



# Cheddar First School

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**Welcome** back to everyone, I hope you all enjoyed a good summer break and are ready for the start of another busy first term! I'd like to say a special welcome to all our new children and their families. We aim to keep you informed of relevant issues and happenings at school through this weekly newsletter. The newsletter is e-mailed every Friday afternoon and posted on the school website <http://cheddarfirstschool.co.uk/newsletters>. If you do not have access to the internet, please let a member of the office staff know and we can send a paper copy home.

Once again we have had several building projects being completed over the holiday period, which I am pleased to say have been completed on schedule. The work, which was funded by the Local Authority, was to update and make safe our school staffroom and to ensure the playground surfaces and boundaries are fit for purpose and safe for the children. Several teachers have also moved classrooms over the summer, so it has been a very busy time and I am extremely grateful to all the staff, parents and builders who worked tirelessly over the holiday period to ensure that the school was ready to open on Tuesday.

It has also been a busy week for the children and we have been very pleased with the way they have settled in and for all the hard work they have put in already. Thank you everyone

## Cheddar Library Summer Reading Challenge

We are pleased that so many of our children have taken part in this year's reading challenge. On previous years they have delivered the certificates to us at school to award to the children. However this year the library has organised a special event to close the reading challenge and are inviting everyone who has taken part to go along. They would love to see as many of you as possible on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> September at 10:30am where a local author will award the children their certificates. There are also many other activities to take part in throughout the day!

## Week beginning 10<sup>th</sup> September

Monday 10<sup>th</sup>

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup>

- *FPTA Social White Hart 7:30pm*

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup>

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup>

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

Friday 14<sup>th</sup>



All of us at Cheddar First School would like to extend a huge thank you to Mary Jennings who has looked after the planters and flower borders as a volunteer for a number of years. She has always ensured that the school site looks lovely in every season and we are all very grateful for her enthusiasm and efforts. Unfortunately she has decided not to continue this year as all of her grandchildren have moved on but we wish her well and thank her for all of her years of expertise that she has shared with us.

### Swimming Times 2018-19

Year 2- Tuesdays between 1:30pm -2:30pm  
First swim will be on Tuesday 18th September.

Year 3- Thursdays 11:00am- 12:00am  
First swim will be on Thursday 20th September

Goldfinch Class – Mondays 10:30am-11:00am  
First swim will be on Monday 21st January

Robin and Wren Classes - Wednesdays 1:30pm-2:30pm  
First swim will be on Wednesday 24th April.

Year 4- Tuesdays 1:30pm-2:30pm  
First swim will be on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

### **FPTA News :**

Dates for your diary:

- The FPTA will be holding a social at The White Hart on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 7:30pm, everyone is welcome.
- 25<sup>th</sup> September FPTA AGM 7:30pm in the school hall.

### Safe Parking Reminder

Whilst we understand that parking at drop off and pick up can be difficult, we would ask that you continue to park safely at all times for the safety of all of our children. Sedgemoor Neighbourhood Beat Team have asked us to remind all of you about the 'Three Strikes Scheme' which encourages safer parking around the school site. They are asking parents/residents to report any dangerous or inconsiderate parking through 'The Three Strikes Scheme' by filling in a complaints slip. The complaint slips can be obtained from the school office. More information can be found in the attached letter from the Sedgemoor Neighbourhood Beat Team.

### **Dates for your diary**

18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Swimming starts
20 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 Swimming starts
21 <sup>st</sup> September	Goldfinch Cake Stall
25 <sup>th</sup> September	FPTA AGM 7.30pm
12 <sup>th</sup> October	Tempest photographer in school – individual/family photos
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Jab taking place in school for all children
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Half Term Break
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of new term



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



## **ATTENDANCE MATTERS**

As you know we are working hard to keep overall attendance in the school above 97%. Last year we did not quite reach this target. Whilst we recognise that most absences are due to illness, we would encourage you to send your child to school as much as you possibly can and try and ensure any appointments take place after school or that your child attends school before or after the appointment. It goes without saying that the more days your child is in school, the more they will learn and we all want the best for your children.

### **Term Dates 2018/19**

Term dates and In-service days for 2018/19 are on the school website [www.cheddarfirstschool.co.uk](http://www.cheddarfirstschool.co.uk)  
Please note holidays in term time cannot be authorised.

### **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

0808 800 5000  
Somerset Direct  
0300 123 2224