



# Cheddon Fitzpaine Church School

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## Cheddon CHAT 02 – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

### Welcome Back!

It has been lovely to see everybody return to school after the summer holidays. I do hope that you have had a great break and are well rested. The children are already working hard in classes across a range of topics. Mrs Goodchild and I have met with the team from the BWMAT to set whole school targets; the year is up and running!

I will be continuing to support other schools, but will be at Cheddon far more this year. As a rough rule of thumb, I will be at Cheddon at the end of the week during the first half of a term, and the start of the week during the second half. This will provide me with lots of opportunities to speak to everybody, something that I am really looking forward to.

### Becoming a school Governor

Following the retirement of one of the Parent Governors, and a change in role for the other Parent Governor, we have two vacancies on the Local Governing Board for parents of children at the school. If you are interested in becoming a governor and would like more information, please pop into the office to arrange a chat.

As Governors we look after the longer term strategic vision of the school, being the challenging friend to the school, and ensuring that all children, regardless of their background achieve the best possible education. We meet as a full governing body, 5 or 6 times a year, normally on Wednesday evenings for a couple hours. Additionally we try to visit the school once a term to review the progress that they children are making (during the school day, though this can be reviewed if work commitments hamper this)

The term of office for a parent governor is 4 years, during which time, there will be various training courses that new governors can go on to build their experience.

As there are two vacancies, in the event that more than two parents wish to become governors, than an election will need to be held, with all parents having a vote. But please don't let this put you off applying

### Helping to keep your child safe online – DITTO magazine

I have come across an online magazine that you may find of interest in regard to keeping your child safe online. It is called DITTO and can be downloaded for free from [this website](#).

### Harvest Festival at Cheddon Church

St Mary's Church, Cheddon is holding a Harvest Festival celebration service at the church at 11.00am on Sunday 8th October. This will be followed with a ploughman's lunch. Everyone is welcome to go along to enjoy this celebration at a special time of year for our rural community.

### From the gate...

This is going to be a new feature in the CHAT. I am conscious that there are lots of good conversations and questions about our school that are held over the school gate each day. In order to share these to a wider audience, I shall be adding them here on a regular basis throughout the year.

It has been a quiet week for questions at the gate, but a personal thank you to the one parent who praised my natural dance ability after seeing a photo that was taken of me last week. I don't think that Mrs Goodchild feels the same!!

### Child minder

We have had a request from one of our parents regarding getting a child minder. If you have any recommendations or indeed are a registered one yourself, she would be extremely grateful for any details. Please contact the school office if you have any information. Thank you on her behalf.

### Cake and Coffee afternoon

Our coffee and cake afternoon, in aid of Macmillan cancer support, will take place on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> September from 2pm. It would be lovely for as many of you as possible to join us to raise money for such a worthy cause. If you are able to provide cakes for this event, or if you are able to help on the day please let Mrs Winter know.

### Attendance

This week's attendance in each class:

95.45	98.47	95.4	97.62	98.99
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Class 1	Class 2	Class 3	Class 4	Class 5
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### Star of the Week

Class 1	Jack Drayton	For your helpfulness in class
Class 2	Neveah Kerr	For always having good play times
Class 3	Thomas Fitzgerald	For being hardworking
Class 4	Isla Davidson	For being a supportive peer
Class 5	Archie Snell Max Mockeridge	For always going the extra mile to be helpful

### Dates for your diary

18.09 Reception children in 8:45am – 12pm  
 25.09 Reception children in 8:45am – 1:30pm  
 28.09 Coffee and Cake afternoon (2pm start)  
 28.09 Mufti day  
 29.09 INSET DAY – school closed to children  
 02.10 Reception children in full time  
 02.10 Harvest Festival at the school (2:30 start)  
 06.10 Class 5 Cake Sale  
 12.10 Bikeability day 1  
 13.10 Bikeability day 2  
 18.10 FCSA AGM (3:30pm start in the lower library)  
 19.10 FCSA Disco (TBC)  
 20.10 INSET DAY – school closed to children  
 23.10 Half Term