

# Cheddar First School

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*Welcome back to the Summer Term*

*As always this is a very busy term and we have updated the diary section with some additional dates.*



## Funny bones

Goldfinch and Kingfisher class have started this term exploring the Funnybones story by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. On Thursday, they were lucky enough to have a visit from Dr Boorman who brought along a skeleton and some x-rays. The children were able to explore the bones and see where they come from in our bodies, as well as look at x-rays. The children were fascinated and asked lots of interesting questions which has really helped their learning. We are very grateful to Dr Boorman for giving up his time to come and talk to them.

## Year 4 Taster Day at Fairlands Middle School

Both Puffin and Swan classes thoroughly enjoyed their time at Fairlands Middle School yesterday (Thursday), sampling a selection of activities during this year's 'taster day'.

The taster day is kindly hosted by Fairlands each year to help the year 4 children get to know some new staff and classrooms in preparation for their transition in September. During the day, children experienced sessions in ICT, geography, P.E, French and drama, as well as having lunch in the hall with children from other year groups. Our thanks to the staff at Fairlands for preparing and hosting this day once again.



**New After School Club** – From next Tuesday, Mrs De Quidt and Mrs Brandrick will be running a Folk Dancing Club from 3:30pm – 4:30pm. The club is open to all children in Years 2, 3 and 4 but places are limited to 24. The children will be learning dances to perform at the May Fair and, hopefully, the Somerset Folk Dancing Festival on the Cathedral Green in Wells. If your child is interested please log onto ParentPay.

## Week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> April

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup>

Year 3 & 4 Sports Club

### Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>

Goldfinch and Kingfisher Class Swimming  
Folk Dancing Club starts - Years 2, 3 & 4

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup>

Robin and Wren Class Swimming starts  
Year 1 & 2 Sports Club

### Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>

Year 2 Sports Festival at Fairlands  
Year 4 Tennis at Cheddar First School

### Friday 20<sup>th</sup>

Woodpecker Class Assembly

## Safeguarding

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility. If you are worried about a child and would like to talk to a member of staff in private, please make an appointment to see:

Mrs Wookey – Designated Safeguarding Lead  
Mrs Smith or Mrs Alen – Deputy Designated leads

As parents you can contact support agencies directly  
NSPCC 0800 800 5000  
Somerset Direct 0845 3459122

## Somewhere House

If you are struggling with your day to day life and would like someone to talk to, Somewhere House offers a range of services for adults. Leaflets are available outside the school office or you can look on the website: [www.somewherehousesomerset.org](http://www.somewherehousesomerset.org)

## FPTA

**Family Rave (Disco/party)** Tickets are selling fast! Sunday April 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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!

## May Fair 2018 on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> May 12- 4pm

Roll-up, roll-up! This year's May Fair has a circus theme! They'll be Fairground games, Circus craft, Circus skills, Face painting, Candy Floss, a circus themed Fancy Dress Parade and much more!



## Programme Cover

Thanks to those who have already entered the competition to finish the cover of the May Fair Programme. Entries accepted until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

- 1) Print off the programme cover attached to the newsletter (it can be printed in colour or black & white)
- 2) Get your children to draw and colour their picture in the white square
- 3) Write their name & class on the back in pencil.

**Raffle Tickets** Please return Raffle tickets and money to the school office. Please ask a member of the FPTA if you need some more!

**Local Businesses** Would your company like to advertise in the May Fair Programme? £40 for a full page or £20 for half a page. Please e-mail [claire\\_holmes@btinternet.com](mailto:claire_holmes@btinternet.com) for details.

**Thanks** to everyone that supported Chocolate Bingo Night, we have a final total - £445 which is brilliant! A big thank you to Sainsbury's and Tesco who both donated chocolate for the event.

Dates for your diary	
17 <sup>th</sup> April	Goldfinch and Kingfisher Swimming starts
18 <sup>th</sup> April	Robin and Wren Swimming starts
19 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 2 Sports Festivals at Fairlands
20 <sup>th</sup> April	Woodpecker Class Assembly
26 <sup>th</sup> April	Reception visit to Bristol Zoo
30 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Dance workshop at Cheddar First School
3 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3 Sports Festival at Fairlands
9 <sup>th</sup> /10 <sup>th</sup> /11 <sup>th</sup>	Year 3 Charterhouse Trip
12 <sup>th</sup> May	May Fair
16 <sup>th</sup> – 18 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4 Residential to Kilve
17 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Sports Festival at Fairlands
6 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Trip SS Great Britain
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Year 4 Sports Festival at Fairlands
22 <sup>nd</sup> June	INSET day – School closed for training.
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Music concert @ 2pm
29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3 taster day at Fairlands Middle School
5 <sup>th</sup> July (Reserve 13 <sup>th</sup> July)	Sports Day: Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 Morning. Years 3 & 4 afternoon
11 <sup>th</sup> July	Puffin Class end of year play 6:30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> July	Swan Class end of year play 6:30pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 4 Leavers' Assembly & Disco
20 <sup>th</sup> July	School closes for children at 3:30pm

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As you know we are working hard to keep overall attendance in the school above 97%. Currently the figure is 95.9% which is below our target but there has been lots of illness and we are optimistic that this figure will rise.

Weekly percentage figures:

Kingfisher Class	98.6
Goldfinch Class	98.5
Skylark Class	94.5
Woodpecker Class	100.0
Falcon Class	95.9
Kestrel Class	99.2
Puffin Class	98.7
Swan Class	95.9

Well done to Woodpecker Class!

## Term Dates 2017/18

Term dates and In-service days for 2017/18 are on the school website

[www.cheddarfirstschool.co.uk](http://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 CIRCUS IS COMING TO  
**CHEDDAR FIRST SCHOOL**

**MAY FAIR  
2018**

12 – 4PM SATURDAY 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2018