



Friday 1st March 2024

Term 4 Week 2 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.

Year 1

Year 1 have been making some fantastic leaf prints!



World Book Day

Please see below for details on our World Book Day celebrations this year:

World Book Day

Thursday 7th March 2024



Come prepared for our activities! You will need:

1. A **BOOK** you like and can talk about. Prepare to say why you have chosen this book.
2. A **PROP** (an item which is in the book or will help your friends to guess the book)

You will use your prop in a **DRAMA ACTIVITY** and your class will guess your book title from your actions. **Keep your book secret! SHHHHHH!!**

We will have a **WHOLE SCHOOL QUIZ** and the House Teams will have to guess the books which you bring in. There will also be a **BIG STORY SWAP** and a **RAFFLE** where **everyone in the school** will get the chance to win a free book from our Book Fair next week! You will all also get your **FREE BOOK VOUCHER**.

We look forward to celebrating with you all!!!

Red Nose Day

On Friday 15th March, Cheddar Grove will be celebrating Red Nose Day. The day will be a fun packed extravaganza where the children can dress up in any way they like (fancy dress, odd shoes, crazy hair etc) or choose to wear red. Children will be taking part in class events during the school day - you can sponsor your child for these events to raise funds for Comic Relief via the Cheddar Grove JustGiving page. Please click the link or use the QR code:

<https://www.justgiving.com/rnd24-cheddar-grove-primary-school>



Class events are as follows:

Nursery	Dance-a-thon
Reception	Sponsored Scoot – <i>Please bring your own scooter and helmet. This will be stored under Reception decking area whilst not in use.</i>
Year 1	Dance-a-thon
Year 2	Crazy Hair
Year 3	Sponsored Silence
Year 4	Sing-a-thon
Year 5	Crazy Hair
Year 6	2k sponsored run

Parents Evenings – Tuesday 12th March & Wednesday 20th March 2024

Parent's Evening will be taking place on Tuesday 12th March and Wednesday 20th March 2024. You will be able to book a time slot for a meeting with your child's class teacher on the MCAS app.

The bookings will be live on MCAS from Friday 1st March 2024 at 5:30pm.

Bookings will close on Friday 8th March at 3:20pm for the Parent's Evening taking place on Tuesday 12th March.

Bookings will close on Wednesday 13th March at 3:20pm for the Parent's Evening taking place on Wednesday 20th March.

If you require any support with booking a slot, please contact the school office.

All Parent's Evening meetings will be held in your child's classroom.

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 – <i>trip taking place during normal school day. Please provide your child with a packed lunch.</i>
Mother's Day Sale	Wednesday 6 th March & Thursday 7 th March 2024 – <i>children to bring in £2.00 in a marked envelope to purchase a gift. The sale will take place during the school day.</i>
World Book Day	Thursday 7 th March 2024 – <i>children to bring in their favourite book and a prop/item that is related to the story. Normal school uniform to be worn.</i>
Parent's Evenings	Tuesday 12 th March 2024 & Wednesday 20 th March 2024 – <i>bookings to be made via MCAS app. If you require support in booking a place, please speak to the school office.</i>
Online Safety Workshop	Wednesday 13 th March 2024 – <i>10:45 – 11:00am in main school hall.</i>
Book Fair	Thursday 14 th March – Wednesday 20 th March 2024 – <i>After school in the studio until 4pm. Cash or card accepted.</i>
Red Nose Day	Friday 15 th March 2024 – <i>Each year group will be performing an event during the school day to raise money for Comic Relief. You will be able to sponsor your child through the JustGiving page.</i>
Class Photographs	Wednesday 20 th March 2024 – <i>class photos only, no individual photos.</i>
Year 5 Black Country Living Museum Trip	Friday 22 nd March 2024 - <i>drop off time 7.45am in front playground, pick up approx. 4.15pm from front playground. Packed lunch to be provided.</i>
Year 2 Park Row Synagogue Trip	Monday 22 nd April 2024 - <i>trip taking place during normal school day. Children will arrive back to school in time for lunch so normal lunch options apply.</i>
Year 4 Swimming	Thursday 25 th April until Thursday 23 rd May 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 – <i>Camp forms to be handed in to the school office by Wednesday 27th March 2024.</i>
Year 4 Swimming	Thursday 25 th April until Thursday 23 rd May 2024



Term 4

Upcoming Dates



We have lots of exciting dates to be added to your diary – please be sure to take a look below and make a note of anything you would like your child to be involved in!

