



Friday, 12 January 2018

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Learners of the Week

**Head Teacher's Remarks**

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Boys' Football Team

Bag2School

Representative Parent  
Group

Happy New Year! I do hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful time over the festive season with your children. It was lovely to welcome them back to school last Thursday and to hear all about their holidays. They were all very excited by the gifts they had received. I would like to extend the thanks of the whole staff to those parents who felt that they would like to thank the staff by sending a gift for the festive season. They were all much appreciated – thank you. Everyone has settled quickly back into learning, and the holidays already feel like a distant memory. The children have been sharing with me some great work over the past seven days.

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The early part of the Spring term is usually characterised by very unpredictable weather. Please could all families ensure that the children do have a coat for break and lunchtimes. The wind chill can be quite severe across the playground and the children do go outside unless it is absolutely pouring with rain, so weather protection is necessary. We encourage the children to wear their coats etc to ensure that they are warm and cosy; but a number of children tell us they do not have a coat! Thank you for your help with this matter.

Next week we have building work in school from Wednesday to Friday as the new security door will be fitted to the covered way. In future should you need to access Lost Property with your child, then you will need to come to the school office to request admittance. We have had to wait a long time for this installation, and are delighted that we will now have this added level of security.

As many of you will be aware we have a Representative Parent Group (RPG) which meets several times of the year to discuss items with myself. Please see later in the newsletter for the remit and Terms of Reference for this group. If you feel that this is a group in which you would be interested to participate, please send the reply slip to the school office by next Friday. We are limited to 30 families, and priority will be given to families to ensure we have representation from across the year groups.

We are very excited to be moving to an electronic booking system for the Parent Consultation Evenings to be held after half term. In readiness for this, letters were sent home this week giving you your access code to the VLE. Please could all parents ensure that the reply slip to say that you have been able to log into the VLE are returned to the School Office no later than Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Thank you.

Our half term target this half term is aspiration. We are encouraging the children to think about what they aspire to, and how they might make those dreams come true by developing skills and attitudes as a start point. (Even professional footballers need to tie shoelaces!) If their dreams become reality the future of professional British sport is secure!

Next week on Wednesday Year 2 are looking forward to welcoming some Japanese visitors to their classroom. From previous years this is always a wonderful learning session.

Mrs K. Tamlyn  
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special learners this week who are:

from YR: - Lucie Jones and Louisa Rydvall  
from Y1: - Jake Blackwood and Florence Cotterell  
from Y2: - Molly Isdale and Stevie Turner  
from Y3: - Evie Cole and Amy Whinnett  
from Y4: - Niamh McDermott and Jacob Scott  
from Y5: - Harrison Bowles, Riley Clarke and Logan Mancz  
from Y6: - Grace Lancaster and Marlon Simone

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

Year 2 - Wednesday - Japanese visitors.

### **Boys' Football Team**

On the 5th of January 2018 Cheddington Combined School's boys football team took part in a competition at the MK Dons training dome.

There were 33 schools that took part and we played 4 matches. Unfortunately we did not win any of our matches but we tried our hardest and we only lost by small margins.

Many thanks to the parents that helped transport us there and supported us. It was a great afternoon out!

We are once again partaking in the 'bags to school' initiative.

Please fill your 'Bag2School' bag with unwanted clothes, bags, belts and shoes. The children will be bringing bags home today.

Please then leave the bag at the back school gate on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January by 9am.

We have previously raised up to £150 for the school through your donations and thank you in advance for your kindness.

Thanks in advance, & Happy New Year

## CHEDDINGTON COMBINED SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE PARENT GROUP

As you may be aware some years ago we set up a group of parents who were interested in supporting the school by being part of a discussion forum. This group is known as the Representative Parent Group and their terms of reference are given below. We are now looking to increase the membership of this group to around 30 families being represented; please note that either parent can attend the termly meetings. If you are interested in putting your name forward to be part of this discussion group, please could you return the reply slip as indicated by Friday, 19 January and I will then contact you as we would like to ensure representation from across the age range of the school. The next meeting of the RPG is Tuesday, 6 March at 7.30pm and it would be lovely to welcome new families at that meeting if possible.

### TERMS OF REFERENCE

#### Composition:

The Representative Parent Group (RPG) is comprised of a volunteer non-elected group of parents whose children are of ages such that the full age range of the school is represented.

#### Mandate:

The group offer a valuable opportunity for the Head Teacher and a representative from the Governing Body to discuss and receive direct parent comment on issues to be determined by the Head Teacher and Governing Body. This comment will feed into the School Development Plan where appropriate.

#### Protocols:

Meetings are held termly or half-termly dependent on the requirement of issues to be discussed.

Meeting format is group discussion in small groups to be followed by whole RPG feedback session to the Head Teacher.

It is appropriate for the RPG to share any "playground conversation concerns" with the Head Teacher to ensure communication is a two-way process. However, it is important that the normal parent-school communications routes are not disregarded.

Questions which arise between meetings can be e-mailed to the Group who will respond by e-mail to the Head Teacher.

#### Confidentiality:

All discussion items and shared information may be discussed with the wider parent body unless specified by the Head Teacher that they should be treated in confidence.

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#### REPRESENTATIVE PARENT GROUP:

We/I are/am interested in being part of this discussion group.

NAME(s) .....

CHILD(ren) ..... CLASS(es) .....

I am/am not\* able to attend the meeting at 7.30pm on 6 March. (\*please delete as appropriate)

SIGNED .....