



Friday 10th November 2023

Term 2 Week 2 Newsletter

Year 2

Year 2 had a visit from the fire service to start us off with our history topic on the Great Fire of London.

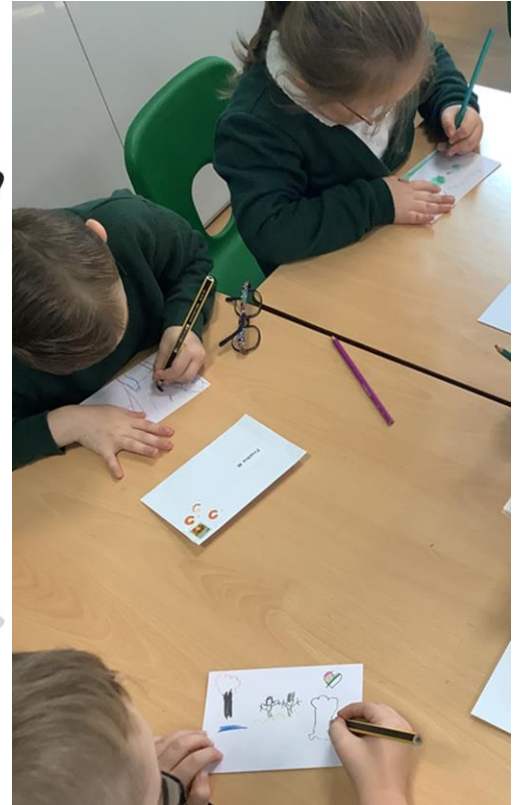
We learnt about fire safety, smoke alarms, stop drop and roll. We looked at the equipment that they use too.



Year 1

Year 1 have been finding out about what happens in a post office.

Then we made cards for each other and became post people to deliver them!



Year 1 have also been learning about materials in science this term. They have been grouping objects by what they are made from and then discussing their properties.



Reception

RF have been practising their construction building.



Year 3

Year 3 have been inspired by the Stone Age this week in Art and created masterpieces! Year 3 loved learning different techniques using oil pastels and had a go at drawing their own 'cave art'! It was lots of fun... and a bit messy!



Remembrance Day

Today in school we held a two minute silence in honour of remembrance day.



Lest we forget



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Cheddar Grove Primary Christmas Performances & Services

Save the date.



<u>Class</u>	<u>Performance</u>
Nursery	Letter sent home with different group dates.
Reception	Tuesday 12 th December – 2.30pm (RF) Thursday 14 th December – 2.30pm (RT)
Years 1 & 2	Tuesday 12 th December – 10.00am Wednesday 13 th December – 10.00am
Year 3 & 4	Tuesday 5 th December - 10.00am Tuesday 5 th December – 2.00pm
Years 5 & 6	Thursday 7 th December – 10.00am Thursday 7 th December – 2.00pm

This information is for save the date purposes. Tickets for KS1 and KS2 will be issued shortly, your child will bring home a letter with further information and a slip to return confirming ticket numbers and time.

Term Dates & Inset Days – 2023-2024

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

Important Dates

Odd Sock Day	Monday 13 th November 2023
School Nurse NCMP – Year 6	Tuesday 14 th November 2023
Flu Vaccinations Reception - Year 6	Wednesday 15 th November 2023
Children In Need – Spotacular day (wear bright or spotty clothing for a donation towards children in need)	Friday 17 th November 2023
PTFA Drop in at school – We welcome parents to come to the drop in to meet the new team.	9.15am on Friday 24 th November 2023
School Christmas Lunch	Wednesday 13 th December 2023
Year 6 Camp - Simonsbath House Outdoor Centre	Monday 24 th till Friday 28 th June 2024

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.

Information from Bristol City Council

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](https://www.bristol.gov.uk/primary-admissions)

Parenting When Separated



PARENTS PLUS
Parenting When Separated
A practical and positive evidence-based course for parents who are preparing for, going through or have gone through a separation or divorce.

 A free 7 week Zoom course
Includes 'Taster Session'

Wednesdays 6.30 – 9pm
Start date: **3rd January 2024**
Mondays 12.30 – 3.00pm
Start date: **8th January 2024**

 Parents attend different groups

For information and enquiries, please contact
Emily on 07827 979616
 relationshipsmatter@bristol.gov.uk
Or use this link to enrol <https://forms.office.com/e/YgdiRVmADg>

 ParentsPlus
Empowering Professionals to Support Families
www.parentsplus.ie

Parents Plus is an Irish charity that develops practical, evidence-based parenting and mental health programmes. We train professionals working with children and families to deliver the programmes in communities and clinical settings. Our programmes support families to communicate effectively, build satisfying relationships and overcome emotional and behavioural problems.

The aim of the programme is to support separated parents in their valuable role and to find solutions to common challenges and problems such as:

- Solving co-parenting problems in a positive way that focus on the needs of children
- Coping with the emotional impact of separation and stress management techniques
- Helping children cope with the impact of the separation both emotionally and practically
- Enhancing communication with children and with the other parent.

We would always recommend that both separated parents attend the course **where at all possible** and so we run 2 groups simultaneously, one evening and one day time, to enable separated parents to attend separate groups. The circumstance in which this programme is not appropriate is for parents who have restrictions on or no contact at all with the other parent or who have no contact with their children. If a parent you work with is interested in joining this course, please ask them to complete this form or complete on their behalf: <https://forms.office.com/e/YgdiRVmADg>

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. There are still some children coming to school without a water bottle. Thank you for your co-operation.



