



Letters: Safer Internet Day 6th February/KS1 Snack and KS2 School meals/ Number Day 2nd February

What's on next week ...				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
		No KS1 Dodgeball due to Archery Competition Mr Murcott's last day	Year 5 Swimming	Number Day

Message from Mrs Grainger

Next Friday is our first school Number Day, all the information about this is coming home in a separate letter. The children will spend the day focusing on number related activities. Thank you for your support.

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th February will be our E-safety Focus days - in line with the UK safer internet day. I encourage you to attend our parents meeting regarding this subject. As a parent myself I see that the internet offers an opportunity to play, learn create and connect – opening up a whole world of exciting possibilities. But with the digital world changing all the time, how can we be sure we are keeping our children safe? All staff have trained in this area and found the session to be most informative.

This week the children enjoyed a water assembly and came home with a water safety booklet. This was provided by The Canal and River Trust as part of a Water Safety Campaign and ran by volunteers. We hope to invite as many people into school as we can to help round our children's experiences, if you have any ideas for any other visitors please get in touch.

And finally, I took a phone call this week from a lady who visited Birmingham Sea Life Centre on Wednesday – the same day as our Year 3/4 children. She was extremely complimentary about our children and our staff. The children were polite, well-mannered and engrossed in the learning, whilst the staff were brilliant and great role models. Another well done to Chadsmead!

Attendance

As has been mentioned previously, guidance from Staffordshire County Council around attendance issues has been updated. We sent a letter from the County Council on 8th December 2017.

Please take note of the key information and updated changes in the guidance and the published policy. In particular, I point out that:

- No holiday can be authorised. Head teachers may not grant leave of absence for a holiday. Any/all holidays COULD result in a fine being issued.
- Head teachers may grant leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. Exceptional circumstances are "exceptional"
- Unauthorised persistent absence of 10 school days in a period of 12 school weeks COULD result in a fine.
- 10 sessions of persistent late arrival – arriving after registers have closed COULD result in a fine.
- If children arrive before registration has closed, they are marked "L" - present, but late.

IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES WHERE YOU INTEND OR PLAN TO TAKE YOUR CHILD OUT OF SCHOOL, YOU HAVE A LEGAL DUTY TO LET US KNOW.

We continue to thank the very large majority of our parents/carers who ensure that their children are in school, on time for each and every day establishing good habits and attitudes for future schools and the world of work and beyond. Thank you.

Gemma Grainger

Headteacher

Year Group Updates

Nursery & Reception

In Early Years this week we have travelled all the way to Africa where we have been writing about the animals in the safari, threading African necklaces, playing African drums, painting African necklaces, weighing African animals, made our own binoculars to look for the animals and created our own sunset pictures using pastels.

Year 3 & 4

Year 3/4 really enjoyed their trip to the Sea Life Centre in Birmingham on Wednesday.

It was a pleasure to see their faces light up as they gazed at the marine creatures including sharks, turtles, rays, octopi and loads more.

Thanks for your support with this, it is a great way to bring our 'Blue Abyss' topic to life.

As the 'wow' start to our topic the children spent the first week and a half of January painting a giant sea life mural which is displayed in the corridor by the KS2 hall.

Please have a look when next in - it's great!



Year 1 & 2

In KS1 we have been learning about leaflets in our English work. We have linked this to our theme - 'Street Detectives' and we have learned about different buildings in Lichfield. We have even used Google Maps to go on a virtual tour of our local area and created graphs from our findings.

Year 5

This week Year 5 have been learning more about the planets in our solar system. In their theme lessons they have been creating a fact file for each of the eight planets. To do this they had to research the planets and find facts about each one as well as sketching them using accurate colours and designs.

In writing lessons, we have been innovating a fiction text called "An Alien Encounter" and in maths lessons we have been converting different metric units of measure.

Year 6

Year 6 this week have continued with their theme of 'Blood Heart' and have begun to research about the impact of diet and exercise on their bodies. They have also completed a few assessments, we are very happy to say they have applied themselves pleasingly and as a group the majority are showing an excellent attitude towards their learning.

Netball Finals – 23/01/18

On Tuesday 23rd January Year 5 and 6 pupils attended the finals of the Lichfield/Burntwood Netball Tournament at Burntwood Leisure Centre. The team were full of spirit and hopeful of winning which meant they would attend the Level 3 county finals. The team were put in Group A against St Michael's, Little Aston and Willows. Our first game was against St. Michael's. It was a very even contest and the team were unfortunate not to win as St. Michael's equalised near the end which meant the game finished 1-1. Our second game was against the eventual Finalist's Little Aston. The team showed good spirit but



Unfortunately lost 4-0. Our final group game was against Willows. Once again this was a very even contest with both teams having numerous chances however it Willows that took their opportunity and won the game 1-0. This meant that Chadsmead did not progress to the final stage of the competition. We did however arrange to have one more game against Scotch Orchard which was a stalemate and finished 0-0. A massive well done to all the pupils that participated. They should be so proud of reaching the finals this academic year and be very proud of the way they played against some very good teams.

By attending this tournament this is now Chadsmead's 3rd tournament this year where they have progressed through to the final stages of the competition. A big well done to all the pupils that have represented the school this academic year - you should all be very proud of this achievement .

