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What an incredible week we have had. The weather has been fantastic and the children have really enjoyed being out on the field. Year 3 had an amazing visit to the Ashmolean on Tuesday – they were fascinated; and were complimented on their behaviour and attentiveness. The garden is looking lovely with some creative work from YR enhancing the natural growth. (Our next project of the pond is less desirable at present.) We do hope that you will be able to stay for strawberries and cream this afternoon and take a moment to enjoy the sensory garden – it is a favourite part of the school for many of the children. We look forward to seeing you then.

Tomorrow is the village fete and the forecast is that the sun will continue to shine. The PTA have been working very hard with the Scouts and the Church, and it promises to be another great event. Choir are singing at 2:30pm, which promises to be amazing based on yesterday's rehearsal. We do hope you see as many of you as are able to attend. I imagine cool drinks and ices will be best sellers!

This week has been dominated by having the window installers on site. I am sure you will agree that the new windows in YR and Y1 look absolutely lovely. The tinted glass units have certainly made a difference to the learning environments for the children. The men have worked extremely hard, and are ahead of schedule. We thank them for their dedication; and we thank everyone for bearing with us whilst the school site is not as usual.

One less happy moment recently has been that the printers in the school collectively decided to make colourful additions to any printing. Some pages were coming off the printer entirely yellow! This has delayed the printing of reports, and so they will now come out next Friday not on Wednesday as originally stated in the calendar. We do apologise for this slight delay, but are sure you will understand the difficulties. The main pages are now printing white again, but many still have a yellow edging.

Next Tuesday is transfer day, when the children spend the morning in their new classrooms for September. We have one staff change for September with the new staff yet to be confirmed. The Governing Board accepted a late resignation. Mrs Beach is moving to a position at a school nearer her home, as she has found the travelling increasingly difficult over this academic year. We will miss her hugely and wish her well in her new post. We are actively looking for staff for Y1, with an aim to recruit someone of calibre who will offer the children continuity until a substantive appointment can be made. I am sure you will be aware that there is a national crisis around recruitment of teachers; and I can assure you that I will let Y1 know as soon as we have secured staffing for September.

Rehearsals are in full swing as next Friday is the first performance of 'Olivia'. The children have worked very hard to learn their lines and all the songs – and it sounds wonderful. I am looking forward to seeing it on the stage.

May I remind all parents that should you need to apply for leave of absence for your child it must be on the request form which is available on the website or from the school office. Also, please could all parents remember to check that they have not requested a hot lunch for their child on those days where an absence is known in advance. Thank you. (This is particularly an area of difficulty for KS1, as the school is charged when the meal is ordered but not taken.) When a child is absent due to illness on the day, then the School Office is able to notify AiP; but not for planned absences.

Mrs K. Tamlyn  
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special learners this week who are:

from YR: - Emily Feber and Hugo Pickles  
from Y1: - Felix Persson and Daisy Redding  
from Y2: - Sebastian Craft and Sam Muirhead  
from Y3: - Whole Class for enthusiasm on school trip  
from Y4: - Olivia Blackwood and Betty Taylor  
from Y5: - Daniel Cheasley and Keely Darvell  
from Y6: - Amelie Barnes, Sam Hart and Jack Miller

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

Monday and Tuesday 3.15pm -

**Book Fair - 50% off all books**

Wednesday, 4th July - Reception parent visit

Friday, 6th July, 1.45pm - Olivia Production

#### Safeguarding Lead on Duty

Monday - Mrs Tamlyn

Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn

Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn

Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn

Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

#### **Woodwind Lessons**

Commencing in September I will have 2 clarinets which I am offering pupils (year 3 and above) the use of. They can be hired for a minimal fee of £15 a term (to cover instrumental insurance) for up to a year, after which I would recommend children having their own instrument. These clarinets will be offered to the first applicants.

I am happy to run a taster session for the flute and clarinet prior to the end of term and would appreciate anyone interested contacting me on [karendryburgh@me.com](mailto:karendryburgh@me.com)

Many thanks,  
Karen Dryburgh

#### **Reception Class**

The Reception class have been very busy making their own wind chimes. Please come along to the Open Gardens today at 3pm to see your child's work. We hope to see you then.

#### **Olivia Performances**

I am please to advise that all the seat allocations for Olivia have been honoured. There are no seat allocations left for the Friday performance but there are still a few for the Monday and Tuesday performances. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis from the School Office.

If you have asked for seat allocations and have not yet paid, these can also be collected from the Office.

Could any parent who wishes their child to have brass or recorder lessons or who would be interested in joining a free lunchtime recorder group from September please contact me on [katiecornetplayer@googlemail.com](mailto:katiecornetplayer@googlemail.com), before the end of term. Thank you

## **PTA NEWS**

Cheddington Summer Fete - TOMORROW!!

Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2pm – 5pm Village Green!!

See you there!!

### School Disco

The next school disco will be on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> July!! More information next week. If you are able to assist with helping at either KS1 or KS2 disco, please email: [lynnekells london@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:lynnekells london@yahoo.co.uk) . Thank-you!!



## **Black Tie Ball**

In association with Cheddington Combined School & Pre-School

Tring Park Cricket Club - 14th September 2018

Local DJ

Black Tie

Charity Raffle

Enchanted Magic Mirror

Early Bird Tickets £40 per person

(includes a 3 course meal)

For tickets please contact:

Contact Clare Cleland – [oliverclare@yahoo.com](mailto:oliverclare@yahoo.com) or

[cheddingtonpreschool@btconnect.com](mailto:cheddingtonpreschool@btconnect.com)