Afterschool Clubs Term 2 2023/24

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 & KS2 Judo Year 1 to Year 6 3.20pm – 4.30pm <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>30th October 2023</i>		Zumba Years 1 to year 6 3:30pm – 4:30pm <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>30th October 2023</i>	Boys & Girls Football Years 5 & 6 3:20pm – 4:15 pm <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>06^h November</i> <i>2023</i>	
KS1 Multi-Sport's Year 1 2 & 3 3:20pm – 4:20 pm <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>6th November</i> <i>2023</i>			Gymnastics Year 3 - 4 3:20pm – 4:15 pm <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>30th October 2023</i>	
Rocksteady Years 1 – 6 During school day.				

Football and Netball – No Charge

Please note football club's last session will be the 7th December 2023.

Please note Gymnastics club's last session will be the 7th December 2023.

If your child would no longer like to attend please contact the school office.

If you would like to book for after school football or gymnastics, this can be done through MCAS under Clubs then selecting available. These are booked on a first come first serve basis, and places are confirmed on MCAS, under Clubs- Enrolled. If your child does not attend 2 sessions, this place will be allocated to a child on the waiting list.

Futura Afterschool club – Daily 3.20 -17.45

Termly bookings have now ended, if you would like to attend afterschool club ad-hoc bookings must be booked via childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk and paid via MCAS.

Please go to link attached for further information on how to book and terms and conditions. Please see below for Daily menu.

[Please click here](#)

Futura Afterschool Club



AFTERSCHOOL - 3.20pm - 5.45PM

£9.00

Monday to Friday

COLLECTION – Children to be collected from the bottom door in the front playground at 5.45pm. If you wish to collect your child earlier or have an emergency, please call 07721924328 NOT the school office. For queries about booking and payment please email childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk.

MENU

Monday

"Make your own pizza" followed by fruit.

Tuesday

Beans or cheese on toast followed by yoghurt or fruit.

Wednesday

Ham, cheese, or tuna sandwiches followed by flapjack or fruit.

Thursday

Sausage roll or veggie sausage roll followed by fruit or muffin.

Friday

"Make your own pizza" followed by fruit kebabs.

For dietary requirements, please can you email a copy of your child's healthcare plan to childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk prior to booking your termly sessions.

Parking

Please can we remind all parents/carers of thoughtful and conscientious parking. Can parents please refrain from parking on single yellows and in front of driveways. We pride ourselves on being a community school and as such, we support our community in any way we can.

School Uniform

Please can we politely remind all parents/carers that school uniform **MUST** consist of:

- * School logo polo shirt or plain bottle green/white
- * Plain **black** skirt, shorts or school trousers (no leggings)
- * School logo jumper/cardigan or bottle green jumper/cardigan
- * Black school shoes/trainers



PE kits still form part of our uniform policy and there should be no deviation from the items listed below.

PE kits **MUST** consist of:

- * Plain **white** top/T-shirt/polo shirt
- * Plain **black** shorts/legging/jogging or tracksuit bottoms
- * School jumper, cardigan, or **plain black** hooded fleece/jumper
- * Black trainers

Children need to come to school wearing their PE kit, on their relevant PE days. Full school uniform must be worn to school on non-PE days. **We would like to remind all Parents/Carers that children in years reception to year 6 must wear plain black bottoms, a plain white T-shirt and trainers on PE day.** Please do not send children to school wearing 'branded' clothing such as hoodies with logos, denim jackets, or football kits as this does not constitute school uniform.



Jewellery

Children can only wear stud earrings and a watch to school. Please no hoop earrings or bracelets.

If any children are not wearing the correct school uniform or PE uniform parents/carers will be contacted.

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



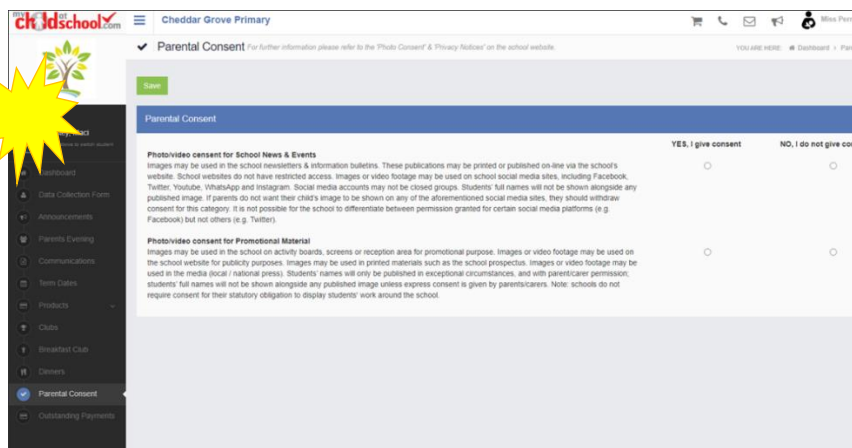
Tap the loudhailer icon on the toolbar. Any announcements posted by the school will display the title and date. To view the announcement, simply tap it and scroll in the message window as necessary. To return to the main **Announcements** page, tap the < **Announcements** arrow. To view any attachments, 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. Please can we ask that this is updated ASAP as this will affect children being able to be photographed during performances.



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