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Another two weeks have flown by, and autumn is now definitely with us. May I repeat our thanks to all those who were able to join us for our Harvest celebration last Friday. We raised over £100 for the local food banks, and thank you for your generosity. It was lovely to have so many parents to share with the children. Thank you also to those who were able to come and assist Gardening Club with crack infilling on the field.

This week has been our autumn assessment week. Some of the older children have experienced the type of test questions which they will face at the end of the academic year, which is good experience and preparation. The teachers have taken this time to 'snap-shot' where the children are in their learning, and will be sharing this with you at Parent Consultation Meetings next week. I am so pleased to have seen a lot of children over the past few weeks showing me some wonderful work.

All the children have prepared a Christmas card design which you will be able to see when you come to your Parent Consultation Meeting. They are very proud of their designs, and the PTA hope you will chose to order some cards and/or tags ready for the festive season. The Book Fair will also be open, and the Governors are pleased to be offering tea or coffee. They will also be pleased to speak with you to answer any queries regarding the Development Fund. This year the children's books will be available at the autumn meeting as well as next term, so please do arrive ahead of your appointment time so that you will have a moment to peruse your child's work so far. Obviously some books will not contain a huge number of pieces of work as it is still early in the year. We look forward to seeing you. (Please could I ask that, should you be parking near to the school, you park with consideration for our neighbours when attending the Meetings. Thank you.)

Sadly we have unwelcome visitors in the school again – head lice have once more put in an appearance. Please could we ask all parents to take a moment to check their child's hair and take any remedial action as necessary. Combing well-conditioned wet hair with a fine nit comb is one recommended solution. Thank you for your help with this recurring issue for any school.

It has been brought to my attention that a few parents have driven into the back car-park in the mornings to drop off their children. Please could we strongly request that this does not happen again as it puts other children who are walking into school at risk. It is also potentially a problem for staff arriving to park in what is quite a small space. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

Please could all children from Y1 to Y6 bring a carrier bag into school next Friday as they will be bringing home their work from last academic year (except Science books, which will come home in the summer). Thank you.

The School Council have asked me to give you advance notice of a special event on Friday 9th November. They have decided to use a fund raising idea put forward by Dan last year when he was a member of the Council as their chosen activity for 'Doing it for Dan'. There will be more information after half term, but we would ask you to 'save the date' for 3:30pm to 4ish on this date.

Another advance notice is an invitation to help 'put the garden to bed' work morning from 9:00am to 11:00am on Saturday 3rd November. Everyone is most welcome as many hands make light work.

It has transpired in this first half of the term that a fortnightly newsletter with a short Joinos update in the alternate week has allowed the school to communicate with you appropriately. We will continue to trial this model over the rest of the autumn term, before making any definitive decision.

I look forward to seeing you all next week at Parent Consultation Meetings (and the cake sale). Thank you all for your continued support of the school.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Next Week's Reminders

Tuesday - Parent Consultation Appointments

Wednesday - Bag2School (9am at the back gate)

Thursday - PTA Cake Sale
Parent Consultation Appointments

Friday - No Crossing Patrol

Safeguarding Lead on duty

Monday - Mrs Tamlyn

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Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn

Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn

Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

Meet the Governors....

Martin O'Neill has served on the governing body since 2013. He is Chair of the Curriculum and School Development Fund committees.

"I have worked for over 20 years in financial services regulation, and currently supervise international investment banks at the Financial Conduct Authority.

My experience in reviewing complex data allows me to bring skills to the governing body that can improve our understanding of the schools performance.

My roles as a governor require regular visits to the school, providing opportunity to see various classes in action. The enthusiasm of the children and the general atmosphere in the school make this a highlight of being a governor.

I have two children at the school in Years 2 and 6".

Data Checking Sheets

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their Data Checking Sheet(s). If you have not returned these, please do so as soon as possible as it is really important that the school holds up-to-date information for your child(ren).

No Crossing Patrol: Please note that there will be no crossing patrol on Friday, 19th October.

CLUB CANCELLATIONS

Due to Parent Consultation Appointments there will be:-

no Netball Club on Tuesday, 16th October and
no Running Club on Thursday, 18th October

Photography by Carrie

Carrie Beddall, a family photographer is offering a photography shoot for you & your family at school on **Saturday 3rd November**.

The cost for a sitting is just **£5**, (non-refundable). The sessions can be for just children, the entire family, grandparents etc. (animals can be accommodated, but only at the end of the afternoon session).

There will then be the opportunity to purchase a range of prints/packages from Carrie afterwards. (*Price List will be sent via Joinos or emailed on request to PTA email below*).

Sessions will be either 15 or 20 mins depending on number of participants.

If you would be interested in booking a slot, then please indicate below in order of preference e.g. 1,2, 3 etc which time slot would suit you.

Please return your form with payment in an envelope, marked 'PTA Photography' to the school office. Upon receipt of the form and payment, you will be emailed with confirmation of your allocated time slot, within your preferred hour. In the event you are unhappy with a time slot, please let us know, and if we cannot accommodate you, your payment will be returned.

Please note: due to high demand, bookings will only be accepted upon receipt of your booking form and payment.

All places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you need any further information, please contact us on: cheddingtonpta@gmail.com

Many thanks, PTA

PHOTOGRAPHY BY CARRIE:

To PTA via the School Office

Please indicate time slot in order of preference:

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Name: _____

Number of participants in Photo shoot: Adults: _____ Children: _____

Email address: _____

Contact telephone number: _____

PTA NEWS

Please note BAGS 2 SCHOOL will be collected on:

Wednesday 17th October 2018.

(Bags to be left at rear gate by 9 am).

The children will be bringing home a bag which can be filled with unwanted clothes, bags, belts and shoes. (Additional black bin bags are also accepted).

These items are then weighed by the company, who specialise in recycling textiles, and the school receive a price for the goods. The more we collect the greater the benefit for the school!



Cake sale: Thursday 18th October - 3.15pm

If you are able to supply cakes for our sale, can you please leave any donations in the school office on Thursday, the morning of the sale.

Your donations would be very much appreciated!