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### Head Teacher's Remarks

This term seems to be rushing by – it hardly seems possible that we are already at the end of our third week. The children are all settled into their new classes and learning despite some staff absence which is beyond my control.

As the children may have told you, some of our new hygiene facilities are now in use. We are experiencing some difficulties as we wait for the new water main to be installed, and I will keep you informed of progress with this urgent matter. However the new facilities themselves are beautiful and so much better for the children.

Most of the extra-curricular activities have started this week, and it is encouraging how many children are getting involved. I am sure they will enjoy this aspect of school life. One or two of the clubs still have spaces, so if your child is interested in joining another activity it may be worth asking.

I would like to draw your attention to a date in the calendar. On Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> October at 7:30pm you are cordially invited to a meeting about our new assessment system. As you will be aware the Government abolished the levels system in 2014 and this year introduced new end of Key Stage Assessments. Consequently schools have been required to develop and use non-level based assessment systems. We considered most carefully before deciding which system would offer us and yourselves the best information about your child. If you are interested in attending please could you complete the reply slip in this newsletter. We do have a limit on numbers, but should be able to accommodate one parent from each family if you would like to attend. Thank you.

This week saw our elections for House Captains, Junior House Captains, School Councillors, Sports Councillors and Eco Councillors. We would like to thank all those children who stood for election and to congratulate our successful candidates. They are listed on page 2 of this newsletter – well done children. Mr Fowler, Mr Reid and Mrs Williams look forward to meeting with the new Councils next week for the first time. I look forward to listening to and working with our new pupil representatives over the coming year.

We are seeking to recruit a new Parent Governor to serve as part of our Governing Body of the School. Further details are enclosed in this newsletter. Please do consider if this might be a role which would be of interest to you to support the school.

Next Wednesday at 4:00pm Year 6 and their parents are invited to a meeting about the Y6 residential visit to the River Dart Centre. I am sure you will find this most informative and look forward to seeing you there.

If your child is going to be away from school due to a special authorised occasion or due to illness, please could you remember to cancel their hot lunch if you have ordered one for that day. Thank you. Lunches which are not cancelled are charged to the school.

Finally, it is always so kind of parents to celebrate a child's birthday by sending little treats to share with the class. However I must remind you that, as we have a number of children in school with severe allergies, we are a nut free school. We also remind the children that they must take home these treats, not eat them on the playground as they leave school. This allows you as their parent to decide when they are eaten. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

Mrs K. Tamlyn  
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special stars this week who are:

from YR: - Daisy Redding and Edie Spencer  
 from Y1: - Oliver Hine and Archie Sykes  
 from Y2: - Olivia Cleland and Amy Whinnett  
 from Y3: - Phoebe Campling and Alex Wood  
 from Y4: - Ava Maxwell and Ella Senior  
 from Y5: - Maisey Beighton and Daniel Chang  
 from Y6: - Millie McIntosh and Nancy McLeman

We are celebrating our Special Stars this year by each child having a gold star badge to wear during the following week. These badges should be worn with pride, and returned to their class teacher on the Friday morning ready to be given to the next child. Thank you for your help and support with this.

#### COUNCILS 2016 -2017

Class	School Council	Sports Council	Eco Warriors
R	Zach Hart Isabella Sniders	xx	xx
1	Toby Boyes April Waller	Oliver Hine Nuria Jimenez Sobrevals	Celeste Cotterell Sebastian Craft
2	Olivia Cleland Elliot Skeldon	Lillia Abbott Jack Ambrose	Elsie Adamson Barnaby Holder
3	Beatrice Passmore Evan Parry	Libby Ollerenshaw Alex Wood	Grace Ambrose Max Lacey
4	Beth Anker Ryan Stonestreet	Alice Holder Zak Jones	Amelie George Jacob O'Neill
5	Lucia Robertson Finley Worthington	Tegan Darvell Alfie Woodcock	Poppy Bourn Oscar Johnston
6	Olivia Garnell Olivia Moss	Chloe Miles Lauren Wood	Phoebe Hodgetts Ella van de Linde
BEACON	ORCHARD	TOWER	WINDMILL
Millie McIntosh Luke Manlow Bea Ornbo David Eeley	Kara Lewthwaite Jake Russon Grace Lewis Finn Concannon	Molly Stinson Alex Humble Tia Stinson Seth Taylor	Freyja Clark Griff Collins Constance Thompson Ted Sladden

