



# Cheddar First School

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## Happy Kids – October Holiday Club Monday 29<sup>th</sup> October to Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November

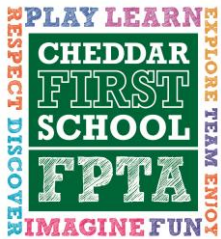
8:30am – 4:30pm £23.50/child

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Children aged 3 years and upwards

Happy Kids have an exciting programme of activities planned for the October Half Term. Whether you require childcare for the whole week or the occasional day, there is something for everyone, aged 3 years and above.

If you would like your child to attend please book today! The club can only run if there are enough children. For more information please see booking for or contact [nett2094@gmail.com](mailto:nett2094@gmail.com) or 07989 694344.



### FPTA Meeting - Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> October at The White Hart.

Please come along as we discuss the events for the term. All welcome!

Thank you to Ice Dreams for supporting the FPTA again this year and for selling ice creams in the playground on Friday. They raised a brilliant £93.50! We are selling their chest freezer to raise additional funds. Please check it out on Cheddar Mums or contact Victoria Boorman.

Please join our Facebook Group (Cheddar First School FPTA) and keep an eye out for information about events and meetings on both the Facebook page and in the weekly newsletter.

## Week beginning 8<sup>th</sup> October

### Monday 8<sup>th</sup>

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

### Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup>

Falcon and Kestrel Class Inspire  
Year Two Swimming

### Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup>

Goldfinch Inspire

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

### Thursday 11<sup>th</sup>

Falcon and Kestrel Class Inspire  
Year Three Swimming

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

### Friday 12<sup>th</sup>

Tempest Photographer in school

## Starting or Moving Schools in September 2019

The Somerset County Council Admission Website is now live for parents/carers to make their on-line application: [www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.somerset.gov.uk/admissions)

For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to middle school, the closing date for applications is **15<sup>th</sup> January 2019** and the national offer day is **16<sup>th</sup> April 2019**. An Admissions Guide is available on the website and parents/carers are advised to read the information before making an on-line application.

Somerset County Council will not be sending out individual letters this year, so please do make sure you visit the website and make your application.

## Tempest School Photographer – Friday October 12<sup>th</sup>

The Tempest photographers will be in school on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> October. They will take photos of the children individually and with any brothers and sisters at Cheddar First School. If you have any pre-school siblings and you would like them to have a photograph with their school age brothers and sisters, please come to the main hall at 8:30am and these groups will be taken first.

At the end of the day, the children will bring home a print out of the photographs so you can decide whether or not you would like to order any.

### Data Collection Sheets and Parental Consent

Thank you to everyone who has already returned the Data Collection Sheets and Parental Consent Forms. If you haven't already done so, please can you return them as soon as possible. Thank you.



We have noticed that our forest school area is running low on branches that are suitable for us to use for shelter building.

Please can you help? If you are able to find one or two branches in your garden or whilst out walking, we would very much appreciate them!

We would like branches that are between 1 and 2 metres in length and at least 5 cm thick. Thank you,

The School Council

### Dates for your diary

12 <sup>th</sup> October	Tempest photographer in school (Individual and family photos)
24 <sup>th</sup> & 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parent /Teacher appointments for all year groups. 4- 6pm – Lists will be put up outside the classrooms next week
26 <sup>th</sup> October	Flu Nasal Immunisation taking place in school. Please return your permission slips.
29 <sup>th</sup> Oct – 2 <sup>nd</sup> Nov	Half Term – Happy Kids Holiday Club
5 <sup>th</sup> November	Start of the new term

### Cheddar Library - Christmas Crafts Family Session

Start the countdown to Christmas creatively at a family craft session on Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> November at 2:30pm at Cheddar Library, and make Christmas decorations, cards and boxes. The Sewing and Craft Group, who meet at the library, invite children, accompanied by a parent, grandparent or carer, to this Autumn Holiday Family Session. Please telephone Cheddar Library on 0300 123 2224 to book a place, or e-mail [chelib@somerset.gov.uk](mailto:chelib@somerset.gov.uk) Please note there will be a 50p charge for materials. We hope to see you there!

## 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