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The past two weeks have been particularly busy ones for all of us in school. The children have enjoyed their learning activities, and a number of them have been to show me their successes. It is always such a pleasure to celebrate with them.

Red Nose day was great fun – the children v teacher quiz was comprehensively won by the children, and everyone looked wonderful in their non-red. We raised £400 for Comic Relief which is a fantastic sum. Thank you so much for your kind donations.

On Wednesday, Y6 worked with visitors from Waddesdon Manor on a science project, and are looking forward to visiting the Manor next week.

Yesterday YR enjoyed a wonderful exploration of Tring Museum. They returned to school 'buzzing' with excitement and keen to share what they had seen and learned. Their behaviour on the visit was exemplary, and we have every reason to be very proud of them.

Yesterday evening was our annual Music Evening. Almost half the school were involved, either as individual performers, or in choir, or both! The children performed with confidence and skill, and were a credit to their parents and music teachers – I am incredibly proud of all of them. I would like to extend my thanks not only to all the children who took part, but also to the visiting music teachers who encourage the children on a weekly basis and came yesterday evening to support them – Mr Daneke, Mrs Dryburgh, Mrs Fowler, Mr Jones, Mrs Johnston and Mrs Nathan. Music in our school is in safe hands, and flourishing. We are all looking forward to the new music room being operational, and I thank those parents who were able to donate towards new provision for all the children.

I am delighted to share with all of you that we have been successful in recruiting a new teacher to the staff team who will start work with us on 1st July. We were fortunate to have a number of strong applicants, and the interview process was robust and considered. Miss Bateman is very much looking forward to joining Cheddington School in the summer. We are continuing to actively seek a suitable and capable interim teacher for the Y1 class in a very challenging market situation, and will, of course, keep Y1 parents informed of any changes.

As a school, we follow best practice guidelines and advice. The Department for Education have directed schools to adopt their model Complaints Policy, which was updated by them in January. The Governing Board have ratified our adoption of this new Policy which is now on the school website. The DfE have made considerable changes to the system, and I feel it is important to make you aware of the implications of these. The new Policy encourages an extended dialogue with myself to seek a resolution to any complaint. Should a complainant not feel satisfied, then the complaint process moves immediately to a more formal stage. I feel it is pertinent to explain that in this move there is a minimum cost to the school of approximately £2000. In these times of very challenging education budgets, such a cost will have a knock-on effect on every child in the school with regards to how we can support their learning. I do hope that we will be able to work together to resolve any complaints made to the school in a positive and timely manner – I am always keen to work with you to ensure the best outcomes for all the children. (I would like to add that all school Policies are reviewed regularly, and appropriate updates and changes made in line with recommended best practice and legal guidelines.)

It has been brought to my attention by the staff that there has been a fairly recent change in the language the children are using around attitudes to each other. We are not able to identify the cause of this more extreme vocabulary but it is concerning. We will be working with all the children across the school in the next few weeks to make every effort to address this matter, and would appreciate your support in discussing with your children an understanding of the words they are choosing to use. Thank you.

On a more positive note we wish a number of our children good luck as they take part in a cross country run at Waddesdon Manor tomorrow. So many children were keen to be involved, but sadly we were only permitted to enter one team. I am sure they will have a good time, and enjoy the experience.

May I give you advance notice that on Friday 5th April, the last day of term, the children are invited to come to school 'dressed down' for a donation to the National Autistic Society. A number of our families, and the school, work with this wonderful Society to ensure we offer the best support to those children who process the world in a different way. We would love it if the children could wear multi-colours to represent a spectrum.

A further advance notice is that on Wednesday 1st May at 2:15pm we will be offering a third opportunity for parents to come and learn about our FROG assessment system, and to receive their log-in details which enable parents to see their child's standards in particular areas of learning across the curriculum. As our end of year reports will focus on next steps, rather than past successes, this will be helpful in understanding how your child has performed across the year. We look forward to welcoming those of you who were not able to make a previous meeting.

As Spring is officially here, I do hope that we can all enjoy a pleasant weekend.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

Reminders

Tuesday, Year 4 Swimming

Wednesday, Year 2 Trip to Bletchley Park

Wednesday, Girls Football Match

Boys, No Football or Training

Thursday, Boys Football Training

Friday, Year 2 Trip to Waddesdon Manor

Friday, Discos Rec and KS1 5.15pm - 6.15pm

KS2 - 6.30pm - 7.30pm

Safeguarding Lead on duty

Monday - Mrs Tamlyn

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Dear Parents

As Chair of the Governing Board I would like to encourage any parents who have not yet done so to complete the survey. The results come directly to the Governing Body and we use the results to help review and develop strategies with the school for its continual development. The survey results do make a difference.

The survey will only take a couple of minutes of your time to complete and you have the option to leave comments and suggestions at the end of the survey.

The link to the survey is bit.ly/ccsparentsurvey2019

Thank you.

Dr Simon Aulton

Chair of the Governing Body

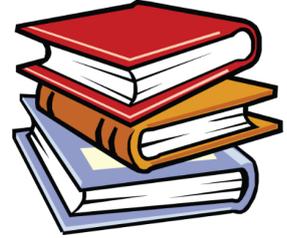
Book Fair

Well Done!

Thank you to everyone who helped and attended the recent Book Fair.

We raised £740 which gives the school £380 commission to spend on books for our Classes and Library.

Thank you!



Year 3 - Woodrow High House

The children are bringing home a letter containing information on the Year 4 trip to Woodrow High House in September.

URGENT - WATER BOTTLES

Please do not put water bottles into your child's book bags if it is **not leak proof**. There have been increasing instances where the children's reading and library books are being ruined when water bottles leak. Parents will be asked to replace these books in these instances.

Many thanks for your help.

Football Taster Sessions

Sunday, 28 April, 5, 12 and 19 May 2019

Open to all boys and girls currently in Reception
11.15 - 12.15 on Ivinghoe Green.



For 4 weeks our FA qualified coaches will run a series of free fun football related coaching sessions for this group of budding young footballers.

On completion of the 4 weeks, if your child is interested in joining the Junior Football Club, they can start with the new Under 6 team for September 2019.

Please contact:

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SSE Wildcats

'The FA Girls' Football Centres

Get involved with SSE Wildcats. Have fun, make friends, play football at Overstone Combined School, Wing.

Every Wednesday, 4.30-5pm

Cost £2 per session

Launch Date - 24th April with a guest Coach from Arsenal Women FC

Girls aged 5-11 years

This Saturday, 23rd March is National 'Learn to Play Day' and Amersham Music Centre (part of Bucks Music Trust) is proud to be one of 106 LTPD venues nationally. The event is coordinated by charity Music for All – you may have seen the article in the Bucks Advertiser recently (attached).

Their teaching team will be **offering FREE instrumental 'try out' lessons from 9am – 2pm** at Amersham School (HP7 9HH).

The booking system is now LIVE <http://www.bucksmusic.org/ltpd-amersham>

EVERYONE is welcome! Parents/Carers are also invited to a go, it's never too late to start!