



Message from Headteacher

Welcome back to you all! I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable Christmas time with friends and family. Happy New Year to you all. On behalf of all of the staff, thank you for the many cards and gifts received just before Christmas, your kind and encouraging words are greatly appreciated. Thank you!

As we start the new decade, here is a taster of what you have to look forward to this term; a visit from the Dogs Trust, Reading Week – with a visiting author, World Book day and disco, a reading bus, quiz nights, Parents’ Evenings, Maths Mastery workshops and Easter services. Early Years had a fantastic morning on Tuesday, packing their suitcases and going through passport control before boarding the Chadsmead aeroplane!

A polite reminder that the best start to the day involves being prepared. I appreciate it can be a struggle, especially with the dark mornings, but in the first four days we had 22 children late! Please adjust alarm clocks or leave a little earlier as many of the reasons given are avoidable. We thank you for your support in this matter.

Half Term Reminder

Please be reminded that school closes for the half term holiday on Friday 14th February at the usual time. School will reopen to all on Monday 24th February after the half term break.



What’s on next week



Monday 13th January:

- KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 6 Late Birds

Tuesday 14th January:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Singing, Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- KS1 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 5 Late Birds

Wednesday 15th January:

- Street Dance Club 8.15-8.45am
- Violin & Keyboard Lessons

Thursday 16th January:

- Drum Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 3 Late Birds

Friday 17th January:

- KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 4 Late Birds

Years 1 & 2

In KS1 we have had a great start to the new year. We started with a theme day on Monday where we learned about the different types of homes that people live in and the most common type of home in our class.

We started to think about the environment and the impact plastic has on it. We have started an investigation to find out which materials degrade in salt water.

Our English is based on the story 'The Journey' by Neil Griffiths. In maths, Year 1 have been using number lines and tracks to add and subtract and Year 2 have been creating and interpreting data.

Years 3 & 4

Happy New Year to all Year 3 & 4 parents and carers - we hope you had a great break and enjoyed the festivities.

We have now been back a week and have certainly got into the swing of school again.

The children have enjoyed the start of our new theme - Blue Abyss and seem enthused by our guided reading book - a real classic 'Treasure Island' by Robert Louis Stevenson.

It has been interesting talking about what the world was like in the time this novel was set, with pirates, treasure and mutiny.

Please remember PE kits are now needed in school - best to leave in school and take home at half term and swimming kits needed for Year 4.

Theme homework is due in next Tuesday and new spellings will be tested on Tuesday as well.

Thank you for your help with this.

Years 5 & 6

Welcome back to Years 5 & 6, we hope everyone had a great Christmas and New Year.

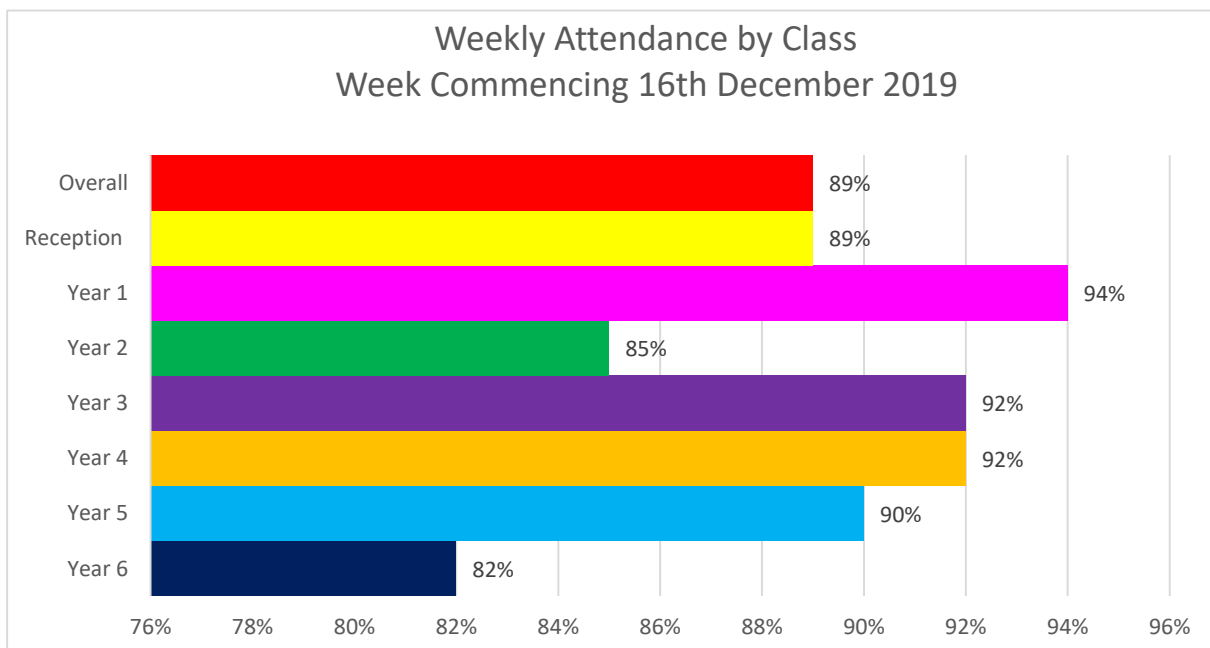
Within our new theme 'Off with Her Head' we have already looked at the Tudor family tree, completed a Tudor timeline and learnt about the Battle of Bosworth, we have also enjoyed some Tudor dancing.

