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NSPCC Dance-a-thon

A **HUGE** well done and thank you to everybody for helping with our recent dance-a-thon event.

Sarah and Tamsin from the NSPCC were back in our school yesterday to count up all of your kind donations and reveal how much sponsorship we had collected. We were amazed at your generosity, raising a massive **£1447.80!** On behalf of the school council and the NSPCC, thank you very much for your support. If you have collected sponsorship money but haven't handed it in yet, it's not too late! Please give any envelopes with money to the office or your child's teacher as soon as possible. Thank you!



Visit from Onyx Brass

We were delighted to welcome Onyx Brass to school on Tuesday afternoon. This internationally renowned group began with a performance for the whole school, talking about the instruments as well as playing familiar tunes. Later they worked with Year 4 Brass players who had been learning music for the occasion. The sound was amazing and the professional players were very impressed by the quality of our children's play after only 20 lessons! As a result, the

Year 4 pupils have been invited to play in a special concert at the Cheese and Grain in Frome with Onyx Brass. We are extremely proud of them all and grateful to Jackdaws Music and Onyx Brass for the opportunity for the children to work with professional musicians.

Parent appointments

We will be holding parent/teacher appointments on Monday 19th and Thursday 22nd March for all year groups. Lists are now available outside the classrooms for you to sign up for an appointment.

Week beginning March 12th

Monday 12th

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

Tuesday 13th

Year 4 Brass Workshop

6:30pm Year 2 SATs meeting

Wednesday 14th

Year 2 Swimming

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

Thursday 15th

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

7pm Kilve Meeting Year 4 Parents

Friday 16th

5:30pm Chocolate Bingo

Year 4 Residential Trip Kilve Court - Parent meeting Thursday 15th March

This is a polite reminder to parents of children in Year 4 about payment for our residential to Kilve Court in May. We thank those of you who have paid in full or paid the majority of the amount but we have observed that some parents are yet to pay. Although there is still plenty of time, please remember to log into your Parent Pay account to make payments when it is convenient to do so.



FPTA News:

Chocolate Bingo - Friday 16th March. New time 5:30pm, eyes down 6pm. Chocolate bingo tickets are selling fast! Tickets are on sale from the school office (£5 per family). Even if you can't make this event, you can join in the fun by guessing **the name of the chocolate bunny** and grown-ups can attempt the **chocolate quiz**, in the playground after school.

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.

Family Rave

Sunday April 22nd at 1:30-3:30pm in Cheddar Village Hall. Glow sticks, inflatables, face painting and a licensed bar! Tickets now on sale from the school office priced at £3. Hurry before they sell out!

Thank you!

Thanks to all the parents and children who carried clothes collection bags across the playground. 370kg = £185! This is a great amount that the school can put to good use. Well done everyone. There is likely to be another collection after the May half term so watch this space!

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:

- 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 remaining dates for the year are:

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



Dates for your diary

13 th March	Year 2 parents ' meeting about SATS
15 th March	Year 4 parents' meeting about the Kilve Residential at 7pm
16 th March	FPTA Chocolate Bingo 5:30pm
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.

Richard Bourton and Somerset Soccer Schools are running more Easter, Whitsun and Summer holiday soccer courses at The Kings of Wessex School, Cheddar and Churchill Sports Ground. They are open to boys and girls from Reception right up to Yr 8 and cost from only £11/day. Players are grouped according to age and ability and all receive a trophy upon course completion. For more information, to contact Richard and to **BOOK ONLINE** please visit www.somersetsockerschools.com

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As you know we are working hard to keep overall attendance in the school above 97%. Currently the figure is 94.5% 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	94.0
Goldfinch Class	90.8
Skylark Class	93.1
Woodpecker Class	97.0
Falcon Class	95.0
Kestrel Class	96.2
Puffin Class	94.3
Swan Class	98.1

Well done to Swan 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.