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What a week! Last weekend winter emphatically announced its presence, which led to 278 schools in Buckinghamshire being closed. As I communicated with you at the time several of the staff were snowed in and the advice was to not travel. On Tuesday morning most of the staff were able to travel safely to school and spend an energetic couple of hours making the site safe for the children to enter the school building. By 11:00am most children were safely here, though some families were still unable to leave home due to the icy conditions. The vast majority of the children enjoyed playing in the snow at lunchtime on the field in their wellies and snow boots. The playground was sheet ice beneath the snow and so was treacherous. Hence my frequent reminders to please stay on the paths! There are still some tiny reminders of the snowfall, but thankfully we are now all safe and able to use the whole site again. Thank you parents for your understanding. Snow conditions are always challenging as the teachers do travel some distance to school, and I have a duty of care to the adults as well as the children.

KS1 Nativity play 'Manger Mouse' was a delight. I am sure that all parents and family members who were able to get to the performances would agree that the children were fantastic. Many thanks to the PTA who catered for all the performances, it was much appreciated.

Year 4 had their last swimming session this week. They have really enjoyed this PE skill, and have made great progress over the term. The whole school have also been practising carols ready for our service at St Giles on Tuesday morning.

This morning the children had a special Christmas time treat – they watched 'Despicable Me 3' and enjoyed popcorn. They really enjoyed the movie! The school held our annual thank you event this morning for all those parents and adults who help us throughout the year. We very much appreciate the support they give to the children and to the staff. Thank you everyone.

Next Monday is Christmas Craft Day – look forward to some lovely crafts coming home. I do know that KS1 are still in need of jam/mincemeat jars, so if you are Christmas baking this weekend, please de-label and wash your empty jars for us. Thanks.

Next Tuesday we reach the end of this long term. We would like to invite the children to replace their usual red jumper or cardigan with their Christmas Jumpers, and perhaps add a Santa hat or reindeer antlers too. We are having a special Santa Walk to School – Joinos message will be sent on Monday with the details. It would be lovely if lots of the children were able to join in. The children will be ready to be collected for the Christmas break at 1:30pm. Next term begins at 8:35am on Thursday 4th January 2018.

May I wish you all a very Merry Christmas to be followed by a Happy New Year enjoyed in good health and with good company.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special stars this week who are:

- from YR: - Freddie Dwight and Emily McKenzie Boyle
- from Y1: - Matilda Hutton and Isabella Sniders
- from Y2: - Teddy Brown and Oliver Watts
- from Y3: - Belle Bowles and Amber Koutsou
- from Y4: - Lilith Maxwell and Savannah Powell
- from Y5: - Hannah Sykes and Coral Waller
- from Y6: - Adam Boyes and Hope Sladden

We are celebrating our Special Stars 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, 18th December - Christmas Craft Day (clean jars, no lids, required please)

Tuesday, 19th December - School Closes for Christmas holidays at 1.30pm

URGENT - Car Parking in Lammas Road

Can we please remind parents not to park across driveways in Lammas Road. One resident couldn't leave to go to work this week as a vehicle was blocking the drive. Please, if possible, park at the Village Hall or Recreational Ground and walk to school. Many thanks for your co-operation.

REMINDER - School Bus

Can you please remember to let the office know if you child will not be going home on the school bus on Tuesday at 1.30pm. Thank you

HOT LUNCHES

The Menu for hot lunches is available until the end of January. Please order now for your child(ren) and remember to **order by Wednesday, 27th December** if you wish your child to have a hot lunch on the first week back after the holidays.

KS1

Please ORDER KS1 lunches for Thursday, 18th January, Census Day, as our funding is dependant on the number of lunches ORDERED for that day. A packed lunch can also be brought by your child if this is their preference.

PTA NEWS

The PTA would like to thank everyone for their support during the Autumn term and we look forward to your continued support next term.

We wish you all a very Merry Christmas & A Happy New Year.



Kidz Zone "Morning Activity Club": *Cheddington Combined School*

Term Dates: Thursday 4th January - Friday 9th February

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 January - February!

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

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