



Friday 9th February 2024

Term 3 Week 6 Newsletter

Below are some important notices – please be sure to read them thoroughly.

Attendance

At Cheddar Grove Primary, we strive promote excellent school attendance every single day.

Our school gates/doors open at 8:50 am and learning starts at 9:00 am sharp - 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 will be recorded 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 appointments – please drop into the school office or send an email to office@cheddargroveschool.org.uk.

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

Safety Notice

We politely ask that there should be no riding of scooters/bikes/skateboards in the school playground at any time, including during drop-off and collection times. To keep everybody safe, we encourage you to carefully wheel these items through the playground if your child rides to and from school.

Collections During the School Day

We appreciate that at times you may need to drop-off or collect your child during school hours, for example for medical appointments etc. We ask that you refrain from dropping off/collecting during lunchtime – latest drop-off/collection before lunch should be 12:00pm and earliest time after lunch for drop-off/collection is 1:15pm. If it is unavoidable that your child needs to be dropped-off/collected during lunch time, please speak to a member of the School Office Team.

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

Sadly, our Amaryllis growing competition has now come to an end! However, not before a presentation during assembly showing how well all the classes bulbs had grown over the term.

Well done to class 1D who oversaw growing the winning Amaryllis!

Although 1D were the overall winners, each plant was awarded a winning cup for different categories. Here are just a few of the winning categories: the office plant won the 'longest leaves cup', 3A's plant won the 'best disco bulb' cup for their excellent decorative skills and 6M won the 'most determined bulb' cup for its perseverance!



House Cup

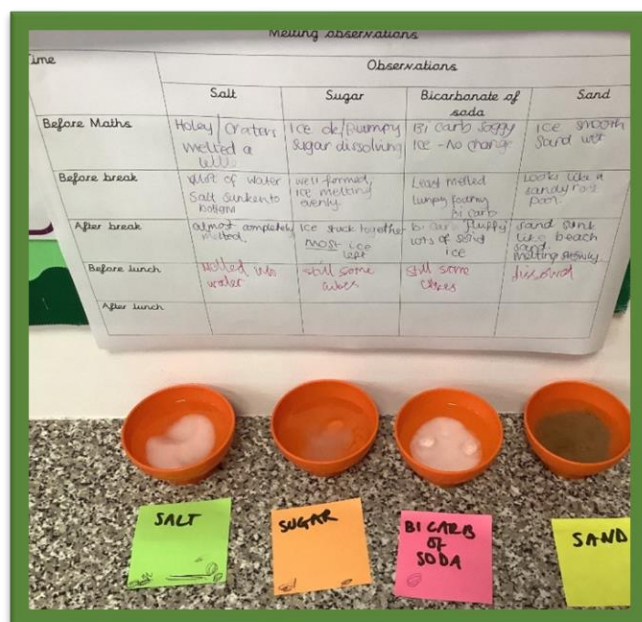
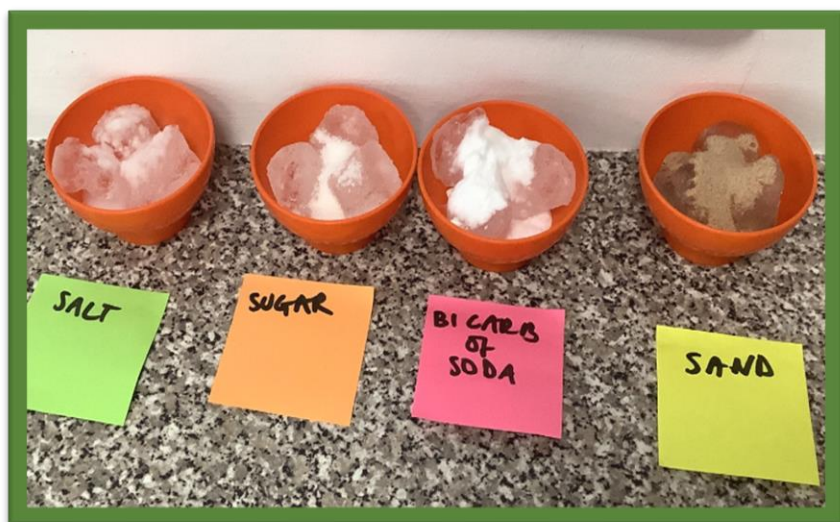
The children have all been working so hard in Term 3, with lots of house points being awarded. The winning house this term was Lupus! Huge congratulations Lupus!

Girl's Football Match

Our girl's football team recently put in a great effort against Bridge Farm Primary School. Although we didn't get the result we had hoped for, we are all so proud of their efforts and their perseverance to keep going until the end – well done girls!

Year 3

Year 3 were scientists this week and investigated what melts ice the quickest - salt, sugar, bicarbonate of soda or sand? We were surprised to discover that sugar melted the ice the slowest but our predictions that salt would melt the quickest were correct!



DT Focus

Throughout the school, we have enjoyed focusing on DT in Term 3 - we have been learning about Mechanisms and Electrical Systems.

