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Welcome back to the start of a new academic year; and an especially warm welcome to those children who are new to our school. It has been lovely this past week getting to know everyone during Good to be Us Week. It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents to the Meet the Teacher meetings. I trust you found them informative and helpful.

The children have been enjoying a variety of learning activities during Good to be Us, which are important for their development, and settle the children before the more formal curriculum begins next Monday. I hope your children will have shared with you something of what they have been learning. Y2 Welly and Scooter Wash was very busy, and they were proud of the money they earned. Y3 had a great visit to Hazard Alley yesterday, and were excited to share all they had discovered. Well done to those children in Y6 who chose to take the Secondary School Transfer Test this week and I know tried their best.

This is the first newsletter of the year. Please do take time to read through this edition, and each subsequent one, so that you are aware of what is happening throughout this coming year. We use the newsletter to keep you fully informed about what is happening in school so please do keep an eye on it to avoid missing out on news throughout the year.

I am sure you cannot have failed to realise that the legal situation around data protection was radically overhauled in May with the introduction of GDPR. We have given very careful consideration to the more subtle implications of this over the summer and have taken the decision to no longer display children's photographs (nor those of the PTA) in the entrance hall. Also we will no longer publish names of Learners of the Week in the newsletter to protect the children's identity from any detailed internet search. The introduction of increased necessity for consent means that the consent form will need to be much more detailed and a new version will be coming home in the coming weeks for you to complete. Please read it carefully and consider your choices. Thank you.

The stationery shop has been very busy at the start of term. It would be very helpful if you are able to give your child the correct money for the item/s they need to purchase. Moving forward it is planned that the shop will be open on Monday and Thursday mornings only so that the children running the shop do not miss too much their learning time. Thank you.

We would like to request that – once your child has their pen licence and so a pencil case – your child brings a small pair of in-ear-phones to school for their use in the IT suite. For personal health and hygiene reasons this is preferable, though we will continue to ensure that there are head-phones available for the youngest children in the school. I imagine that, like me, you have several pairs of small ear-phones in a drawer, as they seem to be provided free with almost every electronic device! Please do not feel – despite what your child may tell you – that they have to have top of the range ones! These will be residing in your child's pencil case/drawer and be used as required. Thank you for your help in this matter.

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As you will have noticed the playground has suffered due to the prolonged drought. County are aware and have organised the large fencing to ensure that no child could trip on the now raised step. They are deciding the best way forward to try to solve the problem, and I will keep you informed once I have a date for remedial works. Please could I remind all parents that your children, and any younger siblings, should be with you on the playground at the end of the school day and not 'wandering'. Scooters and bikes should be pushed on the playground for the safety of all. Thank you for your help and cooperation in this matter.

I would like to remind parents of children in KS1 that your child is provided with a daily snack of fruit or vegetables. Unless there is a medical reason why they require additional food mid-morning the children probably do not require an additional snack for break time. We have found a number of children are not eating their lunch as they have filled up on two morning snacks!

For everyone, may I remind you all of our snack policy – from Monday to Thursday the children should be bringing fresh or dried fruit or vegetables only. On Friday they may bring a different snack (as long as it is not a large piece of cake!). Our aggregated figures from the last three years from the National Child Measurement Programme show that our percentage of youngest children who are 'not ideal weight' according to the Government recommendation are just below national percentages but above those of the whole County. For children in Y6 the percentages show that Cheddington children are well below both National and County averages. This limited data is encouraging as it shows that our teaching and policies are having a positive effect. As you will know we are encouraging the children to eat healthily and to exercise; and, combined with what you as parents are doing, together we are helping the children to build positive habits for their future.

Many of you will know that at the start of the year we issue a Guide for Parents. Following discussions with the Representative Parent Group, this is being reviewed and updated. It will be with you in the coming weeks. The annual data checking sheet will also be sent home in the next week or two. Please do check all the information carefully and return the form promptly to the office. Should changes occur during the year, please ensure that you notify us. Hopefully your child will not have an emergency, but we do need current contact information just in case.

Please could I again ask any parent who needs to park nearer to the school than the park and walk at the recreation ground or village hall, park with careful consideration for our neighbours. Residents on Lammas Road in particular are increasingly inconvenienced by inconsiderate parking, and this makes the area around the school more dangerous for all the children. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Finally may I say that we are all looking forward to a great year with your children. Should you have any concerns or queries, your first point of contact is the class teacher and we will make every effort to respond within one to two working days. I am sure we will all have a positive time and that this year will fly by!

