



Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024

### Term 3 Week 4 Newsletter

Since our last newsletter, Cheddar Grove have been up to lots of fantastic learning – take a look below to see what we have been up to!

#### The Great Cheddar Grove Bulb Race

Our Amaryllis growing competition is now in full swing. There has been some impressive growth on lots of the plants – the tallest now being Blossom, the office’s bulb. The children are really enjoying watching the plants develop in different ways, making comparisons and of course, enjoying a bit of healthy competition!

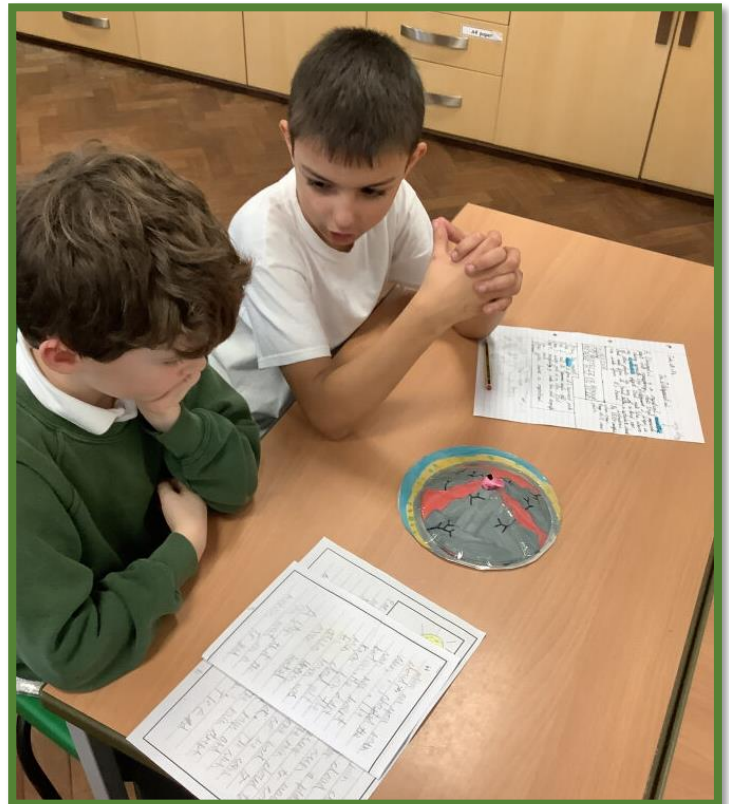
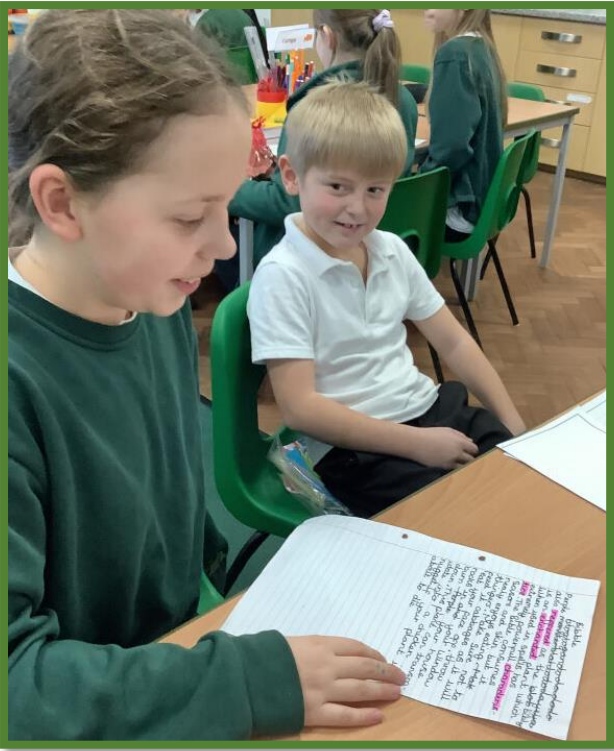


## Year 3 & Year 6



**Year 3 loved sharing their very professional-looking published fables to their Year 6 buddies this week. Year 6 also shared the stories that they have been writing in English too. It was amazing to see how hard everyone has been working in English this term!**





## Year 4



**In gymnastics, Year 4 have been learning to create excellent shapes on apparatus using balances to create bridges.**





Year 4 have also been busy making sling shot cars in small groups. The children are preparing the car bodies to go on the chassis – they will then test next week.



## After School Club



After School Club have been enjoying lots of games, crafts & baking.

As Spring approaches and so does the warmer weather (hopefully!), After School Club are hoping to start gardening – if you have any supplies that you are willing to donate, they would be very grateful. Supplies needed: gardening tools, pots, seeds etc.



### Term Dates & Inset Days – 2023-2024

Term dates for this academic year can be accessed on MCAS and the school website.

