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Term 4 (12/03/2021)

Newsletter Number 3

Welcome to our third newsletter of this term. We are absolutely thrilled that everyone has responded so positively to the wider reopening of schools. Attendance over the past week has been fantastic and the atmosphere is joyous with children so happy to be reunited with friends and teachers.

During the past week we have been extremely busy engaging in lots of scientific discoveries!

We started science week on International Women's Day and were so lucky to hear from a real scientist called Ms Sophie Wiltshire. She told us all about her amazing job as a medical physicist at the BRI and Southmead hospitals. The children were amazed to find out that as well as doctors and nurses, hospitals are filled with hundreds of scientists and we discussed what a fantastic place it could be to work in the future!



The Covid restrictions have encouraged many universities and scientists to create virtual online science experiences for children, which we have fully embraced.



We have enjoyed learning about Jane Goodall, seeing sound waves in action, looking at the stars and creating Astroart, learning about the life cycles of chickens and watching a real chick hatch, finding out about the seaside and finally enjoying a show all about space!

We have been able to watch a wonderful selection of real scientists without even having to leave our classrooms!

The nursery children have made bridges, using dry pasta to strengthen their designs. Reception children have travelled through Space: creating rockets and using chemical reactions to “Blast Off!”

All the children in school have taken part in a STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math’s) activity this week.

In years, 1 and 2 the children have used a variety of materials to design and make their own “traps” to catch the naughty Gingerbread man, which also encouraged lovely story telling.

KS2 children have created “astronaut landers”: taking our inspiration from the recent landing of the NASA’s Perseverance Rover. As well as encouraging STEM it allowed great teamwork and lots of fun as they dropped them and waited to see if their marshmallow astronauts would survive!



This week has been a real celebration of science and we are so proud of all the children.

Science Week has been a great success in school but don’t forget there is still time to enter the poster competition for a chance to win some great prizes. Closing date 19th March.

<https://www.britishtscienceweek.org/plan-your-activities/poster-competition/>



Parking

Please could we remind parents/carers of the importance of parking responsibly and considerately when picking up and dropping off children at school. We have observed cars parked on the green and blocking driveways of residents. Council and enforcement officers will be monitoring the area in the coming weeks due to a high volume of complaints by neighbours and parents. Unfortunately, due to the complexity of the morning and afternoon routines we do not have sufficient staff to monitor this daily and would appreciate your support in keeping our children safe.



Anyone parking in any of these areas are putting children at significant risk!



Superhero Project

Our Superhero Project has been a real success and helped ease the transition back to school after the recent lockdown. The Superhero Project has encouraged children to explore their strengths and the ways in which they can summon their 'superpowers'. We have a great display in school of everyone's superhero designs.



Comic Relief/Red Nose Day

Next week children will have the opportunity to participate in various activities to fundraise for Comic Relief this year. Red Nose Day Letter and Sponsor Form can be accessed [here](#).

All children are invited to wear red to school on Friday 19th March. There is an option open on Sims Pay to make a voluntary donation of £1.50 per child (there is option to contribute in excess of this if you wish). Children will be able to decorate a 'funny' mask and take part in a 'guess who is behind the mask' competition where they guess who the disguised teacher is.

As part of our covid-safe measures, please note that we politely ask that no money is brought to school. If you need any assistance accessing Sims Pay, please email the school office.

We have set up a separate 'Go Fund Me' page for Sponsored activities which can be accessed here: www.justgiving.com/fundraising/cheddar-grove-primary-rednoseday21

Appeal for School Reading Books to be Returned

We've been so impressed with all the reading that's been going on at home during lockdown. However, our book boxes are looking rather empty! Please could you have a hunt at home for any schoolbooks that need returning. Many thanks, Miss Stevens (Reading Lead)

Reminders

P.E.

The previous arrangement of children wearing their PE kits to school on their relevant PE days will remain in place. If you are unsure which day your child has PE please refer to your child's year group term 4 newsletter, the link to which is on page 1 of this newsletter and available to view online via our school website.

Water Bottles

Children need to come to school each day with a clearly labelled water bottle.

Suitable Outdoor Clothing

Please ensure children bring coats to school.

Corresponding with the School Office

When corresponding by email with the school office please be sure to include your child's name and class.

Have you changed your phone number or email address?

If you have a new phone number or email address it is essential that you inform the school office via email: office@cheddargroveschool.org.uk. Our systems need to be updated with valid and accurate contact information for all parents/carers to ensure text messages and emails are delivered.

Reception Admissions September 2021 Key Dates

Results of on-time applications sent to parents/carers	Friday 16 th April 2021
Appeals and waiting lists open	Saturday 17 th April
Deadline for parents/carers to respond to offers	Friday 30 th April
Results of late applications sent to parents/carers	Friday 14 th May

Important Dates Term 4

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>
14.03.21	Mothering Sunday
17.03.21	St Patrick's Day https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/35831743
19.03.21	Wear Red to School Comic Relief/Red Nose Day https://www.comicrelief.com/rednoseday
21.03.21	World Poetry Day https://www.awarenessdays.com/awareness-days-calendar/world-poetry-day-2019/
22.03.21	World Water Day http://www.worldwaterday.org/
Thursday 1 st April 2021	Last day of Term 4
Monday 19 th April 2021	First Day of Term 5
Wednesday 12.05.21	Fraser Portraits Nursery Individual Photos, Class Photos & Year 6 Leavers