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Cheddington Combined School NEWSLETTER



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The children have all really tried their best this week in their tests and tasks; and then have entered into their DT projects with huge enthusiasm. The school has been a hive of activity and construction.

Our boys' football team played against Brookmead on Wednesday evening. It was a very close match in which the team played really well. Sadly they were narrowly defeated. Well done boys for such great team play, and thank you for representing our school.

It has been lovely to see the children enjoying the improving weather when playing outdoors. The vast majority of our children make excellent choices in their manners and behaviour on the playground, which is to be commended. However, a very small minority are behaving in a disrespectful way to both their peers and adults, particularly at lunchtime. Obviously this is something which we are addressing. Children who choose to behave in a disrespectful way will be sanctioned with an immediate time-out from the playground. I would like to remind all parents that legally playtime is a privilege not a right. All children will have time to eat and go to the toilet, but it is not appropriate that the unpleasant behaviour of the minority should spoil the fun of the majority.

Next week is Curriculum Week. We are using creative arts to work with the children to develop their understanding of Keeping Safe, including personal and cyber bullying. This will also include personal resilience and positive mental health. As in previous years we hope to invite parents to visit and see some of the work the children have done next Friday between 8:45am and 9:45am or 2:15pm and 3:15pm. We do hope you may be able to visit.

Thank you so much for the massive positive response to the new on-line booking system for Parent Consultation Meetings. It was wonderful so many of you booked so quickly, and almost all families have now reserved their appointment time. I would also like to personally thank you for the positive comments and feedback you have given us about this move to an on-line booking system. We are aware that this way of booking is the norm in all secondary schools and almost all primaries and we are pleased that you are finding it easier.

Thank you also to those parents who have already paid the voluntary termly contribution of £12. As I have explained previously this money helps to fund our Curriculum Enrichment programme and the cost of visitors to the school. Both of these enrich the learning for the children. If this has slipped your mind it is not too late to contribute if you are able to do so.

Finally some of you may be aware that the Leighton Buzzard Observer ran a short article this week based on the mis-information regarding a child leaving the premises. At the time we informed all parents what had happened. I would like to reassure you that – despite the words which the journalist chose to use – Buckinghamshire County Council are not investigating the school. They confirmed with us at the time that our procedures were robust and appropriate.

Mrs K. Tamlyn Head Teacher Congratulations to our special learners this week who are:

from YR: - Kiara Kanaci and Kiri Rance from Y1: - Josh Clarke and Felix Persson

from Y2: - Whole Class for their hard work this week

from Y3: - Grace Lewis and Charlotte Wright

from Y4: - Kayden Bell and Ethan Hart

from Y5: - Zoe Clark-Monks and Cameron Jacobs

from Y6: - Harry Bryant and Tegan Darvell

We are celebrating our Special Learners this year by each child having a gold star badge to wear during the following week. These badges should be worn with pride, and returned to their class teacher on the Friday morning ready to be given to the next child. Thank you for your help and support with this.

Next Week's Reminders

Kidz Zone "Morning Activity Club": Cheddington Combined School

Term Dates: Monday 19th February - Thursday 29th March



Open Monday - Friday 7:45am - 8:30am

Kidz Zone "Morning Activity" breakfast club is open to all children at Cheddington Combined School.

At 'Kidz Zone' we provide a fun, active, safe environment for children, under the care of qualified staff.

Breakfast Club

The breakfast club runs from 7:45am – 8:30am, Monday – Friday. Children have a choice of a variety of indoor activities each day. Breakfast is included in the form of cereals, toast and juice. The cost is £3.50 per session.

"Morning Activity Club"

Activities will take place in the school hall – children can take part in their school uniform and can bring a pair of trainers to wear.

Children will have the chance to earn the "Sports Star" award at each club, rewarded for following our FUN agreement of Having fun, keeping safe, playing fairly and showing respect.

Children will take part in a variety of fun and engaging activities throughout the week.

Book Online - www.kidzzoneclub.com

Booking is now open for February - March!

Like us on Facebook for regular updates on what we have been up to at all our clubs!

Just search: Kidz Zone Club

Contact details:

Book online at www.kidzzoneclub.com Email hello@kidzzoneclub.com Call 0759 084 4281

Main office number: 0845 366 4227

<u>URGENT - TROUSERS REQUIRED FOR RECEPTION CLASS</u>

If your child has grown out of their trousers aged 4/5 and they are no longer of use to you, we would appreciate any donations.

Many thanks

PERSONALISED LEGO KEYRINGS!



The children brought home an order form to purchase personalised 100% genuine LEGO brick keyrings last Friday. Each keyring is only £3.25 with a pound from every keyring purchased going directly to the school to help raise funds for the pond area revamp. If you would like to purchase one (or more!) then please complete the order form and return it with cash payment to the PTA post box in the school office by Friday 10^{th} February.

Thank you for your support!

Cake Sale

Our next cake sale will be on **Thursday 8th February**, at 3.15pm. We would be grateful for any cake donations to sell. The school office will kindly accept them on the morning of the sale. Thanks