Mrs K. Tamlyn

Head Teacher

<u>Next Week's Reminders</u>	<u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u>
Monday - Year 4 Woodrow High House	Monday - Mrs Tamlyn
Wednesday - Reception Parents morning visit	Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn
Wednesday - Year 4 return from Woodrow (3pm)	Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn
Wednesday - No Afternoon Crossing Patrol	Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn
	Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

URGENT - Reception Parents

Could all Reception Parents please ensure that they have joined our Joinos Messaging system using the unique code which was sent to them last Friday. This is our method of communication to all parents with information for their child(ren). If your child already has a sibling at the school, it is still important to add them to Joinos as some messages may only be sent to specific year groups. Thank you

TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING CHEDDINGTON COMBINED SCHOOL

Re: CHEDDINGTON COMBINED SCHOOL GOVERNING BOARD – ELECTION OF GOVERNOR

Dear Parent/Guardian,

There is currently a vacancy for a governor directly elected by the parents, and I am therefore writing to invite nominations. No formal qualifications are required; you just need common sense, time, enthusiasm and a commitment to working as part of a team to make a difference for all the children at our School. Research shows that being a school governor can provide an opportunity to develop a wide range of personal skills. As a guide, being a school governor would take up 6 – 8 hours a month of your time. The term of office is 4 years.

We are keen to recruit parents and guardians coming from 'all walks of life' and representing all groups in our School community. You can find out more about the role by collecting a leaflet from the Office; by contacting the Head Teacher; or by contacting the Chair of Governors, Dr Simon Aulton, by contacting the School Office on 01296 668324 or by email office@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk.

Parents who are nominated for election must be proposed and seconded in writing, with nominations being signed by the proposer and seconder; the person nominated must also state in writing that he or she is willing to stand for election. Those eligible to stand are the parents or guardians of pupils who are currently registered pupils at this school. The proposer and seconder must also have a child currently in attendance at the school.

The term of office will be for a period of 4 years. A parent whose child leaves the school may continue as a parent governor until the end of their term of office, if he or she so wishes.

Nominations should be sent to me before the closing date for nominations which is 9:00am on Friday 28th September.

Arrangements for a postal ballot will be sent to you with information from the candidates. All parents whose child/children attend this school will be entitled to vote in the postal ballot and voting will be on the basis of one vote per parent/legal guardian.

If it proves impossible to fill the vacancy, the Governing Board has the right to make an appointment in order to fill the required number of governor places on the Governing Board. If the need to do this arises, the Governing Board would first of all consider appointing a parent who has a child on roll at the school, but if it could not make an appointment, the Governing Board would consider a person who was a parent of a school-aged child, but not necessarily a registered pupil at this school.

Please note that governors will be required to produce evidence of identity and complete a declaration form. All governors of our school will be required to obtain an enhanced DBS check.

A full list of the names of the School governors will be available as soon as all the appointments have been finalised.

I enclose a tear-off slip for use in the nominating procedure for parent governors which parents may find useful, but a separate nomination letter is just as acceptable. Please return the slip or letter by 28th September 2018.

Yours sincerely,

Head Teacher

Cheddington Combined School

I wish to nominate for the position of governor.

SIGNED:.....DATE:.....

SECONDED:.....DATE:.....

I am prepared to accept this nomination

DATE.....

Please return to the Head Teacher by 9:00am on Friday 28th September 2018

Please could candidates include information about themselves consisting of ***no more than 200 words***, for distribution to parents

Meet the Governors

Each week for the next few months, the governing body would like to introduce you to the non-staff governors at Cheddington School, as well as explain the work carried out by the committees. This week we thought we'd start with Dr Simon Aulton, our Chair of Governors.

"I joined the governing body in 2012 when both of my children were at Cheddington school. I became chair in 2015.

Professionally I run an international charity and think-tank specialising in youth, justice and equalities, which puts me in contact with some of the latest developing educational programmes across Europe. Some of these I have been able to bring to in to Cheddington school to enable us to participate in cutting edge developments.

I have also worked for a national charity advising on development and governance. Prior to that I studied for a Ph.D. in chemistry.

I also sit as a director on one of the City of London charities."

