Friday, 16 March 2018

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Cheddington Combined School NEWSLETTER



Head Teacher's Remarks

The children have all had another very busy week in school. This week in assembly we discussed the Commonwealth family of nations, as Monday was Commonwealth Day. We also introduced to the children the challenge of 'THINK' – to consider if something you say is true, heartfelt, inspiring, necessary and kind, because if it is not all of these then should you really be saying it? This is a special challenge for the children over the next few weeks, as we discussed how much nicer our community could be if everyone spoke supportively to each other.

Today Year 1 are visiting Hendon Air Museum, and I am looking forward to hearing about their visit next week. They were very excited! Next Monday we welcome staff from Waddesdon Manor to work with Year 6; then on Friday we plan to have Sport Relief sponsored mile run – sponsor forms were in last week's newsletter and we do hope that the children will be able to collect a little money for this national charity.

It was a pleasure to welcome those of you who were able to attend to see the books on Wednesday afternoon. In future we hope to be able to offer this opportunity at regular intervals throughout the year with the children being able to show you their work.

I would like to extend my thanks to everyone who supported the Book Fair. As you will see on page 4 you helped towards a number of new books. Thank you.

Thank you from the Governors to all parents who have made time to complete the Survey. This closes today, and the Governors will feed back highlights and action points in due course.

Following discussion with the Representative Parent Group we have drawn up an absence note pro-forma which we hope will be helpful. It is available later in this newsletter and is on the website. Please note that we do require a hand signed hard copy on your child's return to school. A hand written absence note is still acceptable should you prefer.

Well done to all those children who represented our school last weekend at a football festival – and, I understand, to the parents for their fabulous support. Thank you to everyone who represented our school.

This week has felt like the start of Spring. Unfortunately as I write this the Meteorological Office have issued snow and ice warnings for Saturday and Sunday for our area. Fingers crossed that we are all safe to travel on Monday, but please do check the website and/or the County Council website for an update should there be a quantity of snow. Thank you.

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

- from YR: Kai Caudery and Vallie Finburgh
- from Y1: Byron Hadaway and Iniyal Kulanthaivel
- from Y2: -Molly Isdale and Lola Masters
- from Y3: -Emily Forster and Amelia Persson
- from Y4: -Grace Ambrose and George Fletcher
- from Y5: -Beth Anker, Harrison Bowles and Amelie George
- from Y6: -Adam Boyes and Evie O'Dwyer

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

Wednesday - Reception and Year 6, School Nurse visit

- Thursday - Music Evening
- Sport Relief sponsored mile run Friday Disco Saturday - Cross Country, Waddesdon Manor

Absence Notes

As you are aware, it is a Bucks County Council requirement that we have a written reason for any absences for your child(ren) when they return to school. We have put a small proforma on the school website to help parents if they wish to use this.

| Cheddington Combined School | POOTS AND WINGS |
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| Absence Note | |
| To the School Office (on the day your child returns from an absence) | |
| My child | |
| was absent from school on (dates) | |
| Reason: | |
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Signed Date

This form must be in hard copy and not e-mailed to the office in line with BCC requirements



On Wednesday, Years 5 and 6 celebrated International Pi Day!

Year 5 investigated how you can use pi and the diameter of a circle to calculate the circumference.

Year 6 looked at the relationships between the circumference and the diameter to see if they could calculate pi.

International Pi Day is celebrated on the 14.3 (14th March) every year because some people in the world write the date in the format month/day which in this case would be 3.14 and this is the first three digits of pi (which is an infinite number). International Pi Day can also be celebrated on the 22.7 (22nd July) because the fraction of pi is 22 over 7.



Written by Beth Anker (Year 5)





On Saturday 10th March, some boys and girls in year 3, 4 and 5 competed in the monthly TFG Football Festival, hosted at Cedars Upper School. The players were selected from the Boys and Girls football squads. Cheddington played matches against teams from Pulfords Lower School and Heathwood Lower School and gave 100% in each match. Every single player worked their socks off against some very talented players and did themselves proud again. The festival ended on a high note as Cheddington put in a very impressive performance against a free-scoring Heathwood side, and kept a clean sheet. Thanks to everyone who attended, especially the parents, who once again provided the loudest support on the touchlines!

Sam Waterhouse

The Future Games



URGENT - Lunch Boxes

Could all lunch boxes please be **<u>clearly named on the outside</u>**. This helps when a child comes in late and their lunchbox needs to be taken to the Dining Hall by one of the lunchtime staff. They will be able to give the lunchbox to the correct child without opening it and trying to find the name!



<u>Book Fair</u>

Well Done!

Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the recent Book Fair.

This gives us £250 commission to spend on books for our Classes and Library.

Thank you!

| It's Disco Time! | | | | |
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| Where? | School Hall | | | |
| When? | Friday 23 rd March | | | |
| Time? | Reception/KS1 Disco: | 5.15pm – 6.15pm | | |
| | KS2 Disco: | 6.30pm – 7.30pm | | |
| Price? | Tickets are £3.50 per child, which in | cludes a packet of crisps and unli | mited squash. **CASH ONLY** | |
| Please book also pay on | | g the form below to the School | Office in an envelope marked "Disco". You can | |
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| Please ensur | re that your child is booked in and out | of the disco on the evening. Ma | iny thanks. | |