Librarian teams:

Elizabeth Audoire, Verity Foster, and Frankie Tolan-Pope; Erin Brown, Natasha Cheasley and Tiggy Long

JRSOs:

Georgia Aulton, Alex Humble, Millie McIntosh, Madeleine Roberts and Erin Sykes

## Travel Plan

Please see below the updated walk to school route for the Church Hill area (in green), and a proposed route (in red), which incorporates Leeches Way.

The 'Green Route' will commence 'officially' on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> September, led by John Birt & Jo Wheeler. Apologies to those of you who walk from the recreation End of the village, at present we have no-one to lead these walks.



## School Calendar

The PTA are currently working on producing a calendar for 2017. It will contain artwork from the children on each month's page and the intention is to sell it at our popular Victorian Market at the end of November.

As our aim is to raise funds for the school, we would like to keep production costs to a minimum. We are therefore seeking help from local businesses to advertise in the calendar at a cost of £50.

The details of our kind sponsors would be printed throughout the calendar, where the name/logo/phone number, would be displayed on a daily basis in approximately 200 homes!

Please contact [kate.holder@hotmail.com](mailto:kate.holder@hotmail.com) if you think you can assist please speak with any member of the PTA.



## ICE HOCKEY!!!

**Come and enjoy a great family night out watching the fastest game on earth!**

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016 7pm, Planet Ice, Milton Keynes, MK9 1BL.**

Cheddington School PTA have teamed up with Milton Keynes Lightning Ice Hockey team to offer discounted tickets to see a league game. Half of all ticket sale monies goes straight to the school, helping to fund the planned renovation of the activity trail.

A family ticket for 2 adults and 2 children aged 2-16 years costs **just £10** which is a massive saving on the usual family ticket price of £34. Individual adult tickets can be purchased for £5 and individual children £3. Under 2s are free.

You can stay after the match and skate for free if you have your own skates or hire them for £2.20 a pair (payable on the evening).

Doors open at 6.15 and tickets are collected upon arrival.

If you would like to join us for an evening of fun whilst at the same time helping your school then please fill in the slip below and return it to the school office with a cheque made out to Cheddington PTA by Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> September. Thank You!

To: Cheddington School PTA

MK Lightning tickets, Sat 1<sup>st</sup> October 7pm

Number of family tickets (£10) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of individual adult tickets (£5) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of individual child tickets (£3) \_\_\_\_\_

Number of under 2 tickets (free) \_\_\_\_\_

Names of people in your party \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL PAID \_\_\_\_\_

Please remember to return your filled 'Bag 2 School' (which you should have received on Friday).

The bag should be deposited at the rear gate of the school by 9.00 am on TUESDAY 27<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER.

It can be filled with any unwanted clothes, bags, belts and shoes.

The more we collect the greater the benefit for the school!

Many thanks in advance.



## PTA After School Club

Dear All,

The PTA are proposing to trial an after school club on a Thursday afternoon. Commencing on Thursday 29th September, ending Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October.

Children can partake in all sessions or just a selected week and places will be allocated on a first come, first serve basis.

We can accommodate 20 children at each session.

The club would commence at 3.15pm until 4.30 pm at a cost of £5 per child.

If you would like to register your interest, please e-mail: [cheddingtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:cheddingtonpta@gmail.com)

A number of planned activities will take place and your child will be provided with a light refreshment.

