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It was lovely to welcome the children back from their half-term break. They have returned excited to share their experiences and to move forward with their learning. It was wonderful too this week to see so many of the children in their Scouting and Guiding Association uniforms for World Thinking Day yesterday. If you follow the school on Twitter you will already know that almost half the school participated. We hope to make this an annual event as it is important to celebrate the commitment of the children.

Next week are our Spring term Parent Consultation meetings. The staff are looking forward to sharing with you the progress your children have been making and targets to help them move forward. As usual at this time of year you will be able to look through your children's books, so please do arrive approximately ten minutes early for your booked appointment so you can enjoy looking at their work. The Book Fair will be open for you and your children to peruse, and the Governors will be serving tea or coffee (for a small donation), please do take a moment to chat with them. Would parents of Y6 children please note that the children are invited to join you at the consultation meeting. We are trialling this as it is good preparation for secondary school where the pupils are expected to attend.

The Book Fair kindly donated five vouchers to allow children to select a book or books to that value. We held a draw, and congratulations to the children whose names were picked out this time – Dorian, Sian, Grace, Tia and Alice – we hope you enjoy choosing your books.

Please note later in the newsletter the clubs which will not be on next week due to other commitments. Thank you.

Please could I remind all families as to the legal requirements if your child is absent from school. Please phone the school on the first day of absence to explain your child will not be able to attend and give the reason. On the day your child returns to school following an absence they should bring a written note which you have signed explaining the absence. We are required to have a parental signature, so please do not send an e-mail. Thank you for your help in this. Unfortunately a considerable amount of time is being taken up 'chasing' absence notes, and as this is a legal requirement it is very important that the children bring these notes as they return to school.

Next Thursday, 1st March, is World Book Day. We would like the children, if they are able to, to bring a favourite book and be prepared to share with their class why they would recommend it as a great read. (Please note that we are not asking the children to dress up.) The children will be bringing home today their World Book Day £1 book token which can be used at the Book Fair if you prefer, or at local book shops.

Finally some fantastic news – Alice Holder in Y5 has qualified for the National Cross Country Championships to represent the County. This is an amazing achievement and we wish her luck for 24th March. Well done Alice!

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special learners this week who are:

from YR: - Josie Harris and Erin Wheeler
from Y1: - Harley Gatt and Edie Spencer
from Y2: - Sebastian Craft and Emily Dowling
from Y3: - Amber Koutsou and Elliot Skeldon
from Y4: - Savannah Powell and Alex Wood
from Y5: - Amelie George and Archie Horsman
from Y6: - Jacob McNorton and Tess Pledge

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

Parent Consultation Days, Tuesday, 27 February and Thursday, 1 March.

The Governing Body Parent Survey 2018

Every year in the Spring we, the Governing Body, ask the parents of Cheddington Combined School for their views on various aspects of the school and their children's learning.

The 2018 survey will go live in conjunction with the parent consultation meetings next week and the specific details will be available then.

We would encourage all parents to take a couple of minutes to complete the survey and there will be the opportunity to leave comments at the end to explain your answers in more detail if you wish.

Your reply is anonymous and the answers and your comments come direct to the Governing Body. We welcome your thoughts on areas of improvement as well as those areas that warrant good praise and identifying both are valuable to us.

The survey results will help us to assist the School in developing strategies and focus areas of work for the rest of this, and for future academic years. By sharing your views with us you will be helping the school to improve as your answers have a direct effect on your children's learning.

With thanks

Dr Simon Aulton

Chair of Governors

CLUB CANCELLATIONS NEXT TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY

Please note that the following Cubs are cancelled due to Parent Consultation Appointments:-

Tuesday, 27th February - Netball

Thursday, 1 March - Running Club

Please also note that there is no Boys' Football training on Wednesday as there is a Match.

All other Clubs will be on as usual

A very well done to all the Year 5 and Year 6 children who took part in the recent Cross Country event at the Cottesloe School. A great effort from all the children.

Year 6 Leavers' Hoodies Order Form

Provided there is sufficient interest, we will soon be placing an order for leavers' hoodies for Y6, the same as we have done for the past few years. This order will be printed with a number 18 on the back, incorporating the names of all Y6 students. The cost depends upon the size you choose. Sample hoodies in all three sizes are available to try on at the office if required, to help decide which size you need.

We MUST receive payment with your order – either by cheque made payable to Cheddington School PTA, cash or bank transfer (details supplied below). Any questions please contact Kate Holder on kate.holder@hotmail.com

Colour (please circle)	Size (please circle)	Price
Purple with sun yellow inner hood	9/11	£17
	12/13	£17
	14/15 (adult XS)	£20
French navy with fire red inner hood	9/11	£17
	12/13	£17
	14/15 (adult XS)	£20

Please write in capital letters the name your child wants to be printed on the back of the hoodie i.e. Mathilda could be Tilly plus surname (no nicknames please).

Total money enclosed/to be transferred	£
Cash/Cheque/Bank Transfer	

Name of child	
Contact number	

*** Unfortunately we cannot accept any orders without full payment by either:

- Cash
- Cheque made payable to Cheddington School PTA
- Bank Transfer to HSBC Tring branch 40 44 32 Account 11015486

Order deadline is ***Thursday March 29th 2018***.....
 THIS IS A ONE-OFF OPPORTUNITY TO ORDER. PLEASE DON'T MISS OUT!



PERSONALISED LEGO KEYRINGS!

Thank you for all the Lego Keyring orders - there were over 100 orders!

The children brought these home yesterday.

Thank you for your support!

The PTA



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