



Friday, 2 November 2018

Head Teacher's Remarks

Reminders

Safeguarding Lead

Book Fair

Christmas Jumper Day

KS1/Rec Performance

It was lovely to welcome the children back after half term. This week has also seen the children have a great time dressed to celebrate All Hallows Eve – they looked amazing on Wednesday, with some most inventive costumes and incredible face paint effects. We know that they really enjoyed this day and the PTA appreciate the donations.

As you are no doubt aware, Armistice Day this year is commemorated on Remembrance Sunday – which seems particularly poignant for the centenary of the end of the Great War when the guns fell silent in 1918. All children from the school and their families are cordially invited to join in the village commemoration, and we hope as many of you as can do so will attend this special occasion. There is a half hour service at St Giles starting at 10:00am, after which there is a silence at the memorial on the village green at 11:00am. I know that a large number of our children will be parading with the uniformed organisations, and if other children would like to parade too in their school uniform, some of the school staff will be present to help support that. (I cannot be at Cheddington commemoration as my family are involved in Aylesbury.) On Monday 12th we will hold a small commemoration just for the children in school, as we do not wish to detract from the village event. Next year, as Armistice Day will be a school day, we will return to a commemoration on the green to which the all members of the village community will be invited.

We would like to invite all parents to a meeting at 7:30pm on Tuesday 27th November to be held in the school hall. This is our launch of parental access to the on-line tracking system we use to assess the children's attainment and progress. You will receive your unique log-in at this meeting which will allow you to see how your child is working against Key Performance Indicators, and therefore where you can support in the learning. There are other features too which have the potential to be very exciting and help us to work in partnership to benefit all the children. We do hope that a parent from all families will be able to come to this launch event. Please add it to your diary.

It does seem a little annoying in these days of electronic communication that we are required to have hand signed notes from parents regarding absence, withdrawal from PE lessons or another adult collecting your child. This is a safeguarding issue, as an e-mail could be from someone other than yourself. We do understand that very occasionally you may need to make alternative arrangements for collection during the day due to unforeseen events, in which case please telephone the office so that we have confirmation that this is your wish in addition to an e-mail, as the office receives a huge number of e-mails during the day and the staff cannot be constantly checking if there has been a late communication. That way, we know that the message is from you as the parent, and so your child will be safe. We thank you for your co-operation with this.

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This coming half term is a long one, and the children will become increasingly tired as the weeks progress. Tired children do 'fall out' with one another, and at times say and do things without appropriate thought! We would ask that if your child is having friendship difficulties, you mention this to us and allow us to address in school issues in school. These things can usually be dealt with easily and quickly blow over; and therefore it is better in the first instance not to get involved as adults. Hopefully we will all have a peaceful run up to Christmas (scarily in eight weeks!) but I am sure there will be some 'moments' along the way.

Friday 16th November is Children in Need day this year. As a school we do support this national event and the School Council this year have decided to hold a Bring and Buy Sale of children's books and toys at which all items will be priced at £1. If your child has a book or toy which is still in good condition but they are ready to part with it and choose something new, then please could it be brought into school on Wednesday 14th November. The sale will then be held on the Friday at which they can purchase another book or toy from the donations. One book or toy per child for both donation and purchase keeps this fair for everyone, and means we do not have a surplus of items left at the end of the day. The Council hope that everyone will be able to take part in this 'swap-shop' style sale.

Please do take the time to read the rest of the newsletter – it is packed with information about upcoming events in school. We look forward to another busy and happy half term.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

<u>Reminders</u>	<u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u>
7th November - 8.45am Reception Parents Visit (now first Wednesday of the month)	Monday - Mrs Tamlyn
9th November - Years 5 and 6 - Open University Visit (Packed lunch required)	Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn
3.15pm - Doing it for Dan, 10p Games	Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn
14th November - Year 2 trip to Oxford	Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn
16th November - Children in Need	Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

Book Fair

Thank you to everyone who bought books at the recent Book Fair.

The school has received £638 in commission which will go towards books for our library and classrooms.



Friday 23rd November Christmas Jumper Day!!

PTA NEWS

You are welcome to come to school in a Christmas jumper (rest of school uniform should still be worn!)

In exchange, we would be grateful if you could bring a bottle....(bubble bath, squash, wine, mulled wine) or chocolate.

These donations will be used at our Christmas Market which takes place on Saturday 24th November.

Cheddington Combined School

Dear Parents,

Re. Key Stage 1/Reception: "A Little Bird Told Me"

Reception/Key Stage 1 pupils would like to invite you to one of the following performances:

Friday, 7th December at 2.00pm Dress Rehearsal
Tuesday, 11th December at 2.00pm
Thursday, 13th December at 5.30pm

Programmes may be ordered now, priced at £2, and will be sent home as soon as they are printed. Unfortunately, seating is limited, and it is therefore in your interest to request programmes as early as possible. Orders are limited to **two programmes per family** and these will be issued on a **non exchangeable/non refundable basis**.

Additional programmes will be offered subject to availability following the first allocation. These will be issued on a first come first served basis, again limited to two per family. Keep your eyes on the Newsletter for the release date. Due to everyone's excellent co-operation, we have been able to honour almost all requests for programmes over the past few years.

In order to allow our children to concentrate and perform to their best, we are sorry that children under school age are not admitted to performances. All pupils and Pre-school will have had an opportunity to watch the Play in school.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs. K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

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To: Mrs Hamper (in a sealed envelope, please)

I would like to order 1 / 2 programmes for **"A Little Bird Told Me"**

and enclose £2 / £4. (please delete as appropriate)

(CASH ONLY PLEASE)

<i>PERFORMANCE</i>	<i>Max.total of 2</i>
<i>Friday, 7.12.18 at 2pm</i>	
<i>Tuesday, 11.12.18 at 2pm</i>	
<i>Thursday, 13.12.18 at 5.30pm</i>	

Name: **Class:** (eldest child in R /Key Stage1)