



Cheddar First School

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The Governors are delighted to announce that at the Earlybirds EGM on Wednesday, it was decided that the management of Earlybirds Pre-school should transfer to Cheddar First School and the Mendip Edge Federation Governors. Earlybirds has a highly experienced and well-qualified staff and wonderful children and families. We feel it is a privilege to have been asked to take on this responsibility. The Governors already manage the Early Years provision in Draycott & Rodney Stoke and Shipham. This is a fantastic opportunity to create a 0 – 9 years old provision at Cheddar First School and we are looking forward to working with the families and children of Cheddar to shape the future provision for our very youngest children.

Parent-Teacher Appointments

Just a reminder we are holding Parent-Teacher appointments for all year groups on Wednesday 24th and Thursday 25th October 4-6pm. Please sign up for an appointment if you have not already done so.

If you do not come into school please e-mail cheddarfirst@educ.somerset.gov.uk with some suggested times and we will try and make an appointment. Please be aware there is now limited availability.

Week beginning 22nd October

Monday 22nd

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

Tuesday 23rd

Year Two Swimming

Wednesday 24th

3:30-4:30pm Sports Club Years 1 & 2
Parent Appointments 4-6pm

Thursday 25th

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

Friday 26th

Flu Clinic – Flu vaccinations for children whose parents have given permission.

Open Morning

For Families with Pre-School Children

Friday 9th November 2018

9:30am – 10:45am

Children are welcome to 'Stay and Play' whilst adults tour the school.

Talk from the Head teacher at 9:30am then meet the Reception class teachers for coffee and questions.

Please invite anyone you know with a pre-school child. Thank you.

Lost Property

We already have a growing collection of lost property! The clothes will be on display at parents' evening or can be found in the First Aid room. Please be aware that any clothes left by the end of next week will be donated to the FPTA second hand uniform stock or put in the Cash for Clothes collection.

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

For children due to start school for the first time or transfer to middle school, the closing date for applications is **15th January 2019** and the national offer day is **16th 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.

Dates for your diary

24 th & 25 th October	Parent /Teacher appointments for all year groups. 4- 6pm – Lists have been put up outside the classrooms
26 th October	Flu Nasal Immunisation taking place in school. Please return your permission slips.
29 th Oct – 2 nd Nov	Half Term – Happy Kids Holiday Club
5 th November	Start of the new term
9 th November	Open morning for Prospective families
22 nd November	Year 2 SATs Meeting 7pm

Cheddar Library - Christmas Crafts Family Session

Start the countdown to Christmas creatively at a family craft session on Friday 2nd 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 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 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 0800 800 5000
Somerset Direct
0300 123 2224