On receipt of your e-mail of interest, we will send a form for completion which details emergency contact numbers and if your child has any allergies or any information we should be aware of. Please then leave this form, with payment at the school office.

Please contact us no later than Tuesday 27th September to book your place for the first week.

Kind Regards,

PTA

## JRSOs

On Thursday 13th October we will be holding a themed walk to school. The theme will be a Mix 'n' Match theme. You can come into school with odd socks and odd shoes (suitable shoes).

If you would like to walk on the walk to school routes with JRSOs, the routes are the corner where Brownlow Lane and Goose Acre meet to school following Goose Acre the long way round and from Church Hill to school.

You could car share, take the school bus or ride a bike or scooter.

JRSOs

TO: ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS OF ALL CHILDREN ATTENDING CHEDDINGTON COMBINED SCHOOL

Re: CHEDDINGTON COMBINED SCHOOL GOVERNING BODY – ELECTION OF PARENT GOVERNOR

Dear Parent/Carer,

We currently have a vacancy for a new parent governor, directly elected by the parents. I am therefore writing to invite nominations. No formal qualifications are required; you just need common sense, time, enthusiasm and a commitment to working as part of a team to make a difference for all the children at our School. Research shows that being a school governor can provide an opportunity to develop a wide range of personal skills. As a guide, being a school governor would possibly take up 6 – 8 hours a month of your time.

We are keen to recruit parents and guardians coming from 'all walks of life' and representing all groups in our School community. You can find out more about the role by contacting the Head teacher, or the Chair of Governors, Mr Simon Aulton, by contacting the School Office on 01296 668324 or by email [office@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk](mailto:office@cheddington.bucks.sch.uk). There are also some leaflets available from the office which explain the role of the school governor.

Parents who are nominated for election must be proposed and seconded in writing, with nominations being signed by the proposer and seconder; the person nominated must also state in writing that he or she is willing to stand for election. Those eligible to stand are the parents or guardians of pupils who are currently registered pupils at this school. The proposer and seconder must also have a child currently in attendance at the school.

The term of office will be for a period of 4 years. A parent whose child leaves the school may continue as a parent governor until the end of their term of office, if he or she so wishes.

Nominations should be sent to me before the closing date which is 9:00am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. If there is only one parent nominated, they will of course be elected unopposed, but if there are more candidates than vacancies, a postal ballot will be held.

The ballot will be entirely secret and a further letter about the arrangements will be sent to you. All parents whose child/children attend this school will be entitled to vote in the postal ballot and voting will be on the basis of one vote per parent/legal guardian. We will circulate information from the candidates to all parents.

If it proves impossible to fill the vacancy, the Governing Body has the right to make an appointment in order to fill the required number of parent governor places on the Governing Body. If the need to do this arises, the governing body would first of all consider appointing a parent who has a child on roll at the school, but if it could not make an appointment, the governing body would consider a person who was a parent of a school-aged child, but not necessarily a registered pupil at this school.

Please note that governors will be required to produce evidence of identity and complete a declaration form. All governors of our school will be required to obtain a disclosure from the DBS.

I enclose a tear-off slip for use in the nominating procedure for parent governors which parents may find useful, but a separate nomination letter is just as acceptable. Please return the slip or letter by 9:00am on 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Yours sincerely,

K. Tamlyn

Head Teacher

Cheddington Combined School

Election of Parent Governor

I wish to nominate ..... for the position of parent governor.

SIGNED:.....DATE:.....

SECONDED:.....DATE:.....

I am prepared to accept this nomination .....

DATE.....

Please return to the Head Teacher by 9:00am on Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Please could candidates include information about themselves consisting of ***no more than 200 words***, for distribution to parents.

ASSESSMENT MEETING ON TUESDAY 11<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER:

I/we would like to attend the meeting about the new school assessment system at 7:30pm on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Child/ren name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

(Please return this slip to the office by Friday 7<sup>th</sup> October. Thank you.)