

Cheddington Combined School

NEWSLETTER



Friday, 4 January 2019

Head Teacher's Remarks

Reminders

Safeguarding Lead

Thank You

Happy New Year – I do hope that 2019 will be a positive year for us all, and enjoyed in good health. I also hope that you were all able to enjoy the festive season with your children; they have certainly returned to school very excited and keen to share their Christmas experiences with us.

May I begin this newsletter by extending the thanks of all the staff for the generous gifts which you so kindly gave to us for Christmas. They were much appreciated, both individually and collectively. There was much debate in the press prior to the end of the Autumn term regarding gifts, and I trust that no parent of our school felt pressured in any way. I can assure you that all the staff are grateful for your expressions of thanks. In our profession we do not have 'company perks', and that makes gifts from the children even more special. Thank you.

Having trialled last term having a fortnightly newsletter with a short update on the intervening weeks, we have decided to continue this as the feedback has been overwhelmingly positive. Obviously if there is anything urgent we will of course send a message via Joinos to keep you updated. Key dates for your diary were issued in September, but may I draw your particular attention to: assessment week which starts Monday 4th February; STEM week which commences Monday 11th February; Parent Consultation Meetings on Tuesday 5th March and Thursday 7th March; our annual Music Evening on Thursday 21st March; and that the term ends on Friday 5th April.

As today is the first really Arctic blast temperature wise, may I remind you all that, should we experience snow fall which makes it unsafe to travel for the staff and so we would need to close the school then this would be posted on our website, on the County website and, if possible, we would send a Joinos message also. It is never a decision which is taken lightly, and we follow Government Guidance which advises that we close the school if we would be unable to offer a meaningful education to all the children. Hopefully the weather will not disrupt us too much this year.

We are delighted to have welcomed Mrs Lightley to our staff team yesterday. She has just re-located from South Africa, which is a massive move for her and her family, and she is quickly settling in. She would like to invite Y1 parents to a short Meet the Teacher meeting on Wednesday 23rd January at 2:55pm, so that you can meet her formally prior to Parent Consultation Meetings after the half term break. We do hope many of you will be able to pop in on that occasion, even though you will no doubt have spoken with her when collecting your children over the next couple of weeks.

Our playground is now safe again, and the school field will receive more attention in the coming weeks. Other improvements planned in the coming months are the pond renovation, for which the PTA raised the funds, and the redesign of the Music Room to create a dedicated instrumental teaching space in addition to a class teaching space. I will obviously keep you informed of developments with those projects accordingly.

We are looking forward to another busy term, and have some lovely activities planned to inspire the children – I know that they may not share these with you, so I will try to keep you updated!

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Reminders

Tuesday, Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday, Reception Parents Visit

Forest School - Children to remember outdoor clothing

All Clubs start

Safeguarding Lead on duty

Monday - Mrs Tamlyn

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Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn

Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn

Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

Thank You

Thank you so much to everyone who very kindly sent in gifts for the staff. We all appreciate this very much.

We would like to wish you all a Happy New Year!

