



Friday, 26 April 2019

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Welcome back to our summer term. I do hope you all were able to enjoy the amazing weather we experienced over the Easter weekend – how unusual for a bank holiday to be so gloriously hot and sunny! The children have already shared with us some of the fun they had over the break, and they are raring to go with their topics for this term.

This term will be a very busy one for all our children, with assessments, arts week, sports week, production and all sorts of special activities, visitors and visits. The first half of term is very short, so the learning from May will continue into June, before changing topics for the rest of June and July. May I remind you that the term finishes for the children on Wednesday 24th July. This date was set by Buckinghamshire County Council and is different from our neighbouring counties. Please check the calendar shared earlier this year and on the website, we will do all we can to help you to be aware of the important dates for your child.

Curriculum Newsletters are being brought home today, so please ask your child for this. As always we hope that they will be of interest and spark conversations with your children about their learning.

As part of our world learning and charity involvement we would like to invite your child to participate in a dress down day on Friday 10th May. It would be lovely if the children could come dressed in the colours or dress which reflects the country they study throughout the year: YR – Australia; Y1 – Sweden; Y2 – Japan; Y3 – Italy; Y4 – Brazil; Y5 – Spain; and Y6 - the first nations of North America. Instead of a sterling donation, we invite the children, if they can, to bring any foreign currency (coins or notes) which will be donated to Hope and Aid Direct, who offer humanitarian aid to refugees. (They can also accept any pre-decimalisation UK currency.) This charity is based in Chelmsford, and a lady from the village asked if the school could be involved. It should be a lovely day, and I look forward to seeing the flag colours reflected in the children's choice of dress down.

We are looking forward to welcoming those of you who are able to attend, and have not already spent time with us on one of our evening meetings, our FROG information meeting on Wednesday 1st May at 2:15pm in the school hall. At the meeting you will receive your log-in to the FROG system and gain an understanding of how it can help you to understand how your child is doing with their learning. As this will offer parents a detailed picture, our reports this year will not outline every area of achievement as you will already have been able to look at this at your leisure. I do hope that you will be able to prioritise this if you were not able to make the evening times.

As you will be aware from the press, May is the time at which Primary school testing takes place. Our assessment week is the week commencing Monday 13th May, though KS1 children will take part in various tasks/activities over the next three weeks. As a school we believe that the results do not define the children, and that a broad and balanced curriculum is essential to the development of any child. We do not stress the children about any assessment, we simply remind them to always try their best in any and every activity or task they are faced with. We do encourage the children to rest and eat sensibly as that is a healthy approach to life. We would, however, be grateful if appointments could not be arranged during assessment week if at all possible, as the children find it better to complete any special tasks with their peers. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

At this time of year, the weather is very changeable so please could you help your child to remember a coat. As the children have a habit of 'abandoning' items of their clothing around the school *please* could you ensure that all items of clothing brought to school are clearly named. Thank you.

We do look forward to a super term with the children and to welcoming you to our Arts Week open time, and to Sports Day and the KS2 production.

Mrs K. Tamlyn
Head Teacher

<u>Reminders</u>	<u>Safeguarding Lead on duty</u>
Wednesday, 1st May - FROG Meeting 2.15pm in the Hall	Monday - Mrs Tamlyn
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	Thursday - Mrs Tamlyn
	Friday - Mrs Tamlyn

<u>Dates for your Diary</u>
Thursday, 23rd May - Arts Open Morning (time to be confirmed)
Monday, 24th June - Sports Day R and KS1 am KS2 pm
Wednesday, 26th June - Reserve Sports Day
5th, 8th and 9th July - School Production

<u>Playscheme 2019</u>
Summer Playscheme will once again be running from Monday 29th July to Friday, 2nd August. The children need to be aged between 5 and 12 and either live in Cheddington or attend Cheddington School (current Year 6 and Year 7 are eligible).
Application Forms will be available from 1st June on the website www.cheddingtonplayscheme.co.uk and at Mason Stores Top Shop.
Enquires to either Amy, Ben 662847 or Karen 661284.