



Cheddar First School

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Parking

We are all aware that parking in the area of Cheddar First School is extremely limited and this causes problems for parents, staff and visitors. The local PCSOs are working extremely hard to try and ensure safe and legal parking on The Hayes, however this has led to problems elsewhere including the staff car park.

A small number of parents are regularly using the staff car park to pick up and drop off their children. Please can I remind you that the only parents that should be using the car park between 8:30am and 4:00pm are parents of children with disabilities and that the disabled spaces must be left free for people with disabilities at all times. In exceptional circumstances permission may be given to families to use the car park on a temporary basis following injuries or surgery.

These regulations are necessary for Health and Safety and Insurance reasons. Health and Safety regulations require that pedestrian and vehicle traffic are not mixed and this happens when children are crossing the car park. The number of cars would also make it impossible for the emergency services to get onto the site.

To try and ensure the safe use of the car park we will be shutting the main gates. Parents with permission to park can open & close the gates and we apologise for the inconvenience this inevitably causes, but feel it is the only way we can regulate the traffic. If you do still park in the staff carpark, please do not be offended if you are asked to move. Thank you for your understanding and co-operation.

M. Wooley

School Lunches – Please can you ensure you have ordered lunches for after Easter. You can order now.

Week beginning March 19th

Monday 19th

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

Parent appointments 4pm-6pm

Tuesday 20th

Year 4 Brass Concert - Frome

Wednesday 21st

Year 2 Swimming

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

Thursday 22nd

Year 8 French pupils with Year 4

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

Friday 23rd

Recorder assembly 9am

Wren Class Cake Stall 3:30pm

Year 1 Sports Festival at Fairlands Middle School

Year 1 children joined pupils from Axbridge, Shipham and Draycott at Fairlands Middle School to take part in a range of games and activities linked to a variety of sports. The games were organised by the Year 8 Sports



Leaders at Fairlands who worked very hard to inspire, support and encourage our pupils. Despite the cold, the children joined in enthusiastically!

Parent appointments - All year groups

If you have not already signed up, please book an appointment as soon as possible. If you do not come into school, please telephone or e-mail the office so we can make an appointment for you.

Year 3 & 4 Residential Trips

Thank you to everyone who has already made payments towards these trips. Although the visits are still some time away, please can you log into your ParentPay account to make any outstanding payments as soon as you are able to. Thank you.

FPTA

May Fair 2018: The Circus is coming to Cheddar First School! We are running a competition for children in all years at Cheddar First School to complete the front cover of the May Fair programme. To enter, print off a copy of the attached front cover and draw your circus picture in the white box. Please include your name and class in pencil on the back. Entries must be handed in by **Friday 20th April 2018**.

Family Rave: Sunday April 22nd from 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!

Piano/ Keyboard Lessons: Mrs Rudge currently has a space for keyboard or piano lessons. If you are interested please contact her via the school office.

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

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
12 th April	Year 4 Taster day at Fairlands
17 th April	Year 1 Swimming starts
18 th April	Reception Swimming starts
19 th April	Year 2 Sports Festivals Fairlands
26 th April	Reception visit to Bristol Zoo – Please see ParentPay
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% 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	97.3
Goldfinch Class	96.5
Skylark Class	92.8
Woodpecker Class	93.7
Falcon Class	91.9
Kestrel Class	94.6
Puffin Class	100.0
Swan Class	89.4

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.



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**MAY FAIR
2018**

12 - 4PM SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2018