



CHADSMEAD CHRONICLE



Assembly Theme: Summer Solstice/World Music Day

30th June 2017

Reminders: Music tuition letters to be returned/PTFA disco forms to be returned

What's on next week ...

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Scooter Training Year 2 Beech Class Dodgeball Tournament	Athletics Tournament PTFA Disco EYFS & KS1 5-6pm KS2 6.30-8pm	Scooter Training Year 2 Elm Class Year 3 Swimming	Star Assembly 2.40pm

Message from Mr Budge

End of Year

It is a really busy time in school at the moment with everyone working even harder than usual.

There are end of year reports to write (and proof read!), assessment data to collate and analyse in readiness for the next year, class lists to be drawn up, teaching staff and teaching assistants to be finalised, SEN reviews with parents, Sports days, transition mornings etc etc.

Amidst all this it is still important that parents/carers are able to come into school to talk with staff if needs be.

If you have a concern please see your child's teacher at the end of the day as they are available to help!

Staffing

The transition between myself and Mrs Grainger is going very well with lots of attention to staffing in classes next year.

Mrs Grainger will be in again next week and as soon as the final staffing list is agreed we will be able to let parents/carers know.

EYFS

Many thanks to all who attended our new intake evenings for Reception and Nursery.

It was great to welcome everyone and answer any questions you had about the next year.

Please don't hesitate to contact school if you think of anything else you are unsure of.

Governors

Following the recruitment of Mrs Grainger, we are now advertising for parent and community governors to join a new Chadsmead Local Governing Body from September. Please see separate letter coming home today.

Thanks for your support

MUSIC



Congratulations to all the children who took part in this week's music concert. It was wonderful to see so much talent, determination and concentration. Taking part in music is known to be very beneficial to children; boosting self-esteem, listening skills, confidence and a sense of belonging.

Parents should have received letters this week regarding instrumental tuition from September to next July. The deadline for returning the slip was Friday 30th June (today). Please could any outstanding slips be returned first thing on Monday to enable the booking process to be completed.

Thank you.

Mrs J Miles

Chadsmead Sports Day!

Monday 17th July 9.30am

Year 3—Year 6

Tuesday 18th July 9.30am

Year 1 & Year 2

Wednesday 19th July 9.30am

Nursery & Reception



Summer Term—Diary Dates

10th July— Year 6 Leavers' Prom

14th July—Open afternoon / new classrooms

25th July—Year 6 Leavers' Assembly 9.30am

Our Arrangement for Next Year

'looking ahead and preparing well'

Preparing children properly for a new school year starts months ahead and is always important. We take a great deal of trouble to get it right and every year our children come back in September excited about what is ahead of them, rather than being frightened by the unknown because we have planned a proper induction for them.

Apart from us ensuring children are in a class group where they will make the most progress, we also plan an exciting 'moving up day'. On our moving up day the children are registered by their current class teacher and then move to their 'new class'. During the day we spend some time on agreeing a set of positive class rules based around our 'one word school rule'. We also give the children an opportunity to complete some writing about themselves and a maths activity. When the children come back in September we make sure they are greeted by the work they completed displayed in their new classroom.

Many of our classes are being reorganised for next year and children will have the chance to work with different people and make many new friends. Class changes often go very smoothly because our children are used to us adapting classes and groups. Over the course of a typical week, our children currently seldom experience working solely as 'one class'. On a daily basis we 'deconstruct classes' to ensure that children get the most 'customised' support we can give them. Daily they work in 'phonics groups' made up of children from other classes or even year groups, work in small teaching assistant groups, work with other classes, or even with other schools!

Mr May – Director of Education

Myths and Legends

A selection of comments and misconceptions we sometimes face

'Testing primary children is unnecessary'.

In reality we 'assess' children many times a day. We work out how they are doing with new concepts and adjust our teaching accordingly. 'Formal tests' are a part of the 'assessment jigsaw'. We present tests to our children with **very great care** and work really hard to make sure they are not stressful. We believe that testing gives us a very useful measure of children's performance and next steps.

Weekly Safety Question

Each week we ask the children a quick 'outside of school' safety question and we help them answer it. We would be grateful if parents could help us at home by giving the same message. This week:

"What do you do if someone knocks on your door at home?"

Summer Disco

Wednesday 5th July 2017

EYFS/KS1 5-6pm

KS2 6.30-8pm



Letters have been sent home with children this week - due back in on Friday 30th June with the correct money in an envelope. Tickets will then be sent home ready for Wednesday night.

