



## CHADDESLEY CORBETT ENDOWED PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – 10<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2014



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### Goodbyes and Welcomes

As we welcome Mrs Try next term we say a fond farewell to Mrs Cobon. We would like extend a huge thank you to her for all her hard work and support in Year 3 throughout the Spring Term. We will certainly miss her but I am sure we will see her in school again sometime in the future.

We would also like to welcome Peter Rowberry, Amelia Lee, Ethan Withers, Brooke Mullins, Olivia Cwiertak and Isabelle Beechey who will be joining us after Easter in our Pre-School Nursery, Daniel Cwiertak who will be joining us in Reception, and Charlie Jordan and Fern Schieber who will be joining us in Year 1. We wish them every success with their learning during their time at Chaddesley Corbett Endowed Primary School.

### Bikeability

Congratulations to all of the children in Year 5 who took part in the Bikeability Training. They had a good week, despite the weather, and I am pleased to announce that they passed level 2 and were presented with a certificate and badge.

### Mothering Sunday Year 1 Assembly

Well done and thank you to Year 1 for a wonderful Mothering Sunday Assembly. The children worked really hard and enjoyed showing their parents and Grandparents what they had learned about Mother's day. It was very much enjoyed by everyone. Thank you also to Miss Flude, Mrs Buckerfield and Mrs Beard for all your hard work and to Mrs Pugh for providing us with beautiful posies for the children to give to their mums.

### Eco Day

Although we thought the weather was going to be against us, and in actual fact there were only a couple of showers, we had an extremely productive day. The children really enjoyed getting involved with digging over the vegetable patches and planting their potatoes. With the support of staff and some very hard working volunteers we are pleased to announce that we now have our very own large potato patch and a huge plot ready for planting our pumpkins later on. We look forward to seeing the fruits of our labour - watch this space! A big thank you to everyone who was able to join us, and also to Miss Flude and Mrs Cotton for co-ordinating the day. Well done everyone!

### Green Flag Award

Our Eco Committee are working hard to help the School achieve the Green Flag Award for 2014. During our "Waste Week" we looked at ways of how we can reduce waste created by packed lunches. Following our second weigh-in of waste produced by the children's lunch boxes, We are very pleased to announce that we halved, yes halved the amount of waste produced in comparison to the first weigh-in. Thank you for your support, and well done everyone. This is a great effort and we now need to keep going in finding new ways to reduce waste further.

Please take a look at our website [www.ccschool.co.uk](http://www.ccschool.co.uk) and click on the link for the Eco Page for further ideas and suggestions.

### Kidderminster Dance Festival

Congratulations to Year 2 who took part in the Kidderminster Dance Festival at Kidderminster Town Hall. Their dance was based on the book "Super Worm" by Julia Donaldson and the feedback received from the organisers was that the children were outstanding and produced work of the highest standard. We are all extremely proud of the children and of the confidence shown on the evening; especially Shauna Jones who introduced our School and Amelia McFarlane who introduced the "Super Worm" dance. Well done everyone and a huge thank you to Mrs Goddard who choreographed the dance, and to Mrs Hall, Mrs Williams and Mrs Griffiths for all of their hard work with the costumes and scenery.

### Big Brum Theatre in Education

On Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March Big Brum Theatre in Education came into school to work with the children in Year 3 to support the literacy work they covered this term on Plays. They showed a performance of the "The Giant's Embrace" followed by a workshop. The story covered issues surrounding responsibility, friendship and sustainability. The children really enjoyed the day and gave them an invaluable learning experience.

We would like to see similar events to this in School in the future, but can only do so with the support of your contributions. If we had taken the children to a theatre to see this production, including transport costs, it could easily have cost three times as much per pupil.

### Year 6 SATs Tests

These will take place week commencing the 12<sup>th</sup> May. To support the children please can we ask that your child is rested in the evenings, and is not tempted to have late nights during this week. During May and early June other classes will undergo some formal assessment. We do not publish the dates for these but wanted you to know that they will be happening during this time frame.

### Year 6 Orienteering

Last week 12 pupils from Year 6 represented Chaddesley Corbett Primary School at an Orienteering Festival in Stourport. They took part in 2 challenges and hugely enjoyed the day. One group came 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Star Challenge and another group came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Punch Challenge. The Recognition for Team Work Award went to Jack Lloyd and Joby Watkins. We are extremely proud of all of them; they were a credit to the school.

Thank you again to the parents who were able to transport children to and from the event. Without your valued support the children would not be able to take part in a lot of these enriching activities.

### Reminder to Label Uniform

We are still finding a lot of uniform that is not clearly labelled. Please ensure that all items of school uniform, P.E. Kit, pumps, shoes, wellies, coats and equipment are clearly marked with your child's name as School will not take responsibility for any losses.

### Summer Uniform

Please could we ask for parental support with help to "tidy up the uniform" - children need to have appropriate school shoes and **not** trainers. Shirts need to be tucked in. Ties need to be correctly tied and top buttons done up. Hair bands need to be discreet in size and we ask them to be in school colours please. Long hair should be tied back for health and safety reasons and if your child has their ears pierced, they may wear small gold or silver stud earrings only. Earrings must be removed for PE lessons, or tape provided by yourselves in your child's PE bag to cover them up.

