



Cheddington Combined School

June newsletter

A word from Mrs Majcher

From crowns to cakes and photos to forest school we have had a very busy time this brief half term. Once again thank you for your fabulous response to all our activities, we have a few planned for next half term too. I hope the sun stays with us next half term and can I just gently remind you to send your children in with sun hats and water bottles topped up.

'Apple Pie' Winners

Year 3 have completed their Apple Pies and enjoyed a dress down day. Well done to Year 3! For the first time we had 100% attendance for a whole week from Year 6 during SATs week and more recently Year 3. That is great – the higher the attendance the better the progress!

Forest Schools

Y5 have been enjoying the delights of Forest School this half term. Here's what they have to say:

I love Forest School because we get so much freedom and exploration of the area. We have a choice of activities like den building, mini beast hunting, plant identification and a lot more. It takes place every Thursday afternoon. What happens is, before lunch we get dressed in our suitable clothing, then after lunch we have the register outside and we get our boots on. We then do our activities, but first, when we get to base camp, we do a check of the rules to keep each other safe. Then we do our choice of activities, being careful not to harm the wildlife around us. Forest School is a great way to keep in touch with nature, plants, animals and just to have fun and explore! We are truly lucky to share this opportunity.

Kiara (Y5)

Coronation Picnic

We enjoyed celebrating the Coronation in our own way on Friday 5th May. The cakes that were arriving Friday morning looked beautiful and smelt delicious. We had much fun tasting them later in the day. The children made and wore crowns for the day and enjoyed parading along the track showing them off. The best part was the picnic. We dodged the weather (only just) and had a great time with family and friends. The atmosphere was very happy. The PTA raised £273.50 for the school. I would like to say a sincere thank you to all the PTA for all their support for the event. I hope you all carried on celebrating the rest of the weekend.

Olaf Falafel's Visit

We were fortunate enough to have Olaf come to talk to the children. There was much laughter coming from the hall. The children had a great time. Here's one account:

This week we had a visitor come in to speak to KS2 about his new book Trixie Pickle Art Avenger: Toxic Takedown. His name was Olaf Falafel. He signed lots of copies for the children to take home and enjoy. At the

end, the children drew a character from his new book and named them. There were also lots of funny jokes that everyone thought were hilarious. Then he ended it with a few questions for him to answer.

Pia (Y5)

Year 6 Residential

Year 6 are having an amazing time at the River Dart. It is well deserved after SATs week. In fact, the whole of Year 6 were present everyday during SATs week – 100% attendance. Well done Year 6. They behaved fabulously during the week and were a credit to you.

Football Update

Boys from Y5 and Y4 played against Overstone School football team on Wednesday 24th May. Overstone won overall, however Cheddington played really well against a much older and more experienced team. Our coach advised that the boys were so determined throughout the match and didn't give up. He also praised their great team work.

Projects in the School

During the holidays new blinds will be put up around the school. This is much needed to keep the sun off the children during the next half term (I am assuming we will have some sun!).

The fence around our outdoor Reception class will be replaced. This will certainly brighten up the playground.

Parking outside the School

Local residents are very unhappy with the way some cars are left during drop off and pick up. Please be mindful of our residents and park considerately and of course lawfully.

Aspiration Assemblies

The children have really enjoyed listening to parents telling them about how they ran the London Marathon and how the Coronation was policed. If anyone else has a tale to tell please get in touch. It is fantastic for our children to hear about your successes or your day to day work!

Drop & Stop / Share The Learning

We would like to invite parents and carers in for Drop & Stop as well as YR Share the Learning on Wednesday 7th June.

YR parents are welcome to come straight into the classroom when dropping their child off and are welcome to stay until 9am. Please can parents of Y1 to Y6 children enter via the front entrance by the office from 8.45-9.15am.

Please may I ask that you are respectful once in the classroom by quietly encouraging your child to do their best. If the classroom is 'full' of adults please come back later. Any pushchairs must be left in the school entrance. You may stay for the full half an hour or you may visit other classes.

Due to space restrictions, please can we ask that a maximum of 2 family members per child/ren attend.

PTA Event Update

Hi all,

We want to share an update around remaining PTA events taking place in the summer time, so that parents can plan accordingly.

Regrettably the Colour Run on June 23rd is now not taking place, an essential planning meeting couldn't be held as we hoped between the school and PTA which would have ensured the event was coordinated safely for all children and volunteers. This subsequently means not enough time is left taking the half-term break into account.

It's something we're really excited to organise, so will continue to plan for one in the 2023/24 school year.

The summer term will see the return of Ice Cream Fridays, which - weather dependent - will be sold in the playground after school each Friday with everything on sale priced 50p.

To finish the school year with a bang the school discos will be held on Friday 7th July;
KS1 4:45-5:45pm
and
KS2 6-7pm.

Full details on the discos will be shared but as always, we need plenty of helping hands to ensure they can happen, as such the PTA team will be asking the parent body to help with volunteering on the evening when planning it next month. Please do remember this could be as little as a 15-minute commitment!

The PTA is funding a few projects with money raised from events, with new fencing being installed around Reception imminently and a new screen being installed in the school hall too soon.

As always, we will keep you posted with projects as they are shared by the school.

Thanks for your support, and have a great half-term.

The PTA Committee“

Uniform

We understand that parents are starting to think about uniform for September. Whilst our plan is to move our branded uniform online so that it is easier for parents to purchase, please bear in mind that we still have quite a lot of stock available in school. If there is a certain item that you need, please let us know.

Dates for your diary

27th May-4th June: Half term holiday

7th June: Drop & Stop / Share the Learning

9th June: Y2 Assembly for parents

16th June: Y1 Assembly for parents

19th June: Sports Day (KS1 10-12.15, KS2 1.15-3pm)

30th June: Y5 Production for Parents

4th July: Transition day in school

7th July: Y3 Assembly for parents plus PTA school discos (KS1 4.45-5.45pm, KS2 6-7pm)

10th-12th July Y5 Bikeability

14th July: YR Assembly for parents

20th July: Y6 Leavers assembly for parents of Y6 9-10.30am