

Friday 15th September 2023

Term 1 Week 2 Newsletter



Welcome from Headteacher Mr Jeffery

Welcome to a new term and academic year at Cheddar Grove. I would like to offer an especially warm welcome to all our new nursery and reception children who are starting Cheddar Grove.

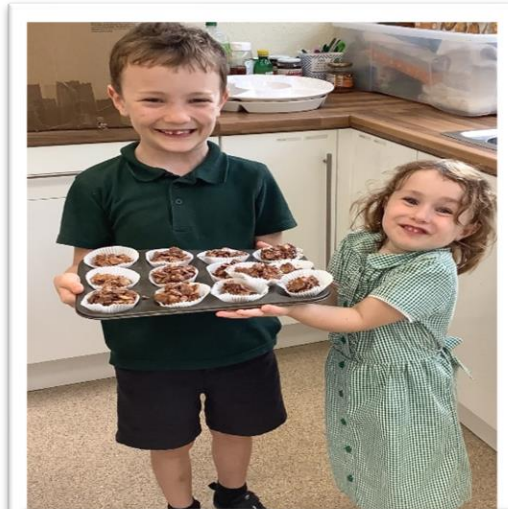
We would like to invite Parents/Carers to come into school and meet the class teachers and have an insight to the year ahead and understand the expectations.

Meetings will be held in the classrooms with a creche available.

Class	Date of meeting
Reception	Early Maths 12 th October 9-10am or 5-6pm Phonics 27 th September 9-10am or 5-6pm
Year 1	Tuesday 26 th September 3.20pm
Year 2	Tuesday 19 th September 3.20pm
Year 3	Friday 22 nd September 3.20pm
Year 4	Wednesday 20 th September 3.20pm
Year 5	Monday 18 th September 3.20pm
Year 6	Thursday 21 st September 3.20pm

After school club

Our children who have been enjoying our new Futura after school club, making cakes and decorating biscuits.



Attendance

We would really like to promote school attendance and arriving to school on time. Our school day starts at 9am, children need to be in class on time to benefit fully from the school day. All children from nursery through to year 6 need to be in school by 9am. Children who are late and arrive at school after 9:00 am are marked as late in the register. Please can we encourage all parents/carers to bring children to school on time.

If you are going to be late due to extenuating circumstances, please contact the school office. All absence due to illness must be reported at the earliest opportunity to the schools absence line. Any pre-arranged absences due to medical appointments or holidays need to put in writing to the school office. We will request medical evidence as proof of medical appointments.

Reception Places for 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2019 and 31 August 2020, you need to apply for a new reception school place to your home local authority. You need to apply by 15 January 2024. Apply online: [Primary admissions - bristol.gov.uk](http://www.bristol.gov.uk)

A guide for **parents and carers** on applying for a **primary school** place for the school year **2024-2025**

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- Check the guidance on applying for schools – available at www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions, or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community schools the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. Contact the school directly for further details on open days.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 15 January 2024.

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- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 15 January 2024.

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Secondary school places for 2024

If your child was born between 1 September 2012 and 31 August 2013, you need to apply for a new reception school place to your home local authority. You need to apply by **31st October 2023**.

apply for a **secondary school** place for the school year **2024-2025**

If your child was born between **1 September 2012** and **31 August 2013** you will need to apply for a school place by **31 October 2023**.



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Reminders

Water Bottles

Please remember that children need to come to school every day with a clearly labelled water bottle. This can be refilled in class throughout the day as required. This is essential, especially now that the weather is getting warmer. There are still some children coming to school without a water bottle. Our water fountains remain switched off as part of our Covid-safe measures. Thank you for your co-operation.



After School Clubs

Afterschool Clubs September 2023 Term 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Rocksteady Years 1 – 6 During school day.				
Judo Years 1 to 6 3.30pm – 4.30pm Starting 18.09.2023		Zumba Years 1 to year 6 3:30pm – 4:30pm Starting 13.09.2023	Netball Years 3 to year 6 3.30pm – 4.15pm Starting 28.09.2023	
Multi-Sport's Year 1, Year 2 and Year 3 3:20pm – 4:20 pm Starting 11.09.2023			Football Year 5 and year 6 3.20pm – 4.15pm Starting 14.09.2023	

MCAS Payment system/Communication



We highly recommend setting up the MCAS app if you have a smart phone, due to this now being the main way we will send out communication. We will also be using the system to book breakfast club and trips etc. If you are experiencing any problems, please contact the office.

Announcements



Tap the loudhailer icon on the toolbar. Any announcements posted by the school will display the title and date. To view the announcement, simply tap it and scroll in the message window as necessary. To return to the main **Announcements** page, tap the < **Announcements** arrow. To view any attachments, simply tap on them.

Messages



The **Messages** feature allows the user to send, receive and reply to messages through the **Parent App**. Simply tap **Messages** from the toolbar. To compose a message, tap the pencil, use the dropdown menu to select the recipient of the message (school or teacher if enabled), add a title, compose and **Send**. To abandon a message, simply tap the X in the **Messages** heading. To display either **Received** or **Sent** messages, simply tap the respective tab and tap again to view the message. A **Reply** option is available for the message.

If you haven't already, please can we ask for you to update your child's photo permissions on your MCAS app.

A screenshot of the MCAS app's 'Parental Consent' form. The header shows 'my child at school.com' and 'Cheddar Grove Primary'. The form title is 'Parental Consent' with a sub-note: 'For further information please refer to the 'Photo Consent' & 'Privacy Notices' on the school website.' There are 'Save' and 'Cancel' buttons. The form contains two sections for consent, each with a 'YES, I give consent' and 'NO, I do not give consent' radio button.

	YES, I give consent	NO, I do not give consent
Photo/video consent for School News & Events Images may be used in the school newsletters & information bulletins. These publications may be printed or published on-line via the school's website. School websites do not have restricted access. Images or video footage may be used on school social media sites, including Facebook, Twitter, Youtube, WhatsApp and Instagram. Social media accounts may not be closed groups. Students' full names will not be shown alongside any published image. If parents do not want their child's image to be shown on any of the aforementioned social media sites, they should withdraw consent for this category. It is not possible for the school to differentiate between permission granted for certain social media platforms (e.g. Facebook) but not others (e.g. Twitter).	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Photo/video consent for Promotional Material Images may be used in the school on activity boards, screens or reception area for promotional purpose. Images or video footage may be used on the school website for publicity purposes. Images may be used in printed materials such as the school prospectus. Images or video footage may be used in the media (local / national press). Students' names will only be published in exceptional circumstances, and with parent/carer permission; students' full names will not be shown alongside any published image unless express consent is given by parents/carers. Note: schools do not require consent for their statutory obligation to display students' work around the school.	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

A large yellow arrow points from the bottom left towards the consent form.

Term Dates & Inset Days – 2023-2024

This academic year's term dates can be accessed on MCAS.

Important Dates

Parent meetings/ workshops	Please see individual dates above and on announcements
Individual/Sibling photographs	Wednesday 11 th October 2023
Parents Evening	Wednesday 11 th October 4-7pm and Tuesday 17 th October 4-7pm (a notification will be sent when booking is live)
Zoolab – Year 2	Wednesday 11 th October

Careers

Office Administrator

Cheddar Grove Primary School is seeking an Office Administrator to join our enthusiastic, supportive and dedicated school office team.

[Job profile \(webitrent.com\)](#)

SMSA

We are seeking to appoint a reliable and committed individual who can provide care, guidance and support for our children during the lunch break in the role of lunch time School Meals Supervisory Assistant.

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