



Cheddar First School

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It hardly seems possible that we have reached the end of October already. The children have settled well into their new classes and visitors to the school have commented on how well-behaved and engaged they are. Thank you everyone. It has been a pleasure to welcome parents to Inspire sessions and Parent Appointments and we hope you have found them useful and informative. We know the children love having you in school. I hope you all have a restful and enjoyable half-term break and look forward to seeing you again on November 5th.

Bringing your child to school

Just a reminder that our school day starts at 8:55am. The classroom doors are open at 8:45am and children are welcome to come into the classroom from this time. **Please note we do not have a member of staff on duty in the playground before school and the children are parents' responsibility until they enter the classroom.** Although we are happy for children to use the trim trail and spider web before school, under your supervision, we would ask that you do not allow them to play tag or ball games in the playground at this time. There are a lot of people in a small space and we have had a number of near misses involving young children getting knocked over.

Due to the age of our children, we would prefer that children are accompanied onto the site by an adult. If your child is walking into school on their own please could you inform us in writing. The Hayes is a very dangerous road so we want to make sure they arrive safely. Thank you for your co-operation and help.

Safeguarding Training - We ask all volunteers working in school to complete Safeguarding Training.

If you are new to the school and would like to volunteer, we will be running the full training on Tuesday 20th November 6:30 - 8:00pm or Friday 23rd November 9:30am - 11am.

If you completed the training last year we will be running update training on Tuesday 20th November 6:00pm - 6:30pm or Friday 23rd November 9:00am - 9:30am.

Please book a place via the school office after half-term. Thank you.

Week beginning 5th November

Monday 5th

3:30-4:30pm Sports Club Years 3 & 4
No Recorders

Tuesday 6th

Year Two Swimming

Wednesday 7th

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

Thursday 8th

Year Three Swimming
3:30-4:30pm Cheddar First School Singers
3:30-4:45pm Art & Craft Club

Friday 9th

Clothes Collection
9:30-10:30am Open Morning



After half term we will be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal. As well as the traditional paper poppies, this year the Royal British Legion are also selling items such as pencils, pencil sharpeners, rulers and pencil cases. There are no fixed prices, but we would suggest a donation of at least £1 for any of the items above and a donation of your choice for a poppy. Children can bring their money into school between Monday 5th November and Friday 9th November in order to buy a poppy or another item. It would be helpful if their money was in a named envelope.

Thank you for supporting the Poppy Appeal

Clothes collection

Don't forget to please bring in your bagged, unwanted clothes for recycling to help raise funds for the FPTA the week following half term. We will be collecting clothes, shoes (in pairs), hand bags, etc, during the week commencing Monday 5th November 2018. No poor quality items (wet, stained, mouldy or ripped). No Duvets, Pillows, Bedding, Socks, Curtains, Carpets, Books, Glass, Metal, Bric-a-brac). All donations to be bagged and brought to the school during drop off or pick up. The clothes will be collected on Friday 9th November. This is a great and easy way to raise funds for the school and have a clear out at the same time! Thank you.



Christmas Fundraiser

Cheddar First School Christmas fundraiser this year will be a bag. For those of you who are new to the school, we ask the children to draw self-portraits and then these are collectively printed on to cloth bags with the school logo. Further information and an order form can be found in the letter accompanying this newsletter.

Dates for your diary

5 th November	Start of the new term
9 th November	Open morning for Prospective families
9 th November	FPTA Cash for Clothes collection date
16 th November	Children in Need – children can wear their own clothes or 'spots' to school in return for a donation to the Children in Need Appeal
22 nd November	Year 2 SATs Meeting 7pm
7 th December	Cheddar Festive Night - FPTA stall
11 th December	Reception children - Nativity Play 5:30pm at Cheddar Baptist Church (more information to follow)
12 th December	Reception children - Nativity Play 2:00pm at Cheddar Baptist Church (more information to follow)
13 th December	Christmas Lunch
Date to be confirmed	FPTA Meet Father Christmas and the Christmas Fair 13 th or 14 th December
18 th December	Years 1-4 Christmas Performance at Kings Academy 6:30pm
19 th December	Years 1-4 Christmas Performance at Kings Academy 2:30pm
21 st December	Christmas Party - all year groups
22 nd December	Happy Kids Christmas Fun Day 9am – 3pm. Contact 07989 694344 for more information.

Cheddar Library - Christmas Crafts Family Session

Friday 2nd November at 2:30pm at Cheddar Library, and make Christmas decorations, cards and boxes. 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 0808 800 5000
 Somerset Direct
 0300 123 2224