#### Important Dates

Year 5 Swimming	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January until Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Reception Height & Weight Screening	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February & Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Year 1 SS Great Britain Trip	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March 2024
Class Photographs	Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March 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 4 Swimming	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> April until Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May 2024
Year 2 Park Row Synagogue Trip – <i>Trip pending – please complete feasibility form</i>	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2024
Year 3 Roman Baths Trip – <i>Trip pending – please complete feasibility form</i>	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May 2024
Year 4 Suspension Bridge Trip – <i>Trip pending – please complete feasibility form</i>	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Year 6 Camp - Simonsbath House Outdoor Centre	Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> till Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 2024

### Afterschool Clubs Term 3 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>KS1 &amp; KS2 Judo</b> <b>Year 1 to Year 6</b>  3.20pm – 4.30pm  <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</i>		<b>Zumba</b> <b>Years 1 to year 6</b>  3:30pm – 4:30pm  <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> January 2024</i>	<b>Boys &amp; Girls</b> <b>Football</b> <b>Years 3 &amp; 4</b>  3:20pm – 4:15 pm  <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>08<sup>h</sup> January</i> <i>2024</i>	
<b>KS1 Multi-</b> <b>Sport's</b> <b>Year 1 2 &amp; 3</b>  3:20pm – 4:20 pm  <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>8<sup>th</sup> January 2024</i>			<b>Gymnastics</b> <b>Year 3 - 4</b>  3:20pm – 4:15 pm  <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>1<sup>st</sup> January 2024</i>	
<b>Rocksteady</b> <b>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 school's absence line. For any pre-arranged absences due to medical appointments, we will request medical evidence as proof of medical appointments – please drop into the school office or send an email to [office@cheddargroveschool.org.uk](mailto:office@cheddargroveschool.org.uk).

For any pre-arranged absences for holidays, an Absence Request Form will need to be completed – please contact the school office for a form should you require one.

### PTFA

Our new PTFA has been launched on 26<sup>th</sup> January 2024! If you'd be interested in being a part of our PTFA or have any ideas on how we can help fundraise for our school, please see the below flyer.

**GET INVOLVED AND  
JOIN THE  
CHEDDAR GROVE PRIMARY SCHOOL  
PTFA**  
PARENTS · TEACHERS · FRIENDS · ASSOCIATION

**SCAN THE QR CODE  
TO LEARN MORE  
OPEN TO ALL!**

**PARENTS ● TEACHERS ● FRIENDS**

**To get involved contact: Clare on 07791 406014**

**Follow us on Facebook to find out about  
upcoming events. Search for:  
CHEDDAR GROVE PTFA**

## Community Hub

Here at Cheddar Grove, we are lucky to have a Community Hub that offers different resources ranging from school uniform, household goods and support and advice for families at Cheddar Grove.

The Community Hub will be open every Wednesday (term time only) from 9am - 11am at the Scout Hut (accessible by the front gate).

Please feel free to drop in and join us for coffee and cake.

We would really appreciate your support in ensuring that the Community Hub is continues to be a valued resource for families.

## 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 as such, 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.

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



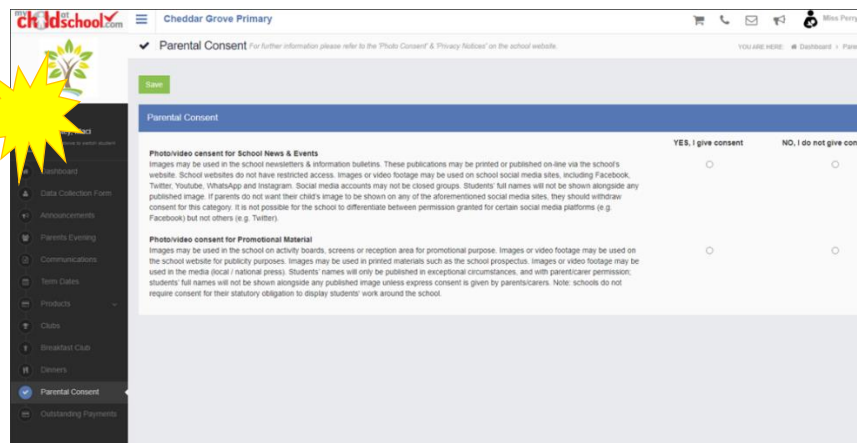
Tap the loudhailer icon on the toolbar. Any announcements posted by the school will display the title and date. To view the announcement, simply tap it and scroll in the message window as necessary. To return to the main **Announcements** page, tap the **< Announcements** arrow. To view any attachments,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



As always Cheddar Grove Primary would like to thank you for your support and assistance in creating a wonderful, positive school atmosphere. We hope you have a fantastic weekend!

***"Rooted in Joy, Growing Together,  
Learning for Life"***