

Cheddar First School

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It hardly seems possible that we are finishing today for the Easter Holiday. The time since Christmas seems to have flown by. Thank you to everyone for all your understanding during the 'snow days'. Parent appointments scheduled for the 19th March have been rescheduled for the 9th April, unless you have made other arrangements with the class teacher. I hope you all have an enjoyable holiday and look forward to seeing you in April for another busy term.

Music Maestro Please!

This week has been a fantastic week for our musicians, who have performed in concerts in Frome, The Kings of Wessex Academy and our own school.



Year 4 Brass Concert

It was a privilege to accompany some of our Year 4s to The Cheese and Grain in Frome on Tuesday for a brass concert. We were kindly invited to participate alongside numerous other schools to mark the 25th anniversary of the brass quintet, Onyx, who had visited our school just a fortnight ago. The rehearsal and evening performance gave a real opportunity to contribute in a musical extravaganza that was a pleasure to watch. The children's behaviour and

commitment were a credit to our school and we were especially proud of them winning the fanfare competition. A huge thank you to the parents who came to support us and for your cooperation during the arrangements for this trip.

Recorder and Singing Performances

On Wednesday, some of our children took part in concerts with the Cheddar Valley Singers and Brass Band. On Thursday, our very own Cheddar First School Singers gave an informal concert for their families at the end of their singing club. Then on Friday it was the turn of the recorder players who performed for their families and the other pupils.

Overall, over 70 children took part in performances this week, performing with confidence and enthusiasm. We are extremely proud of them all, not just for their musical talents but also for the teamwork and perseverance they have shown.

TSB Easter Themed Competition

All the children will be bringing home an Easter colouring sheet and a compliment slip from the TSB bank today. TSB are organising a competition and there will be a prize for each year group. If your child would like to enter, please return their picture to TSB Bank PLC, Threeways, Union Street, Cheddar, together with the compliment slip stating their name, year group and parent/guardian contact details. Entries close on 28th March.

Year 8 French Workshop



Thank you to the staff and students in Fairland's Year 8 for arranging an opportunity to come and visit our Year 4s yesterday in order to teach some new French skills. The workshop has become an annual event and it is lovely to see our former pupils return to develop their use of the language, as well as meet our current pupils to further cultivate words and phrases we have learnt so far.

FPTA

Thank you! Thanks to everyone that supported Chocolate Bingo Night, either by attending or donating prizes. A particular thank you goes to Tesco for their generosity. We raised a fantastic £445.60. Well done everyone!

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**.

Also, please look out for your Grand Raffle tickets in the book bags today! Please ask a member of the FPTA should you require more. Many thanks.

Printer Cartridge recycling Printer cartridge recycle bags are going out in book bags tomorrow. Ask your friends & family if they can help you fill your bag. Please return the bag if you are unable to use it or pass on to someone who can. We are also collecting toners, but they need to be brought in separately. Please see the link on the FPTA Facebook page or speak to a member of the FPTA to see which toners are accepted.

Family Rave Only a month to go, tickets are selling fast! Sunday April 22nd, 1:30-3:30pm in Cheddar Village Hall. Tickets on sale from the School Office priced at £3 each. Hurry before they sell out. Glow sticks, inflatables, face painting and a licensed bar!

Be safe, be seen! High vis jackets now available. £3 each (£1 goes to the FPTA). Available in yellow, orange and pink. Sizes 4-6 years and 7-9 years. Jackets will be on sale in the playground every Friday at pick-up. You can order by collecting an order form from the office or emailing victoriaroberts78@btinternet.com.

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.

Dates for your diary	
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 95.8% 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	94.2
Goldfinch Class	90.3
Skylark Class	93.8
Woodpecker Class	86.9
Falcon Class	94.5
Kestrel Class	96.2
Puffin Class	97.3
Swan Class	91.8

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.

A circus-themed poster for a May Fair. The background features a red and white striped awning with a scalloped edge and a string of colorful triangular bunting flags. Above the awning is a yellow banner with the text 'THE CIRCUS IS COMING TO CHEDDAR FIRST SCHOOL'. Below the awning is a large white rectangular area for a photo or drawing. At the bottom, a blue banner contains the text 'MAY FAIR 2018', and below that, the date and time '12 - 4PM SATURDAY 12TH MAY 2018' are written. The entire poster is framed by a dark, textured border with a repeating star pattern.

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