Mother's Day Sale: 6th March & 7th March (mop-up) - £2.00 in named envelope for children to purchase a gift (sale taking place during school day).

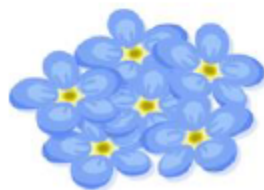
World Book Day: 7th March – Bring your favourite book and a prop/item that is part of the story. Normal school uniform to be worn.

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Book Fair: 14th – 20th March – After school in studio each day until 4pm. Cash or card accepted.

Red Nose Day: 15th March – Each year group will be performing an event during the school day to raise money for Comic Relief. You can sponsor your child through a 'Cheddar Grove GoFund me' page. We will send more details on this in due course. We look forward to all your support!

Class Photographs: 20th March – Class photos only, no individual photos.



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



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

Cheddar Grove Primary has recently launched a new PTFA. Please see the information opposite for how to get involved!

Cheddar Grove's PTFA will be holding a quiz night on Friday 26th April 2024. Please see opposite for further information.



Cheddar Grove Primary PTFA Presents

QUIZ NIGHT

Friday
26th April

CHEDDAR GROVE SCHOOL, MAIN HALL
DOORS OPEN AT 7PM
QUIZ STARTS AT 7.30PM

**FUN QUIZ
CASH BAR
CHIP BUTTIES
RAFFLE
& WIN A PRIZE**

Come along and support our school, all friends and family welcome (adults only).
£10 per team (Max. 6 per team).
Half time chip butties, a cash bar (please don't bring your own), raffle and a prize for the winning team.

Please contact the school office to register your team: office@cheddargroveschool.org.uk



Cheddar Grove Primary School PTFA

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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 continues to be a valued resource for families.



Community Hub

Cheddar Grove Primary School launched our Community Hub in March 2023 and it has become very well established. It is a project for us to connect within our school community and bring families together. We provide a welcoming space where you can receive a hot drink and piece of cake. There is also an opportunity to pick up some help with toiletries, school uniform that has been loved and pre-owned. The Community Hub is a safe space to interact and receive any help from our team if needed. We would love to see you on Wednesday's 9.00-11.00 at the HQ situated on the school field.

Emma and Max

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



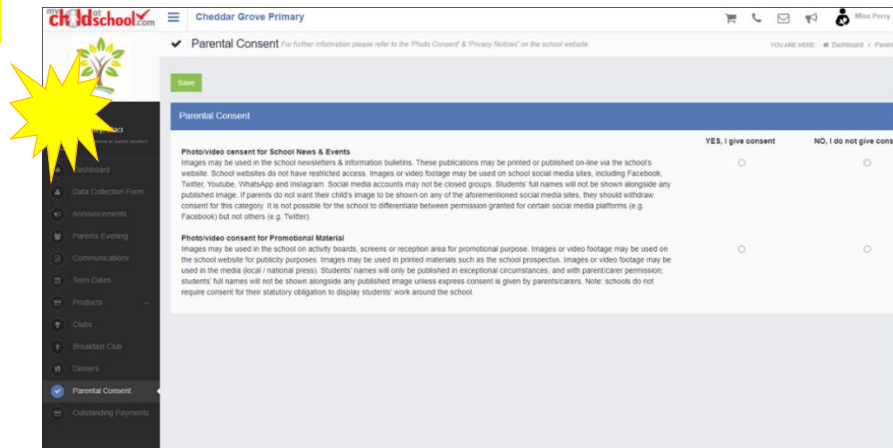
Tap the loudhailer icon on the toolbar. Any announcements posted by the school will display the title and date. To view the announcement, simply tap it and scroll in the message window as necessary. To return to the main **Announcements** page, tap the **< Announcements** arrow. To view any attachments,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