



Friday 10th May 2024

Term 5 Week 4 Newsletter

We hope our Cheddar Grove Community have had a great 2 weeks since our last newsletter!

As we are moving towards the summer and experiencing some lovely warmer weather, we would like to remind families that children should come to school with sunscreen already applied and with a sunhat and a water bottle.

We would like to say a great big thank you to all our fantastic volunteers that have helped out with school trips and events such as cooking recently! We wouldn't be able to offer these brilliant opportunities to the children without the support of our Cheddar Grove Community!

We are also still looking for volunteers for our **Jobs Jamboree**, taking place on Thursday 6th June. If you have a career that you think may be of interest to our children and are happy to come into school to talk to the children about it, please let the school office know.

Harris Sports

Our branded uniform supplier, Harris Sports, are currently running an offer for 10% off all orders of £25 or more. Quote '**MAY10**' at the online checkout or over the phone for telephone orders.

Year 6 Snack & Chat

Next week is Year 6 SATs week; to prepare the children, the Year 6 team will be offering a 'Snack & Chat' session each morning where the children can relax before the tests. If this is something your child would like to take part in, please arrive at 08:30am in your classrooms where you will be greeted with pain au chocolats, cereal bars, juice and smiles!

Play Equipment Notice

This is a polite reminder that the play equipment/apparatus is only to be used by children during the school day whilst supervised by school staff. We ask that you refrain from letting your child use this equipment at school drop-off & pick-up times. The children have been informed of these rules during assembly and you may soon notice new signage around the equipment as a reminder of these rules.



Please follow our outdoor rules

- Children need to be supervised while in the playground
- Play equipment is closed before and after school (official supervised use only)
- Please put litter in the bins
- No riding bikes or scooters
- No dogs allowed on the school site



The school does not accept any liability should the play equipment be used outside of the school day.

My School Fund

Cheddar Grove have recently signed up to be a part of My School Fund. When shopping with Sainsburys or Argos, Cheddar Grove will receive 1% cashback for every purchase made and the individual will receive 2%. All you need to do is sign up for a free account and start shopping. A leaflet has been sent out to the MCAS app with further details.

This is a great new innovative way of fundraising for our school!

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

Attendance

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

Our school gates/doors open at 8:50am and learning starts at 9:00am 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 9:00am.

Children who are late and arrive at school after 9:00am 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. If your child is absent for more than one day due to illness, please note that we will still require a phone call each morning for an update on their condition.

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.

Children Walking Home Alone

If you wish for your Year 5 or Year 6 child to walk home unaccompanied, we require parental permission. Please provide consent on the MCAS app under the 'Parental Consents' tab.

Items From Home

We have had an increase in items/toys being brought into school from home; these can often distract children from their learning, and we cannot guarantee that these items will not be lost or broken and as such they should be kept safe at home.

Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property including clothing and water bottles in the main office area. Please be sure to check here if you child has any missing items. As always, we would strongly encourage labelling all items worn or brought to school to ensure that they can be returned to the correct owner.

Term Dates & Inset Days – 2023-2024

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

Year 3 Trip to the Roman Baths

Year 3 have visited the Roman Baths to discover what life was like as a Roman. They were able to make mosaics, dress in traditional Roman robes and of course, see the spectacular Roman Baths!



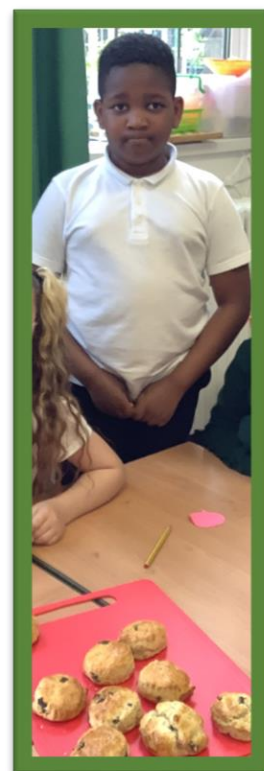
Reception Pond Dipping

This week Reception have been pond dipping in our school pond. They found lots of creatures including dragonfly larvae!



Design & Technology: Cookery

In Term 5, Cheddar Grove have been cooking up a storm! We have been making soup, pizza, scones, quiche, and Year 6 even managed to whip a full 3-course meal!



