Cheddar Grove Primary School

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Friday 14th January 2022 **Term 3 Week 2 Newsletter**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the first newsletter of 2022! We hope you had a wonderful Christmas break and are enjoying the new year so far. It has been lovely having our school community back together again and seeing the children's happy faces fill the corridors once more.

COVID - 19 UPDATE

We have been notified that there have been a number of confirmed cases of COVID-19 within Cheddar Grove Primary School.

We appreciate that you may find this concerning and we are continuing to monitor the situation. Please be reassured that for most people, coronavirus (COVID-19) will be a mild illness.

Pupils and staff who have tested positive are isolating. The children/staff who are identified as contacts of the confirmed cases will have guidance from NHS Test and Trace.

Control measures are in place within school and are being kept under review. The school is being fogged daily and if necessary year groups may return to class bubbles. Currently at school, in line with the Learning Partnership Risk Assessment and Government guidance, we are making sure that the classrooms are well ventilated. This means that windows and classroom doors will be kept open to ensure clean air can circulate, reducing the risk of COVID - 19 particles being present. Each classroom is equipped with a C02 monitor to detect and review levels of Carbon Dioxide, so staff can quickly identify where ventilation needs to be improved. Within the Operational Guidance for Schools, section 3 states: When your school is in operation, it is important to ensure it is well ventilated and that a comfortable teaching environment is maintained. Within the Winter Months with temperatures dropping, we continue to monitor and maintain that it is a comfortable learning environment with adequate temperatures in classrooms. Any other additional measures that are put in place, decisions will be made on, and advice sought as and when required.

The school remains open and providing your child remains well, they can continue to attend school as normal. We will keep this under review.

In addition to daily LFT testing for close contacts, we encourage household members aged 5 and over to continue with twice weekly LFT testing to help identify cases promptly.

Cheddar Grove Primary School Childhood Illness/Sickness Policies and Procedures

- To ensure effective infection control measures are maintained children are not able to return to school within 48 hours of any episodes of sickness and/or diarrhoea.
- Please contact the school office (leave a voicemail out of office hours) in the event of any absence due to any childhood illness, sickness and/or accident.
- The school and parents/carers will communicate to discuss reasonable adjustments that can be made in the event of a child returning to school following an accident or injury that affects mobility.
- Medical evidence which clearly shows the child's name and date of appointment must be provided for all medical appointments that occur during the school day.

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Year 4

Year 4 have enjoyed learning and practising their hockey skills this term. The sunny weather has certainly helped brave the cold temperatures so far!

Year 6

After a two year wait, Year 6 have finally been able to return to the swimming pool to gain essential skills in swimming. Here's what Harmony and Gracie had to say about their first session:

"On my first week of swimming, I felt nervous as I didn't know how good I would be. But once I arrived, I felt I would do really well because the instructors were ready to help me."

"On my way there, I felt nervous too, but once I was in the pool, I knew everything would be okay. Although the water was cold, I still had a great time."

We wish all the swimmers the best as they become more confident in the water.

Healthy School

We have observed that some of our older KS2 children are bringing unhealthy snacks to school, for example extra-large bags of crisps. We realise that some of our older children may visit a local shop on the way to school and parents/carers may be unaware of what they are purchasing.

Please can we encourage all to come to school with healthy snacks to consume at break time such as fresh or dried fruit. Children are not permitted to bring any type of energy drink to school.

Breakfast Club

We have revised our breakfast club booking procedure as follows: You are now able to pre-book Breakfast club up until 4pm the day before (4pm on Friday for the following Monday). We hope that this further supports parents/carers who may need to book Breakfast club at short notice. Please note that all Breakfast club bookings must be pre-booked and pre-paid via Pay 360 (formerly Sims Pay).

Reception Places for 2022

If your child was born between 1 September 2017 and 31 August 2018, you need to apply for a new reception school place to your home local authority. You need to apply by 15 January 2022. Apply online: Primary admissions - bristol.gov.uk
If your child is in our nursery, you still need to apply for a 2022 Reception place.

Reminders

Jewellery

An increasing number of children are wearing large hooped earrings to school. We do not allow children to wear any jewellery or wrist bands to school other than one stud in each ear (these should be removed or taped over for PE if newly pierced). A watch may be worn if appropriate. Nail varnish and temporary tattoos should not be worn.

Please Label!

We have already accumulated a growing number of green school cardigans and jumpers that are not labelled. It is very difficult to return belongings to the rightful owners if there is no name on it. Please can we urge you to label all cardigans and jumpers. Using a sharpie or black permanent marker to write child's initials and class works well on white labels. Alternatively there are many online shops that sell the iron on name labels. Lost property is located in a wooden crate inside the doors at the school office.

Water Bottles

Our water fountains remain switched off as part of our Covid-safe measures. Please ensure children bring their own water bottles daily.

Parking

'No Parking' & 'Keep Clear' Road Markings are clearly visible around Banwell Close and Cheddar Grove.

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 around Cheddar Grove and Banwell Close. 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 children safe.

Term 3 After School Clubs

- Please note that KS2 Running Club on Monday's will **not** continue in term 3.
- Miss McGaffin will be running Gym instead of Netball on Thursday's during term 3.
- To book on to Signature Sports Multi-Sport's club click here or visit https://www.signaturesportscoaching.co.uk/category/cheddar-grove-primary-1
- Judo booking will be available shortly on the school website

After School Timetable Term 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 & KS2 Judo (Starting Monday 17th January 2022)		**Zumba Years 1, 2, 3 & 4** 3:30 – 4:30pm (Starting Wednesday 5th January 2022)	**Boys & Girls Football Years 5 & 6** 3:20 – 4:15pm (Starting Thursday 6th January 2022)	**Rocksteady Years 1 – 6** During school day. More information here
KS1 Multi-Sport's 3:20 – 4:20 pm (Starting Monday 10th January)			**Gym** 3:20 – 4:15 pm (Starting Thursday 6th January 2022)	**KS2 Multi-Sports** 3.20 – 4.25pm (Starting Monday 10th January)

Please note all after school clubs are pre-bookable

Term Dates & Inset Days – 2021-2022

This academic year's term dates are available on the school website and can be accessed here

Important Dates

Tuesday 11th January 2022	Year 6 start swimming each Tuesday morning during Term 3
Thursday 13,20 & 27th January 2022	Year 5&6 7-Aside League Football @ Merchants
Thursday 20th January 2022	Year 5 Trip to We The Curious
Thursday 20th January 2022	School Census Day - **Menu change** Hotdogs/Vegetarian Hotdogs
Thursday 27th January 2022	Reception Bristol Aquarium Trip
Friday 18th February 2022	INSET DAY
12th – 15th July 2022	Year 6 Barton Camp TBC

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Urgent call for support

Be part of the national effort to support face-to-face education in schools

Covid-19, and the Omicron variant in particular, continues to impact schools and we are concerned that it may affect our ability to continue to offer face-to-face education to children and young people.

We are asking for parents, carers and members of our community who would be interested in taking on paid employment for a temporary period, to come forward to support our schools and our children and young people through this difficult time.

Who can help?

We are inviting qualified ex-teachers to come forward to join a supply register to help teach children on a temporary basis. You may be retired, taking time off to care for children or others, or currently working in a different area, but you may be able to spare some time to help.

We are also inviting people who could help with other roles such as administration, caretaking and lunch-time supervision, to come forward.

Your time will be invaluable, whatever you can spare - whether it is one day a week or five. You will be helping protect children and young people's education.

You may wish to work in a particular school or a group of schools – whatever you can offer will be much appreciated and will make a difference.

For more information, or to register your interest, please contact:
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