



Cheddar First School

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Welcome!

This week we have been pleased to welcome our new starters into Wren and Robin Class. They have joined in confidently and enthusiastically with all the new activities at school and we are looking forward to working with them over the coming weeks and sharing their learning journey with them. 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 or your child's teacher know and we can send a paper copy.

Contacting staff: If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's teacher (after school is usually better than the morning when the teachers are busy meeting the children). If you do not come into school, teachers can be contacted via the school office on 01934 742546 or via the school e-mail address : cheddarfirst@educ.somerset.gov.uk

As part of the Staff Code of Conduct, staff are forbidden to use social media, such as Facebook or Messenger, to communicate professionally with parents so please do not be offended if they do not accept your friend request or answer a message.

FPTA AGM Tuesday 25th September 7:30-8:30 in the school hall and afterwards for drinks in the Bath Arms

All parents and staff are automatically members of the FPTA. We then elect a small committee at the AGM including the positions of chair, treasurer and secretary. If you are interested in being on the committee and/or taking on one of the positions then please e-mail claire_holmes@btinternet.com to find out more. Even if you are not interested in being on the committee, please still come along to show your support. We have to have enough parents at the AGM in order for it to be valid, so please pop along, have a glass of wine and listen to our success stories from last year!

Week beginning 17th September

Monday 17th

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

Tuesday 18th

Year Two Swimming starts

Wednesday 19th

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

Thursday 20th

Year Three Swimming starts
3:30-4:30pm Cheddar First School Singers

Friday 21st

Goldfinch Cake Stall

Data Collection Sheets and Parental Consent

Due to the new GDPR regulations, it is necessary for us to ask **all families** to complete the parental consent form for images and sound again. We also have to ask you to update your Data Collection Sheets. Unlike previous years the sheet only contains the names and contact details for parents. Whilst we still hold other names on the computer system, we have to ask you to re-state who you would like to be contacts for your child. Please could you supply 3 contact numbers to be used in case of an emergency. Once you have returned the sheets any old contacts will be deleted.

All the documents will be sent home in an envelope next week. Due to the confidential nature of the information, we would ask that you return them in the envelope. Thank you for your help with this matter.

Kitchen Assistant Vacancy

A vacancy exists for a Kitchen Assistant to help serve meals and wash up at Cheddar First School. The post is Monday to Friday, term time only from 12noon to 2pm. The successful person would be employed by Fairlands Middle School but be based at Cheddar First School. For more information, please contact Mrs Pauline Ham at Fairlands on 01934 743186.

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 dates for this year are:

21 st September	Goldfinch class
12 th October	Puffin Class
30 th November	Falcon Class
18 th January	Woodpecker Class
8 th February	Kestrel Class
8 th March	Swan Class
22 nd March	Wren Class
3 rd May	Robin Class
7 th June	Skylark Class



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:

1 st February	Skylark Class
15 th March	Goldfinch Class
29 th March	Woodpecker Class
17 th May	Year Three
24 th May	Year Four

Happy Kids – October Holiday Club Monday 29th October to Friday 2nd November

8:30am – 4:30pm £23.50/child

8:30am – 5:30pm £27.00/child

Children aged 3 years and upwards

Please see separate booking forms or contact
nett2094@gmail.com or 07989 694344

Hard copies are available from the school office and Happy Kids



Dates for your diary

18 th September	Year 2 Swimming starts
20 th September	Year 3 Swimming starts
21 st September	Goldfinch Cake Stall
25 th September	FPTA AGM 7:30pm. All welcome!
12 th October	Tempest photographer in school – individual/family photos
26 th October	Flu Jab taking place in school for all children Letters have been sent home from the Health Service regarding this vaccination programme
29 th Oct – 2 nd Nov	Half Term – Happy Kids Holiday Club running
5 th November	Start of new term

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
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