

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December 2023

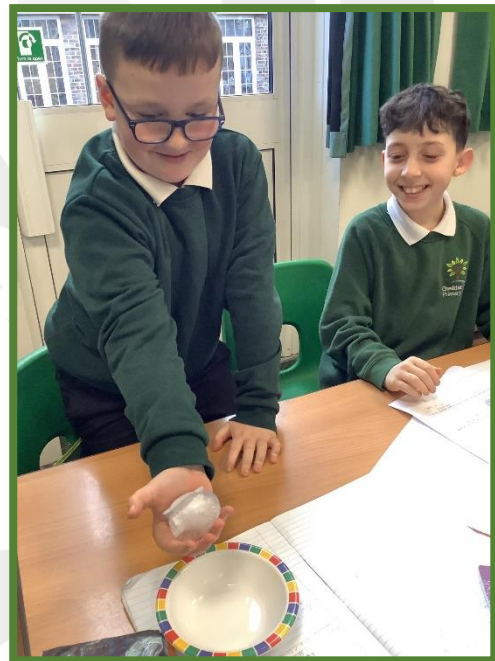
### Term 3 Week 2 Newsletter

Welcome back to Cheddar Grove! We would like to wish all families a very Happy New Year!

Please see below for some of the exciting things we have been up to already in Term 3 and lots of important information.

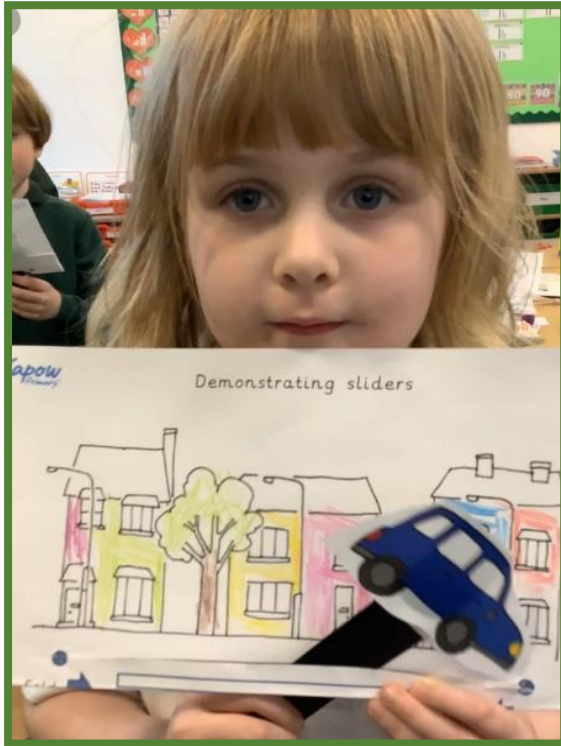
#### Year 5

Year 5 are reading Shackleton's Journey during their English lessons this term. We experienced an exciting lesson where the book was revealed through revealing clues that had been encapsulated in ice! We are looking forward to discovering lots about Shackleton's mission to cross the Antarctic.



## Year 1

In DT, Year 1 were experimenting with mechanisms. They made pictures that 'popped up!' like a rabbit popping out of a magician's hat or a road scene with a car 'sliding sideways!'



## The Great Cheddar Grove Bulb Race

Before he departed for a well-earned rest until next December, the Naughty Elf left an amaryllis bulb kit for each class and launched a growing competition. Each class chose a box and enjoyed discovering the huge amaryllis bulb inside.

The first showing took place on Thursday after each class had planted and, more importantly, named them.

The tallest now is Percy, grown by Mr Jeffery, but there are some strong competitors so we will have to wait and see!

There will be various categories: Tallest Stem, Most Leaves and Largest Bloom to name but a few!

Measuring will begin next week.

We will keep you posted!





Year 3 loved planting 'Jack' the bulb for The Great Cheddar Grove Bulb Race. Everyone had a chance to mix the soil and help plant the bulb! We are looking forward to seeing how tall



## Reception



Reception have enjoyed lots of imaginative play in our Goldilocks & The Three Bears role play area!



## Census Day



## Term Dates & Inset Days – 2023-2024

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

## Important Dates

Year 5 Swimming	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January until Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Reception admissions deadline	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Census Day – change of menu	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Year 5 Black Country Living Museum trip	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March 2024 - drop off time 7.45am in front playground, pick up approx. 4.15pm from front playground
Year 6 Camp - Simonsbath House Outdoor Centre	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> till Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

## 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)

## Afterschool Clubs Term 3 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>KS1 &amp; KS2 Judo Year 1 to Year 6</b>  3.20pm – 4.30pm  <i>Starting the w/c 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</i>		<b>Zumba Years 1 to year 6</b>  3:30pm – 4:30pm  <i>Starting the w/c 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024</i>	<b>Boys &amp; Girls Football Years 3 &amp; 4</b>  3:20pm – 4:15 pm  <i>Starting the w/c 08<sup>h</sup> January 2024</i>	
<b>KS1 Multi- Sport's Year 1 2 &amp; 3</b>  3:20pm – 4:20 pm  <i>Starting the w/c 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</i>			<b>Gymnastics Year 3 - 4</b>  3:20pm – 4:15 pm  <i>Starting the w/c 1<sup>st</sup> January 2024</i>	
<b>Rocksteady Years 1 – 6</b>  During school day.				

**If your child would no longer like to attend the club they have signed up for, 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**

Afterschool club bookings MUST be made termly at the start of Term 3, deadline for payment is Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2024. We except Tax Free Childcare payments, please email through to [childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk](mailto:childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk) with reference, child name date and amount paid.

For ad-hoc bookings, they must be booked via [childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto:childcare@cheddargroveschool.org.uk) prior to booking your termly sessions.

## **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.

## **PTFA**

We are currently in the process of starting a new PTFA, this unfortunately has led to delays in usual fundraising events which we appreciate our community enjoys so much. If you'd be interested in being apart of our PTFA and help fundraise for our school, please email [office@cheddargroveschool.org.uk](mailto:office@cheddargroveschool.org.uk).



## 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.



## 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.

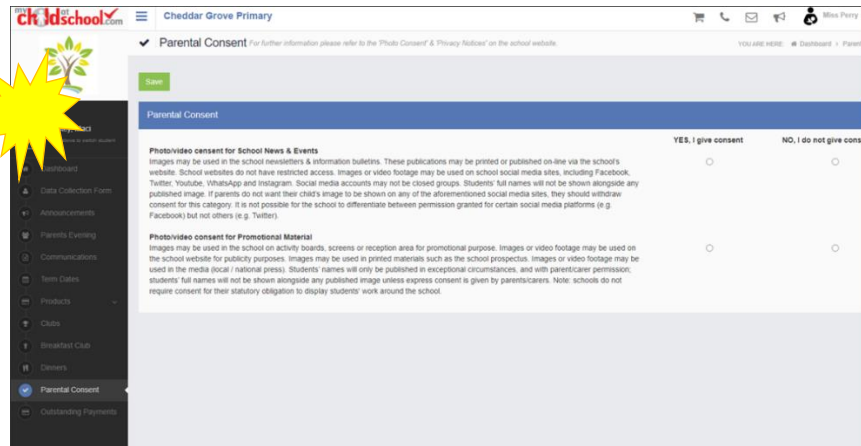
### Messages



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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