

Cheddington Combined School

NEWSLETTER



Friday, 17 January 2020

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Welcome back to the start of the Spring term. It does feel slightly late to be saying Happy New Year, but I do hope that the start of the new decade will be positive for all of us. Thank you to all parents who so kindly thought of myself and the staff at Christmas – your gifts were much appreciated.

I am sorry to have to start the year with a strong reminder to all parents regarding parking. In December there were a number of issues caused for our neighbours due to inconsiderate parking around the school. The Police are aware of the situation and are monitoring. Please could everyone who cannot use the park and walk facilities park with due consideration for the rules of the road and for the needs of our neighbours. Thank you.

As a school we have always tried to allow for the preferences of the children where possible. However some of the new range of hair accessories, particularly some hair bands, are unsuitable for school on health and safety grounds. Hair bands should be close to the head and those with 'ears' or other projections are not appropriate. Ideally hair accessories should be red or neutral in colour and close to the head. Thank you for your support with this.

The children may have mentioned to you that they have completed some tests over the past week. We have introduced a new internal assessment procedure for the children which will normally take place towards the end of each term. These recent papers were from Autumn term, and moving forwards the children will complete these in the second last week of each term. This will enable staff to identify even more closely those areas of challenge for the children. As usual we reassure the children that they do not need to worry about these, just to do their best. They offer another element of our professional judgements to ensure the children make the best progress possible.

We sent out last week on County instruction a reminder to all parents regarding notification of school closure should it snow. Please do take time to read the information sent. Thank you. Hopefully it will not be an issue, but we must be prepared as the teachers do have to travel, and should not do so if the roads are considered dangerous by the relevant authorities.

Choir are off to Birmingham to sing as part of the Young Voices project today. The rest of the school are enjoying Winnie the Pooh day; and I look forward to seeing the work next week. We wish the Choir well for their performance (and very long day!). Next week Y3 are visiting the Bucks Museum in Aylesbury as part of their history learning. I am sure they will have a good day.

Finally as you are all aware Mr Fowler left us at the end of last term. We are delighted to welcome Mr Willimont to the team – he has already settled in to Y4. There have also been some internal movements of some of the team in order to ensure the smooth running of the school. As usual all staff who have a change of timetable have conducted hand over meetings. We look forward to an exciting term.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

<u>Reminders</u> Thursday, 23rd January - Year 3 Trip to Bucks County Museum Packed Lunch needed	<u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u> Monday - Mrs Tamlyn Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn Friday - Mrs Tamlyn
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Curriculum Enrichment

If your child is doing cookery in their Curriculum Enrichment lesson, they will require to bring a container into school, clearly marked with their name. Without a container, they will not be able to bring their cookery home.

Thank you

URGENT - LUNCH BOXES

Could parents please ensure that your child's lunch box has their name clearly written on the outside. Children do have the same lunch box! This will also make it easier for staff to identify if they are lost/left on the trolley at the end of the day.

Thank you for your help in this matter.