



Friday, 31 January 2020

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**Head Teacher's Remarks**

Reminders

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The children have had a busy time with some great learning opportunities over the past two weeks. Y3 visited the Bucks County Museum in Aylesbury for an Iron Age work-shop, and were very proud of the beakers they made. This visit supported the learning they have been doing in history. Yesterday Y2 received special visitors from the Japanese Embassy to support their work on Japan. They were fascinated and really enjoyed their time.

You will be aware that we also had a visit from GIST this week – the cab of an articulated lorry parked on the playground. All our KS2 children were able to learn some important road safety lessons, and were amazed at the 'blind spots' despite being so high up. The stopping distance even at low speeds was very good learning for the children. The gentlemen who taught the children have contacted the school since to say 'they are not used to having such well-behaved and studious pupils, and Cheddington is at the top of their page for school excellence'. We are very proud of the engagement and respect our children show to all visitors to our school.

We have noticed lately that a number of the children are wearing unsuitable ear-rings for school. Ear-rings should be small neat studs and must be able to be removed independently by the children for PE lessons. Other jewellery should not be worn for school. Once your child can tell the time a watch may be worn should your child wish to, but this is at their own risk. Thank you for your support in this matter.

Given that this is the season of bugs, I would like to remind you that you should contact the school office on the first day of absence by 8:45am to advise us that your child is ill. On return to school we are required by law to have a hand signed note to explain the reason for the absence. If your child has contracted a gastric bug, then they may not return to school until at least 48 hours have passed since the last bout of sickness. It is inevitable that illnesses do 'do the rounds' when we have so many children, and we do stress good hygiene habits constantly with the children to minimise the risks.

Next week Y6 and Y2 will be completing tests which will help prepare them for the Statutory Assessment Tests which they will do in May. The children should not be worried about these, and you will be informed of any key targets at Parent Consultation meetings after half term. The following week is STEM week (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) when the focus of some special activities will be Our Diverse Planet. It promises to be an exciting time.

Please note that there will be no crossing patrol next Friday. I am not certain at this point that I will be able to support the children crossing as I may need to be out of school at a meeting.

Mrs K. Tamlyn  
Head Teacher

<u>Reminders</u>	<u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u>
Wednesday, 5th February - 8.45am, Reception Parents Share the Learning	Monday - Mrs Tamlyn
Thursday, 6th February - Y1 Trip to Bucks County Museum (Packed lunch required)	Tuesday - Mrs Tamlyn
- No Running Club	Wednesday - Mrs Tamlyn
Friday, 7th February - No Crossing Patrol	Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn
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### Clarification of our Payment System

The school uses e-Schools which is our messaging and payment system.

If you download the e-Schools app, this can be used to log on and see your messages. You cannot make payments to the school when opening e-Schools using the app. You have to either log onto e-Schools through your mobile phone or log on using a computer or tablet.

If you are unable to log on to e-Schools, please contact the Office and we will be able to let you know your user name and give you a temporary password which can then be changed when you log on.

If you have any problems with this, please do not hesitate to contact the Office.

### Crossing Patrol

Please note that there will be no crossing patrol on Friday, 7th February in the morning and afternoon.

### Playscheme - Summer 2020

We know this is very popular with the children and would like to let you know that this year Playscheme will be the week commencing Monday, 27th July. This is for ages 5-12.

More information will follow in due course.