Travel Plan Coordinator

Are you willing to join our team to help our children develop a culture of walking to school; for their health and for their environment? Can you help maintain the success of the school and keep us as the top school in the region? If so we need your help for about 1 hour a week to coordinate the weekly Walk Once a Week (WOW) programme, and to develop and lead a team of volunteers to deliver sustainable travel to the school.

Cheddington School has a highly successful programme of encouraging children to make sustainable journeys to school by walking, scooting, cycling, using the school transport and parking and walking when journeying to school. We have the Modeshift Stars Gold award. We now need to build on this past success by identifying a motivated volunteer to take on the coordination of this programme over the coming years.

You will be motivated to work with children and adults and keen to promote environmentally wise choices. You will administer the scheme, working with teachers and governors along with our team of Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSOs) to coordinate and promote our Walk Once a Week (WOW) programme along with our termly/half termly whole school walks throughout the year.

This role will take about 1 hour per week along with one after-school governors meeting per term and a termly Travel Plan Coordinators meeting at County Hall in Aylesbury.

If you would like to find out more, please contact the school office for a copy of the role description and person profile. The closing date for this opportunity is Friday 5th October.

Brass/Recorder Lessons

There are still spaces available for any budding brass players and recorder learners to start lessons this term on Friday mornings in school. The Brass sections in the jazz bands, orchestras and brass bands of the future need today's children to be ready to join them tomorrow.

If any parents and children would like to make an appointment to come and try out an instrument please do contact me to try a few. If any children wish to learn the recorder and there are enough learners I am happy to run a recorder group on Friday lunchtimes. Please contact me via email for more information.

Kate Nathan, katiecornetplayer@googlemail.com

Please note below the courses available from MK Dons. There are training opportunities and courses available for pupils in all year groups.



MK DONS SET COURSES

DATES, TIMES & VENUES



BLOCK ONE NOW ON SALE!

ME & MY BALL - £67

Our new course for Munchkins, Foundation and Year 1 participants. The course will be for younger participants who book onto a skills centre or Saturday Soccer session. This course will focus on a participant's ABC's, as well as developing ball manipulation techniques in a fun, safe environment. All participants will receive their own football for this course.

SKILLS CENTRE - £65

Attending a Skills Centre provides participants with the opportunity to develop their knowledge of football and improve basic techniques in a fun, safe environment.



GOALKEEPERS COURSE - £65

Experienced goalkeeper? Try our GK Elite session where 'keepers will have the opportunity to represent MK Dons SET in fixtures during half terms. Or new to the position? Try our goalkeepers course which is designed to teach the basics of a 'keeper and to develop you in the position.

SATURDAY SOCCER - £65

New to football? Saturday Soccer is the perfect start in a fun and relaxed environment. Learn all the basics whilst having fun at the same time!



SKILLS ELITE - £65

A great platform to further improve your skills and to develop your understanding of how to play as part of a team. Last season 20 participants moved up our pathway and represented MK Dons SET Advanced Centre. Players will take part in a structured fixture programme during half-term holidays against other professional clubs.

NURSERY SOCCER - BRAND NEW! - £65

Our brand new nursery soccer session will run on Saturdays during 18/19 season for children aged 2-3. This session is a great introduction to football in a fun, relaxed environment. This session will focus on participants ABC's whilst incorporating basic football skills.

MONDAY SKILLS CENTRE

6-7pm
Foundation & Year 1*
Year 2 & 3
Year 4 & 5
Year 6 & 7

WEDNESDAY SKILLS CENTRE

6-7pm
Year 3 & 4
Year 5 & 6

FRIDAY SKILLS ELITE

6-7pm
Year 2 & 3
Year 4 & 5
Year 6 & 7
Year 8 & 9

NURSERY SOCCER

10-11am
Aged 2-3

TUESDAY SKILLS CENTRE

5:30-6:30pm
Foundation & Year 1*
Year 2 & 3
Goalkeepers: Year 2-9

THURSDAY SKILLS ELITE

5:30-6:30pm
Year 2 & 3
Year 4 & 5
Year 6 & 7

SATURDAY SOCCER

11:30am & 12:30pm
11:30am Munchkins* Foundation* Year 1* Year 2 Year 3 Year 4-6
12:30pm Munchkins* Foundation* Year 1* Year 2

VENUE

MK Dons Training Ground
Newport Road
Woughton on the Green
Milton Keynes
MK6 3EA

Address: 28 Portland Drive, Willen, MK15 9JP

To Book visit www.officialsoccerschools.co.uk/mkdons or call 01908 622888

*Me & My Ball Session

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