Year 1 made a moving picture using a side to side or up and down slider.

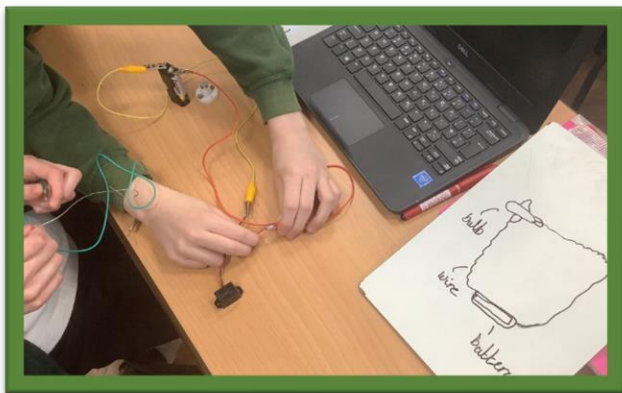
Year 2 made a moving animal using levers and pivots.

Year 3 made a pneumatic toy.

Year 4 made a sling shot car.

Year 5 made an electronic doodler toy using an electrical circuit.

Year 6 made steady hand game using an electrical circuit and buzzer.



Term Dates & Inset Days – 2023-2024

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

Important Dates

Year 1 SS Great Britain Trip	Tuesday 12 th March 2024
Class Photographs	Wednesday 20 th March 2024
Year 5 Black Country Living Museum trip	Friday 22 nd March 2024 - drop off time 7.45am in front playground, pick up approx. 4.15pm from front playground
Year 4 Swimming	Thursday 25 th April until Thursday 23 rd May 2024
Year 2 Park Row Synagogue Trip – <i>Trip pending – please complete feasibility form</i>	Monday 22 nd April 2024
Year 3 Roman Baths Trip – <i>Trip pending – please complete feasibility form</i>	Wednesday 1 st May 2024
Year 4 Suspension Bridge Trip – <i>Trip pending – please complete feasibility form</i>	Monday 20 th May 2024
Reception Height & Weight Screening	Tuesday 18 th June & Wednesday 19 th June 2024
Year 6 Camp - Simonsbath House Outdoor Centre	Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th June 2024

Afterschool Clubs Term 4 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 & KS2 Judo Year 1 to Year 6 3.20pm – 4.30pm <i>Starting the w/c 19th February 2024</i>		Zumba Year 1 to Year 6 3:30pm – 4:30pm <i>Starting the w/c 19th February 2024</i> <i>Please email vicky.k.colgan@gmail.com to check availability</i>	Boys & Girls Football Years 5 & 6 3:20pm – 4:15 pm <i>Starting the w/c 26th February 2024</i>	
KS1 Multi- Sport's Years 1, 2 & 3 3:20pm – 4:20 pm <i>Starting the w/c 19th February 2024</i>			Gymnastics Years 1 & 2 3:20pm – 4:15 pm <i>Starting the w/c 19th February 2024</i>	
Rocksteady Years 1 – 6 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 4, deadline for payment is Friday 1st March 2024. We accept Tax Free Childcare payments - please email through to 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 and paid via MCAS. Please go to link attached for further information on how to book and to read the Terms& Conditions. Please see below for the daily menu.



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.

PTFA

Our new PTFA has been launched on 26th 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.



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



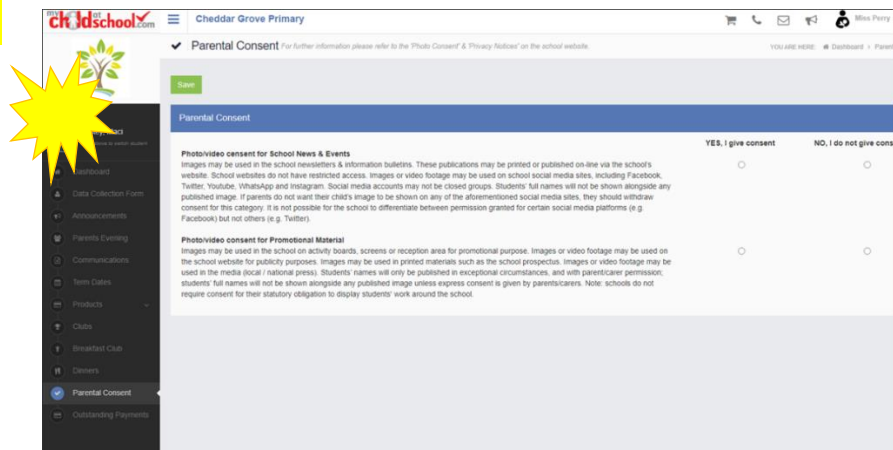
Tap the loudhailer icon on the toolbar. Any announcements posted by the school will display the title and date. To view the announcement, simply tap it and scroll in the message window as necessary. To return to the main **Announcements** page, tap the **< Announcements** arrow. To view any attachments,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

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