



# CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



**Reminders:** All after school clubs need to be paid for before the club starts next week

22nd September 2017

**Letters:** After school club letters, Y4/5/6 Hockey Club, Y5/6 Girls Football Tournament

### What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
KS1 Multi Sports starts 3.20-4.20pm	KS2 Netball and Boys Football starts 3.20-4.20pm	Class Photo's KS1 Football starts 3.20-4.20pm PTFA Meeting 7.30pm	Swimming Year 4 KS2 Invasion Games and Girls Football starts 3.20-4.20pm	KS2 Gymnastics and Cross Country starts 3.20-4.20pm

It's been quiet without Year 6! They have been visiting Whitemoor Lakes this week, I have spent 2 nights with them and have seen that they are having an amazing time. A big thanks to the staff that have volunteered to accompany them; Mrs Miles, Mrs Dennis, Mrs Swallow, Mrs Bishop and Mr Budge (who also spent 2 nights with them).

A big thank you for sending in your child's outside achievements. We had such a fabulous response that we didn't get through them all last week. Not to worry, this will be a feature of every week in assembly on Friday – so keep them coming. I was amazed at the range of achievements the children shared and so proud of how confidently they spoke in front of the whole school – well done.

Next week I shall be attending the first PTFA meeting. I know of so many wonderful events organised by this group of volunteers, please come along and support.

**Wednesday 27 September at 7:30pm in school.**

**Gemma Grainger**

**Headteacher**



### App of the week

Lets do Mental Maths!!

Practise mental maths skills against the clock.



Please note that although we check the suitability of Applications, they can be changed without notice. Parents should therefore check the Application BEFORE children go on to them.

### Lichfield Bower

Miss Morton and Miss Tullett attended a Bower presentation at the Guildhall on Tuesday 19th September where Chadsmead Primary Academy were presented with a cheque for £144 from the proceeds of the money collected during the Bower procession in May.

Well done and thank you to everyone who took part in the Bower procession.

### Applying for a Secondary School Place

Children born between 01/09/2006 and 31/08/2007 are due to start Secondary School in September 2018. The deadline for on-time applications is 31st October 2017.

Apply on-line at [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions)



## Year Group Updates

### Nursery & Reception

This week the children have been reading the story 'Lost and Found'. They have completed lots of exciting activities based on the story, such as small world 'Lost and Found', painting penguins, making patterns, building a boat, floating and sinking and writing about different arctic animals.

### Year 1 & 2

In Years 1 and 2 we have all settled into our classes very well. We have been making changes to 'The Disgusting Sandwich' in English. In Science we had lots of fun experimenting with bubbles to investigate if they are always round.

**PE reminder** - all children need to bring a full PE kit into school. Please can you check your child's kit as some are not complete.

**Earrings MUST be removed on PE days.**

### REMINDER

#### Absence Reporting

Please remember to call or text the office on your child's first day of absence by 9.30am.

**CALL 01543 421850 or TEXT 07756 921747**

If we do not receive a call or text then please expect a telephone phone call during the morning to establish the reason for absence.

Failure to notify us of the reason for absence means an awful lot of time is taken up making telephone calls and sending out texts.

**On Monday 18th September 9 children were absent from school and failed to call or text.**

Can we please remind parents that on a child's return to school we will still require a signed letter confirming the reason to enable us to authorise the absence.

### Year 3 & 4

This week we have learnt all about the human digestive system in more detail.

We have discussed all sorts of gross information including how poo is made and what our stomachs are like !

We have really enjoyed editing pictures in IT and making our toothy grins turn into decaying teeth. Urghhh!

The children are also transfixed with our class reader - Demon dentist - a fascinating read by David Walliams.

### Year 5

This week, in History lessons, Year 5 have been learning about the symptoms of the Black Death and about what Medieval people believed to be cures for it – ringing bells, whipping themselves and even drinking arsenic. Can you believe it?

In Maths lessons this week Year 5 have been learning to tell the time using the 24-hour format and solving problems involving time.

### Year 6

The children in Year 6 are having a fantastic week at Whitemoor Lakes.

Have a look at the brilliant photographs on the Chadsmead website:

**[www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk](http://www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk)**

## Our Children and Social Media

There are plenty of good things about social media — but also many potential dangers and things that you want your children to avoid. They don't always make the smartest choices when they post something to a site like Facebook, snapchat or YouTube, and sometimes this can lead to problems.

Please spend a moment to read through these helpful hints with your children.

**Be nice.** Mean behaviour is just as unacceptable in the virtual world as it is in the real world. Make it clear that you expect your children to treat others with respect and courtesy and to never post hurtful or embarrassing messages about others. And ask them to always tell you about any harassing or bullying messages that others may post.