In the summer boys are to wear:-

- a) Grey short or long trousers and grey socks
- b) Short-sleeve white shirts (not a polo shirt) with School tie (in periods of exceptionally hot weather the Headteacher may dispense with the wearing of ties).
- c) Black shoes

In the summer girls may wear:-

- a) **Navy** blue and white chequered dress with short white socks
- b) Black or navy blue shoes

As the weather warms up please ensure that your child has a water bottle with them in school. There are water stations available around the school for them to refill their bottles as required.

### Music Lessons – September 2014 for Year 3 and upwards

If you would like your child to have music lessons starting in September 2014 and would like further details, please talk to someone in the office. We are able to offer instrumental tuition for the following: **Brass Instruments, Drumming, Flute, Guitar, Violin, Electronic Keyboards** Lessons take place during the school day, children are taught in small groups of 2-3. The cost of a shared group lesson is currently £5 per week. If you do not have your own instrument, they can be hired directly from Worcestershire Youth Music (WYM) ( this does not include guitars and electronic keyboards). WYM will charge you separately for instrument hire.

### Pre-School Nursery Open Play Session – 9<sup>th</sup> July 2014

Are you or anyone you know looking for a Pre-School Nursery Place. If so please come along and join us between 1.15pm and 2.30pm for a free play session. Further Nursery information is available on our website [www.ccschool.co.uk](http://www.ccschool.co.uk)

### Sports Day

Please note that Sports Day (weather permitting) will take place on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June from 9.15am until 12.00 noon. Everyone is very welcome to come along to cheer the children on.

### Residential Trip to Malvern

Year 4 will be going on their residential trip to Malvern from 27<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> June. A reminder that payments can be made in instalments however full payment is required by **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May**.

### Residential Trip to Llanrug 2015

The residential trip to Llanrug in 2015 has been provisionally booked for the 23<sup>rd</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015. If parents of children in Year 5 would like to start making payments now, to help spread the cost for their child to attend, please call at the school office for a payment card.

Parents of children in Year 3 may also wish to think about making payments towards the cost of their child attending the residential trip to Malvern in 2015; payment cards for this are also available from the school office.

### Charges for Educational Visits and Curriculum Enrichment Opportunities.

Throughout the year we will write to you to ask for your consent for your child to take part in visits to museums, theatres and other places of interest. In addition to asking for your consent, we also give you details of what the trip will cost per child and ask for you to contribute towards the whole cost of the trip by paying for your child. Whilst the contribution is voluntary, if the cost of the event looks as though it will not be covered, the school retains the right to cancel the activity.

Increasingly, we are failing to cover the cost of non-residential trips and activities and we are sadly facing having to make the decision to cancel such activities. In the past month we have not covered the cost of the Blunderbus Theatre workshop, Big Brum Theatre in Education and we are on the verge of making a decision with regard to having to cancel the Year One visit to the Avoncroft Museum.

It was agreed by the Parent Forum back in May 2012 (minutes on website) that excluding residential / outdoor centre trips (Llanrug, Malvern & Upton Warren) parents would be willing to pay £50-£60 per year towards the cost of Educational Visits and Events. It was agreed that if a member of staff was planning to organise an event that would take a child over this limit, that they would not book anything before first writing to parents to get their consent to spend the extra amount involved.

Our teaching Staff work very hard to deliver a rich and exciting curriculum and when they find a way of supporting a child's learning by experiencing something 'hands on', they are very keen to do so.

The Office staff research the best value transport options and overall, every effort is made to offer the trips at the best price possible. Some activities are school based but we pay outside providers to deliver them e.g. Blunderbus and Big Brum.

We understand that there are times when it is difficult to find the funds to pay for activities. If you are eligible to receive free school meals or are experiencing difficulties, please make an appointment to speak to your child's class teacher. This will always be in strictest confidence.

Feedback from both parents and pupils is always positive in regards to the value that is added to the children's educational experience. We do not want to lose the opportunity to enrich your child's learning and hope that you will be able to support us in our endeavours.

## Start of the School Day

We are noticing that there is an increasing number of pupils arriving at school after 8.45am. The playground is supervised from 8.30am and I would encourage children to arrive between 8.30am and 8.45am so that they have time to socialise with their friends on the playground before school and begin learning the importance of punctuality. When children arrive late, it impacts on their day, as they very often miss out on important information given by their classroom teacher at the start of the day.

## Dates for your diary

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Deadline to please log onto [www.ccschool.co.uk/form.html](http://www.ccschool.co.uk/form.html) and let us have your views on how you would like to see the school moving forward over the next 3 years.

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April

Break up for Easter

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April

Teacher Education Day (School closed to the children)

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April

Return to School

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May

May Day Bank Holiday

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> - Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> May

Year 6 SATs

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

Break up for half term

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May

Teacher Education Day (School closed to the children)

Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

Return to School

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> June

Sports day (weather permitting)

Fri 27<sup>th</sup> - Sun 29<sup>th</sup> June

Year 4 residential trip to Malvern Outdoor Education Centre

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Transition afternoon

Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> July

Pre-School Nursery Open Play Session 1.15pm – 2.30pm

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July

Open afternoon from 1.00pm - 2.45pm

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July

Break up for the summer holidays

**We hope you have a very enjoyable  
and safe Easter Holiday.**

Mr J Hawthorn  
Headteacher

Platform 4 ¾ Afterschool Club 3.00pm – 4.45pm

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