



CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Reminders: Music Tuition & After School Clubs should all be paid for by now

29th September 2017

Letters: Eyam Village Year 5 Trip

What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bikeability Year 6	Bikeability Year 6	KS2—CTTC Girls Football Tournament 3.45pm	Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!	

This is the end of week 4! Hasn't it gone fast. The summer holiday is a distant memory (especially the weather). By now all the children are used to the routines and have settled to the next stage of their learning. I'm sure you've heard about the new topics, thank you for your continued support with home learning.

I attended my first PTFA meeting on Wednesday. Thank you to the 10 people that came. Firstly, I'd like to thank everyone that helped with events and fundraising over the last year, it was clear from the meeting, that the commitment and support made a very successful year. News to follow, with a direct announcement from PTFA, on how the money will be spent – but I'm excited! Look out for this year's events.

Please note there is a change to the school lunch menu next week. We have designed a menu including the children's most favourite foods and will run a raffle, with small prizes, for those children having school dinners this day. This is linked to the school census taking part on that day, as the Universal Infant Free School Meal Grant to schools is based on uptake on that day. **Please encourage your child to have a school dinner on that day, especially if in Year 2, Year 1 or Reception.** Thank you for supporting us.

Gemma Grainger

Headteacher

Winner, Winner, Chicken Dinner!

Thursday 5th October

Chicken Burger in a Bun

(with oven baked potato waffles)

Cheese & Tomato Pasta Bake & Fresh Bread

Ham Panini /Jacket Potato

Chocolate Fudge Brownie / Ice Cream Pot

Happy 80th Birthday Mr Hallam

On Monday staff celebrated Mr Hallam's 80th Birthday. Mr Hallam has volunteered at Chadsmead for many years. His time given is much appreciated by staff and children.



PTFA

Spooky Disco

Thursday 19th October

Letters will be coming home with children on Monday 2nd October. Ticket order deadline Monday 9th October.

Christmas Fair Ideas Meeting—Tuesday 10th October 8.30pm at the Hedgehog. All welcome.

End of Day Arrangements

Please send a letter in to class teacher with the details of any alteration in pick up arrangements. (i.e. going to a friends for dinner, someone else picking up, walking home alone). One day this week the office took 17 telephone calls between 2-3pm with alterations to pick up arrangements!

Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

This week we have been making faces using loose parts, making playdough faces, programming bee-bots, using tweezers to pick up pom-poms, sorting objects by their initial sound, tracing letters using paint and cotton bud paintbrushes and practising our throwing using bean bags.

Year 1 & 2

Years 1 & 2 have been writing our own invented wishing tales this week. We have been working on subtraction in Maths and learning about the artist Carl Warner and creating our own 'foodscape' pictures. We have also investigated how we can manipulate bread dough to change its shape in Science.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3 and 4 have been investigating how gas is produced in the body! A potent mixture of broccoli, curry and beans were left on a warm radiator to replicate the build up of gas inside the digestive system. We have also used disclosing tablets to examine the plaque on our teeth and enjoyed having purple tongues! The children are now beginning to imitate their narrative, 'The Life of a Mars Bar', a perilous journey through the digestive system. What a fantastic week!

Key Stage 2 Snack Money

£1 Coins

Don't forget that the old style £1 coins will cease to be legal tender from Sunday 15th October 2017, please ensure only new style £1 coins are sent into school after this date.
Thank you.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been studying poetry in their English lessons, they have read 'A poem to be spoken silently' by Pie Corbett. They have been identifying personification in the poem and then used it themselves in their writing.

In Maths lessons this week Year 5 have been learning strategies for addition and subtraction. And, in science lessons they have planned their experiment to find out how hygienic the school is.

Year 6

Year 6 are pleased to be back safely from Whitemoor Lakes with some wonderful memories that will last a lifetime! We are delighted to have Mr Stevens back with us and we are ready for lots of hard work as well as fun. Next Monday and Tuesday, pupils have Bikeability training so they will need to remember their bikes, helmets and coats to be ready for any weather. We will also be starting a singing project with Lichfield Cathedral.

Mr Walters
(our guitar teacher) is
currently on two weeks
paternity leave.



Unfortunately Entrust were unable to cover the lessons at a suitable time. We will add in extra sessions later in the year so that students don't miss out.

Congratulations to Jon and his family on the birth of Jemima.

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.



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 applications is 31st October 2017.

Apply on-line at
www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

Polite Reminder:

If you have any queries regarding lunchtime arrangements or specific requirements for your child; **please see your child's class teacher, not a lunchtime supervisor.** Be assured that important information will be passed on accordingly. Please be mindful that many of our lunchtime supervisors are parents/grandparents and it is not appropriate to approach them with information outside of their working hours. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

For parents of children and young people with
SEND In Staffordshire



SkillShare is a project funded by The Big Lottery and managed by SEND Family Partnership (Information Advice and Support Service) to provide FREE training for parents and carers of children and young people with special needs aged 0-25 years in Staffordshire

SUPPORT FOR YOUR CHILD THROUGH THE SCHOOL YEARS

In conjunction with Staffordshire SEND Family Partnership Information Advice and Support Service (SFPS)

This workshop will guide you through the legal processes for SEN support in education

THE WORKSHOP WILL COVER:

An overview of SFPS

SEN Support in school -
what is it?

One Page profile - overview and
practical activity

What is an Educational Health
and Care Plan - when to
request an assessment

Workshops are FREE and start at 10.30am finishing at 1.30pm and are followed by a FREE lunch. There are a limited number of bookable appointments with an SFPS officer from 9.30am to briefly discuss your individual case. If you would like to take advantage of this please state when booking.

Choose from one of the venues below:

Holiday Inn, Lichfield Mon 2nd Oct 2017

Tillington Hall, Stafford Tue 10th Oct 2017

Holiday Inn, Newcastle under Lyme Tue 31st Oct 2017

Places are limited and will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

App of the week



Kahoot Play fun learning games and quizzes. On your own or with friends!

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.