Important Dates

Year 4 Swimming	Thursday 25 th April until Thursday 23 rd May 2024 – <i>Please send children to school wearing swimming costume under uniform and a bag packed with towel, change of underwear and goggles if required.</i>
Year 4 Suspension Bridge Trip – <i>please consent and pay on MCAS</i>	Monday 20 th May 2024 – <i>trip taking place during normal school day. Children will require a packed lunch.</i>
Jobs Jamboree	Thursday 6 th June 2024 – <i>If you are willing to volunteer at this event, please complete the form via the link on letter sent out.</i>
Year 6 Swimming – <i>One-off assessment session</i>	Tuesday 4 th June 2024 - <i>Please send children to school wearing swimming costume under uniform and a bag packed with towel, change of underwear and goggles if required.</i>
Reception Wild Place Trip - <i>please consent and pay on MCAS</i>	Monday 10 th June 2024
Reception Height & Weight Screening	Tuesday 18 th June & Wednesday 19 th June 2024
PTFA Summer Fair	Friday 21 st June – <i>More details to be announced soon</i>
Year 6 Camp - Simonsbath House Outdoor Centre	Monday 24 th - Friday 28 th June 2024
Reception & KS1 Sports Day	Monday 17 th June 2024 – <i>KS1 morning & Reception afternoon – exact timings to be confirmed.</i>
KS2 Sports Day	Monday 1 st July 2024 - <i>Lower KS2 morning & Upper KS2 afternoon – exact timings to be confirmed.</i>

Afterschool Clubs Term 5 2024

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 & KS2 Judo Year 1 to Year 6 3.20pm – 4.30pm <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>15th April 2024</i>	Art Club Year 3 & Year 4 3.20pm – 4:15pm <i>Starting w/c</i> <i>22nd April 2024</i> <i>Last session:</i> <i>14th May 2024</i>	Zumba Year 1 to Year 6 3:20pm – 4:30pm <i>Starting the w/c 15th April</i> <i>2024</i> <i>Please email</i> vicky.k.colgan@gmail.com <i>to check availability</i>	Football Year 3 & Year 4 3:20pm – 4:15pm <i>Starting w/c</i> <i>22nd April 2024</i> <i>Last session:</i> <i>16th May 2024</i>	
KS1 Multi-Sport's Years 1, 2 & 3 3:20pm – 4:20 pm <i>Starting the w/c</i> <i>15th April 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 art club, 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 3.20pm -17.45pm

After school club bookings **MUST** be made termly at the start of each Term. 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 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.

Cheddar Grove PTFA

Cheddar Grove PTFA have held some wonderful events so far this school year. Please see the poster below if you would like to get involved!



The most recent event, the Cheddar Grove Quiz Night, raised a fantastic **£367.25!** We thank you for all your support and hope all those that took part had a great time!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Friday 21st June – Summer Fair with lots of Euro 2024 fun! *More to be details to be announced soon!*



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 App



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



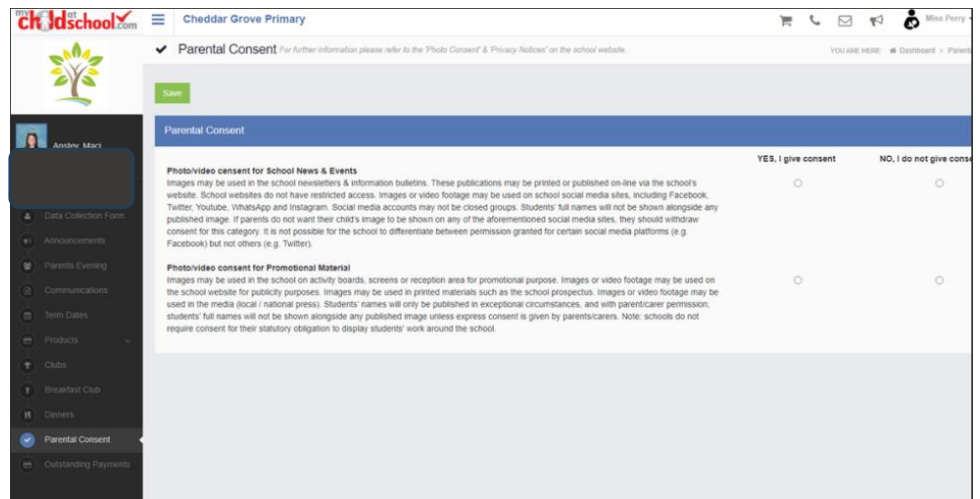
Tap the loudhailer icon on the toolbar. Any announcements posted by the school will display the title and date. To view the announcement, simply tap it and scroll in the message window as necessary. To return to the main **Announcements** page, tap the **< Announcements** arrow. To view any attachments,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

Messages



The **Messages** feature allows the user to receive messages through the **Parent App**. Simply tap **Messages** from the toolbar. To display **Received** messages, simply tap the respective tab and tap again to view the message.

In order for your child to be photographed and images to be used in the newsletter, Twitter/X and promotional materials, you will need to give consent on the MCAS app.



***"Cheddar Grove Primary School -
Rooted in Joy, Growing Together,
Learning for Life"***