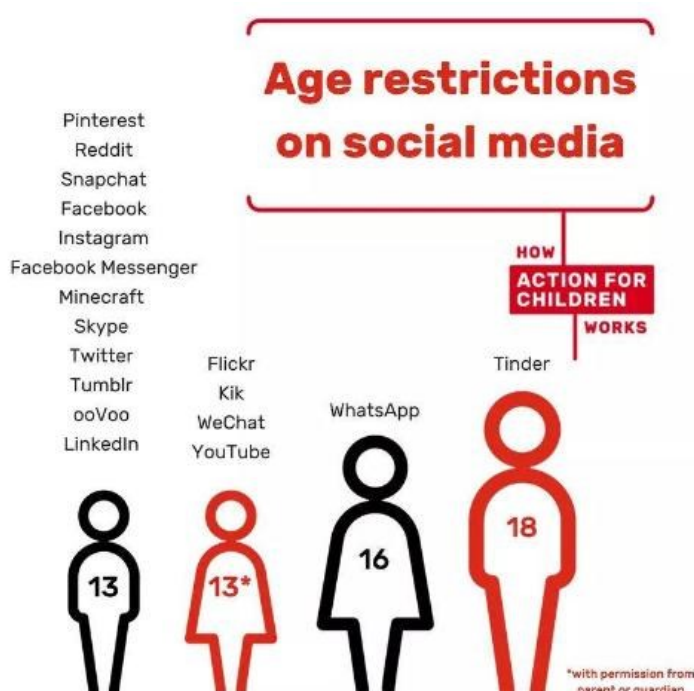
**Think twice before hitting "enter."** Remind children that what they post can be used against them. For example, letting the world know that you're off on vacation or posting your home address gives would-be robbers a chance to strike.

**Follow the "WWGS?" (What Would Grandma Say?) rule.** Reinforce the point that "once it's out there, you can't get it back." This is a Digital Tattoo. They shouldn't share anything on social media that they wouldn't want their teachers, future bosses — and yes, grandma — to see.

**Use privacy settings.** Privacy settings are important and to highlight their importance, go through the settings together to make sure your children understand each one.

**Don't "friend" strangers.** "If you don't know them, don't friend them." This is a plain, simple — and safe — rule of thumb.

There is a wealth of information surrounding e-safety available, including [www.safetynetkids.org.uk](http://www.safetynetkids.org.uk) which is particularly child friendly.



## LEAVE OF ABSENCE IN TERM TIME – PLEASE NOTE CAREFULLY

- Please be aware that we are still administering leave of absence requests during term time and the consideration of penalty notices under the interim criteria and guidance from the County Council - issued in July 2016.
  - Following the ruling on the Isle of Wight Council v Platt case we are expecting new guidance from the authority in the next couple of weeks. This new guidance is expected to come into effect from January of 2018. We will advise you when we have further information to clarify the position of Staffordshire County Council.
  - Current guidance is as follows: -
  - Penalty Notices for leave in term time may be considered appropriate if the following criteria is met: For unauthorised leave of absence, there must be a minimum of 20 sessions (10 school days) of unauthorised absence from school during the period of two consecutive half-terms (this being the half-term we are currently in plus the previous half-term)
  - This absence must include at least 10 sessions (5 days) of unauthorised leave in the specified time period for leave of absence for a holiday, however, the remaining 10 sessions (5 days) may relate to other unauthorised absence. The absences do not have to be consecutive
  - Persistent late arrival at school after the register is closed, in the current and previous term. 'Persistent' means at least 20 sessions of late arrival. These late episodes do not need to be consecutive
  - The presence of an excluded child in a public place at any time during school hours in that child's first five days of exclusion. An 'excluded child' is one who has been excluded from school for a given period under the Education and Inspections Act 2006
  - A Penalty Notice will not be issued in respect of children in the care of the Local Authority whom other interventions will be used
- Penalty Notices are currently £60 per child, per parent and parents can receive more than one Penalty Notice per academic year.**

### Keeping our communities safe and reassured

Following on from last week's terrorist incident in London, I wanted to provide reassurance to you and your communities'.

As a result of this attack and the increased security threat level to Critical, we are working across the whole of the county with our key partners and stakeholders to address any specific concerns.

While there is no specific intelligence or threat within Staffordshire, the threat level means an attack is imminent.

As a result there will be an increased police presence and visibility, both armed and unarmed at popular locations including tourist spots, transport hubs and busy town centres across Staffordshire. We will also be reviewing key events over the coming days and providing security advice where practical.

Events like last week's highlight that an attack can occur at any time or place, without warning. As a result we would urge everyone to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activity to us, as a matter of urgency.

Our communities may question if they should call the police but I would encourage you to share the message, if something doesn't feel right call the confidential hotline on 0800 789 321, or in an emergency always call 999. We act on all information.

We know that at times like this people will be worried about the local impact and we continue to provide as much reassurance as possible, to ensure our communities feel safe and are safe. Terrorists want to create discord, distrust and create fear, so we stand together to defeat terrorism and would encourage everyone to work with us and support others.

We will continue to work with our colleagues and communities to keep you safe. Once again I cannot stress enough if you see anything suspicious please report it.

Assistant Chief Constable Emma Barnett

