



# NEWSLETTER

Friday, 21 October 2016

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## Head Teacher's Remarks

Stars of the Week

Lunchtime French Club

Photography by Carrie

PTA News

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Half term has arrived with the onset of Autumn this year. Our mornings may be much colder but the atmosphere in school is warm and positive. The children have worked hard this half term and have settled into the demands of their new year group. It was lovely to see so many of you at our Parent Consultation Meetings this week. We do hope you found the discussions informative and helpful.

Thank you to everyone who has supported the PTA by ordering Christmas Cards which the children have designed. The children had worked so hard with the art work, and I am sure the final cards will be a joy to share at the festive season. Also a huge thank you for your support of the Book Fair. I do hope the children enjoy their new books; and the commission raised will go towards new books for the library and the classrooms.

Yesterday saw individual photographs taken. I was fortunate to see some of the results on screen and thought they looked lovely. The proofs will be coming to you after half term when you will be able to order from a selection of packs if you wish.

Please may I remind you at this half term time of one or two 'housekeeping' issues. If your child has been absent from school for any reason, then we do require a hand signed note to explain the reason for absence on the day of your child's return to school. This is in addition to any verbal or e-mail messages sent regarding the child's absence at the start of or during the period they are away from school. As this is a legal requirement for us, we do appreciate your prompt notes. Secondly, please could you encourage your children to take responsibility for checking that they have all their equipment for the school day with them in the morning. Whilst the office are pleased to help in cases of change or emergency, everyday equipment, such as water bottles and pencils cases etc, should already be with the children. Thank you for your help with this, as each forgotten item does take time for the staff to deliver to the children and disrupts the learning. Lastly, please could the children check that all items of uniform are named over half term. Some written labels do fade in the wash, and, whilst we make every effort to return named items to the children promptly, we have an increasing number of un-named or un-readable items in lost property.

I do hope that you noted on the calendar that the school will be commemorating Armistice Day on the village green at 10:55am on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> November. All parents and families are warmly invited to join the children for our brief time of reflection, and then to come into school for coffee and biscuits. We do hope that many of you will be able to join us.

I hope you will enjoy the spooky cakes this afternoon at the PTA sale, and that half term will offer some rest time for the children. Autumn term is always a long one and the second half of term will be very busy – both with learning and preparation for our celebration of the coming festive season.

Mrs K. Tamlyn  
Head Teacher

Congratulations to our special stars this week who are:

from YR: - Mathilda Hutton and Felix Persson  
from Y1: - Chloe Smith and Marisa Swart  
from Y2: - Hattie Sladden and Tia Stinson  
from Y3: - Jemima Johnston and Libby Ollerenshaw  
from Y4: - Cameron Jacobs and Imogen Ramoul  
from Y5: - Jack Miller and Tess Pledge  
from Y6: - Erin Brown and Ella Van de Linde

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.

## LUNCH TIME

### FRENCH CLUB

### FOR YEAR 1-3 CHILDREN

6 x 30 min lessons every Tuesday or Wednesday lunch time.

#### Tuesdays:

1<sup>st</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> November and 6<sup>th</sup> December

#### Wednesdays:

2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> November and 7<sup>th</sup> December

Cost: £30 for the 6 weeks.

A book & CD are also provided at a cost of £5.99.

Feedback is sent at the end of each term.

If you would like to book a space please email me directly by **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October** at [Laurence-clark@btconnect.com](mailto:Laurence-clark@btconnect.com) with your child's name & class, your name and a contact number.

An invoice will be sent once your child has been allocated a place.

If you have any questions, please contact me by email or on 07738 341775.

Merci,  
Laurence Clark

Photography by Carrie **\*\*PLEASE SEE UPDATED AVAILABLE SLOTS\*\***

Carrie Beddall, a family photographer is offering a photography shoot for you & your family at school on **Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> November.**

The cost for the 20 minute shoot is just **£5**, (*it can be just the children, you and the children, grandparents etc*) with the opportunity to purchase a range of prints/packages from Carrie afterwards.

If you would be interested in booking a slot, then please indicate below in order of preference e.g. 1,2, 3 etc which time slot would suit you.

Please return your form with payment in an envelope, marked 'PTA Photography' to the school office.  
(*Cheques made payable to: Cheddington School PTA*)

Upon receipt of the form and payment, we will email you with confirmation and a 20 minute time slot, within your preferred hour. In the event you are unhappy with a time slot, please let us know, and if we cannot accommodate you, your payment will be returned.

All places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

If you need any further information, please contact us on: [cheddingtonpta@gmail.com](mailto:cheddingtonpta@gmail.com)

Many thanks

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To PTA (via School Office)

11.30hrs – 12.00hrs \_\_\_\_\_

12.35hrs – 13.00hrs \_\_\_\_\_

13:00hrs – 14.00hrs \_\_\_\_\_

14.15hrs – 15.00hrs \_\_\_\_\_

15.00hrs – 16.00hrs \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of participants in Photo shoot: Adults: \_\_\_\_\_ Children: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact telephone number: \_\_\_\_\_

## PTA News

AGM – Monday 7 November, 7.00 pm start

Photos with Carrie – Sat 12 November, 10am to 4pm, £5 per family

Wear Christmas Jumpers – Wednesday, 16th Nov, please bring chocs, bottles or hamper items for the market

Christmas Market – Saturday 26 November, 1pm – 4pm

Disco – Friday 2 December, 6pm-7pm KS1, 7.15pm-8.15pm KS2

Christmas Shop – to be held at lunchtimes in the last full week of term

Do you know what the PTA pay for at school?

Well here's a list of what we have paid for over the past couple of years:

Year 3's recorders are purchased every year  
The school library computer system every year  
£200 per year group spent on learning aids  
Year 6 leavers' dictionaries every year  
Chairs in the hall  
Queen's commemorative coins

We have been saving up so that the adventure play area can be replaced and we are hoping that this will be achieved in 2017.

Of course we couldn't do this without you attending our events and contributing to our fundraising efforts. So thank you.