

# Chipping Sodbury School Newsletter



## Cesson Information Evening

Dear Parents/Carers

I am delighted to be able to write to you about an opportunity proposed by the Sodbury and District Twinning Association for our students to be involved in an exchange programme with Cesson, our partner town in France.

There have been numerous sporting and cultural visits between the two towns over the years, and we are hoping now to involve our students in hosting visitors here and in travelling over to France to stay with families in Cesson.

You are warmly invited to attend a meeting in the Library here at school on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00pm in order to find out more. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school if you are unable to attend but would like further information.

Chris Pugh, Head of Modern Foreign Languages



## Forthcoming Dates

### January

- 17th Y7 Weston Trip
- 19th School of Rock Trip— London
- 20th INSET Day
- 24th Options Information Briefing—18:00 to 19:00
- 25th Parents' Evening 3

### February

- 7th Y8 Girls HPV Immunisations
- 10th Ski Trip—Austria
- 10th End of Term 3
- 20th Start of Term 4

## Socks and Chocs

Thank you to all those who donated towards Chipping Sodbury School's Christmas "socks and chocs" appeal. This supported the Crisis Ministries appeal for the homeless of Bristol, who were very grateful for the donations.



## BLUE

A community nature conservation project

Presented by Fergus Beeley  
at Waitrose, Chipping Sodbury

7pm on Thursday 19th January  
2017

[www.bluecampaignhub.com](http://www.bluecampaignhub.com)  
Twitter: @blue\_campaign1  
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Avon House students ran a Christmas community bake project once again this year, baking biscuits after school and visiting several groups within the locality of our school who are directly involved in providing care and support to our community to present them with gifts of the biscuits. We visited the volunteer staff at several charity shops, two care homes for the elderly, the police station and the Baptist church. All were so appreciative. We had a final bag of biscuits left, so sought out the gentleman currently sleeping rough in Chipping Sodbury and gave him our last gift. He was chuffed!

Mrs Clarke would like to thank all who gave money for the ingredients and took part in the bake: Logan Kettle, Cole Whiting-Hays, Jacob Keedwell, Scott Harrill, Charlotte Mitchell, Michal Wickiewicz, Amy Offer, Grace Millais, Shona Parker, Jake Packer, Sophie Knight and Paige Kelley. Thanks also to Charlotte for designing the label, to Andrea Willis, Kelsie Batten and Paige Kelley for wrapping the gifts, and finally to Paige, Cole and Charlotte for joining Mrs Clarke to visit the care homes etc. to deliver the gifts.

Mrs Denise Clarke

Chipping Sodbury School held its second attendance reward raffle on December 16<sup>th</sup>. All those students who have achieved an attendance figure of 95% and above were entered into the competition and the lucky winners received a prize. Once again we would like to extend our grateful thanks to Nando's, Yate, Frankie and Benny's, Yate and Bristol Rugby for their generous support of this event.



## Keeping Safe Online

All students in Key Stages 3 and 4 have recently attended an age appropriate assembly about how to stay safe when posting images, including film clips, online. The NSPCC has reported that 'around 1 in 7 young people have taken a semi-naked/naked picture of themselves. Over half went on to share the picture with someone else' (NSPCC 2016).

We want all our young people to stay safe and enjoy the many positive features when using the internet and social media. However, occasionally things do go wrong and someone can find themselves in a difficult and distressing situation. We encourage you to support the messages our students have received in school and talk through the importance of staying safe online. There is further information on the school website to give you advice and guidance how to tackle this sensitive issue. Crucially, if inappropriate images are posted online and



possibly distributed, an offence has been committed and this should be reported. For information, advice and to report concerns directly to CEOP, visit [www.ceop.police.uk](http://www.ceop.police.uk).



**Chipping Sodbury School**  
**Music Department**

**Ukulele Club**  
Thursday lunch time  
A5 classroom  
See Mr Cox for further details



## Mighty Fine Linguist Award — December 2016

This award recognises students who have shown outstanding effort and/or achievement in language learning. The following winners in each year group were selected as students who have shown particular achievement this month:

- Year 7 – Josh Hodey
- Year 8 – Owen Cattle
- Year 9 – Tilly Crowley
- Year 10 – Niamh Conlon-Jones
- Year 11 – Nick Davidge

Well done to these students and to all the others who were nominated. Keep up the good work!



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