Year Group Updates

Nursery

Nursery's topic of 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar' has continued this week with lots of themed activities.

In phonics, we have been practising orally blending words together. I say the separate sounds and the children blend them together to make a simple word, such as "b-o-x" becomes "box". This can be harder than it sounds but once the children have got this skill they can then start breaking words into sounds (segmenting), then it won't be long before they will be reading and writing words for themselves! Well done Nursery, you are doing so well!

Reception

This week in Reception we have been learning about pirates! We have been creating our own treasure maps, role playing pirate stories, writing messages in a bottle, making hand print pirates and mermaids and looking closely at the patterns on shells and drawing them.

Year 1

In Year 1 this week we have been designing and making sock puppets. The children have really enjoyed making their puppets. We have also planned and written our own instructions.

Year 2

Year 2 have had an exciting week this week! We started our scooter training on Tuesday and Thursday. The children had a brilliant time and showed off some impressive scooter skills! In talk for writing we have learnt a new story about Pirate Tom. We performed the story in our classes and added actions to help us to remember it. In topic, we have created our own treasure map. X marks the spot!

Lichfield Festival Education Project: Song Trail

Year 6 will be singing in various locations in Lichfield City Centre during the afternoon of Friday 7th July. Listen out for us between 2-3.15pm at Three Spires Shopping Centre, Speaker's Corner and outside the cathedral if you are out shopping! Fingers crossed for good weather!



Year 3

This week we have journeyed into the Underworld! The children have been innovating the story of Pandora's Box by having her sucked into the box and then being transported to the Underworld where she is confronted by all the evils. Will she escape in one piece?

In Maths we have been looking at mentally adding numbers and using column addition. We are really impressed with the amazing Greek outfits that the children brought in this week and we are really looking forward to them wearing them for our Greek activity day which will be coming soon.

Year 4

This week, Year 4 have been practising for sports day during P.E. We have also had the pleasure of watching all our incredible musicians take part in the music concert on Tuesday. We are really proud of all of them!

In topic, we have been looking at America and have even designed and made our own totem poles. They look amazing!

Year 5

The children have looked at historical sources to do with Anne Boleyn's execution - including letters she wrote and speeches she made. It's difficult to understand written language from the 16th century, but both classes did a remarkable job. The children have also been reflecting on their journey through Year 5, ready to write their thoughts, achievements and hopes. These will be shared with you at a later date.

Well done to our Year 5 musicians and singers who participated in the music concert on Tuesday - you were remarkable.

Year 6

Year 6 have finally finished all their pieces of writing to be assessed for SATs teacher assessment. This has involved a huge amount of effort from each of the pupils (as well as a great deal of marking!) to be certain that each child has fulfilled their potential. We have also been learning songs for our part in this year's Lichfield Festival 'Song Trail'. We were incredibly proud on Thursday of the children's involvement in the training with visiting music specialists who commented that it was very rare to find a group of Year 6 who were as enthusiastic about singing and also so well behaved. We were incredibly proud of this overheard comment as our visitors left the school.

Well done Year 6!

WATER BOTTLES IN SCHOOL

During the summer term it is especially important that children have a named water bottle in school. Please can you ensure your child/ren have one in school every day.



The Friary School
our annual outdoor festival

Summer Sizzler

Wristbands £6 (£5 concs)
On the gate or in advance from www.friaryshop.com

Thursday 6th July
From 7.00pm

Live music on the school field
Hot food, bar, ice cream and more!



Aiming High in Staffordshire

Aiming High commissions short break activities for children and young people with a disability or special educational need/ additional need and their families.

Short breaks provide fun activities outside of the school day where children and young people can try new things and develop confidence independently from their families or as part of a family experience.

Criteria may apply and places are limited however browse their activities and download an Activity Guide for the summer holidays at:

<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/health/childrenandfamilycare/childrenwithdisabilities/aimhigh/Aiminghigh.aspx>

If you have any questions please contact either Amy or Emma at Aiming High on 01785 278072 or

Email: aiminghigh@staffordshire.gov.uk

Kind regards

Mrs Cadman



Year 3/4 Tag Rugby Team



KS2 Cross Country Team

Huge congratulations to our Tag Rugby and Cross Country teams for achieving 3rd and 4th place at the School Games! What an achievement!