with happy memories.

It is difficult to thank everyone individually but I am so grateful. I will miss you all but so glad that I'm not far away and can keep in touch. Love and best wishes to everyone, Mrs Bishop'

Appointment of new Headteacher at Fairlands Middle School

The Governors of the Mendip Edge Federation are delighted to inform you that Stefan McHale has been appointed as the Headteacher of Fairlands Middle School. As governors, they were looking for a special person who would be committed to the ethos of Fairlands Middle School and demonstrate a commitment to providing quality educational opportunities for all pupils within Fairlands and the Federation as a whole. Many of you will know Mr McHale as the current Deputy Head teacher and the Governors are confident that he is the right person to take on this responsibility. As a partner school we are looking forward to working with him to develop the opportunities for all our pupils and wish him every success in his new role.

FPTA News:

Clothes Collection – NEW DATE! Tuesday February 27th. If you're having a clear out, it is not too late to bring in your bagged, unwanted clothes for recycling to help raise funds for the FPTA. No "brick a brac" please. This is a great and easy way to raise funds for the school and 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 26th

Monday 26th

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

Tuesday 27th

Year 4 visit to Year 5 Dress Rehearsal

Year 4 Brass lessons

Wednesday 28th

Year 2 Swimming

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

Thursday 1st

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

Year 2 SATS meeting for parents 6:30pm

Friday 2nd

Goldfinch Class assembly

Chocolate Bingo

Friday March 16th at 5pm. Tickets are now on sale from the school office (£5 per family). We are currently collecting chocolate for prizes on the night. If you would like to donate a chocolate prize (big or small, egg shaped or square and anything in between!) please hand it in to the school office. Thank you.

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.

CHEDDAR FIRST SCHOOL UNIFORM IS NOW AVAILABLE
from Extra Mile Printing, opposite Tesco Express in Cheddar.

- Sweatshirts and cardigans: £9.85
- Polos: £6.50
- Fleeces: £13.75
- Book-bags: £5.50

Parents can shop in store where there is a family-friendly fitting room area, or use the dedicated uniform website with built in secure online payment facility. www.extramileprinting.co.uk/cfs Orders placed online can be collected from Extra Mile Printing, or delivered to home addresses for a small additional cost to cover postage.

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 2:45pm
- 20th April Woodpecker Class 2:45pm
- 18th May Kestrel and Falcon Class **9: 15am**
- 25th May Puffin and Swan Class **2:30pm**
- 6th July Kingfisher Class 2:45pm

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

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



Dates for your diary

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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 the Kilve Residential at 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
17 th April	Year 1 Swimming starts
18 th April	Reception Swimming starts
19 th April	Year 2 Sports Festivals Fairlands
3 rd May	Year 3 Sports Festival Fairlands
9 th /10 th /11 th	Year 3 Charterhouse Trip
12 th May	May Fair
17 th May	Reception Sports Festival Fairlands
16 th – 18 th May	Year 4 Residential to Kilve
21 st June	Year 4 Sports Festival
22 nd June	INSET day – School closed for training.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As you know we are working hard to keep overall attendance in the school above 97%. Currently the figure is 96.0% 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	97.7
Goldfinch Class	98.1
Skylark Class	98.3
Woodpecker Class	93.3
Falcon Class	96.5
Kestrel Class	99.2
Puffin Class	99.3
Swan Class	7.5

Well done to Puffin 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.



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