We are looking forward to receiving the homework given over the holiday, to be in for next Tuesday, where the children were asked to research one of Henry VIII wives and draw her portrait.





It has been pleasing to see that most children have returned with enthusiasm and ready to learn.

School Closures

You may have noticed members of staff undertaking different roles this week. This is because we have no caretaker for the foreseeable future. Although we are working hard to find a temporary replacement, we ask that you are considerate that some duties will take longer to fulfil. The one point of concern I have here, with this time of year, is that of a snowfall. I do enjoy a little flurry of white that's gets the children all excited, but should we get a snowfall overnight, it will be almost impossible to clear pathways in time for school to start, without a caretaker. In an attempt to avoid closing the school, I am looking for some volunteers who could come to school and help clear the main pathways and grit, to ensure safe entry into school. If this is something you could help with, please leave details with the office staff who will compile an emergency list. Your support is very much appreciated. Should the school close, a text message will be sent to all parents and the County Council website page for school closures will be updated. Staffordshire County Council - <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclosures.aspx>



House point totals
Week Commencing: 16th December 2019

	229		157
	93		191



Communication Methods

Happy New Year to our Chadsmead parents and pupils!

We hope you had a lovely break and are back refreshed. We have had a very busy start to the year, as usual, and are looking forward a new term of learning and activities.

Communication

We try to utilise as many means of communication as possible, by using telephone, text, letters home, the weekly Newsletter and the website means that hopefully we can cover all methods and you will learn about what is happening in school. We aren't perfect and occasionally mistakes happen and something is miscommunicated and we can only apologise for that, but ultimately **our aim is to keep you informed.**

To help reduce you having to phone in or come to the office, please ensure you check your child's bag daily, read all communications home, jot dates on a calendar and check the website, which has copies of all letters home and newsletters. In doing this we can help each other.

<https://www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk/>

Parents' Evening

We will be holding Parents' Evening this term on two evenings – Wednesday 12th and Thursday 13th February. All appointment times will be 10 minutes each. Information about how to book an appointment will follow on later in this month.

Parent Communication App

Exciting times ahead, watch this space for more information about a parent app launching soon...

Aiming High Activities for pupils for SEND

A wide variety of activities are available for children and young people aged 0-25 years old with a Special Educational Need/Disability (SEND).

- Activities include trips out, sports, youth clubs, outdoor activities and much more!
- Some activities are open to the whole family while other activities are for children and young people to attend independently.
- Children and young people can access a set amount of FREE activities each month (usually 1 a month with extra during school holidays).
- Access to additional activities can be made by making a financial contribution.

To book places or to ask any questions please call **0300 111 8007 (Option 5)**

Activities are available to children and young people with a Special Educational Need or Disability (SEND) and their families who live in Staffordshire.

2 free places are available to each child/young person in February and these can be booked from the 2 - 11 January 2020.

Following this, additional activities for which there will be a charge can be booked also.

Places are also still available on our December 2019 and January 2020 activities, if you would like to book a place or find out about latest availability please call: **0300 111 8007 (option 5).**

The Customer Service Centre is open from 9am - 5pm Monday - Friday (excluding bank holidays).

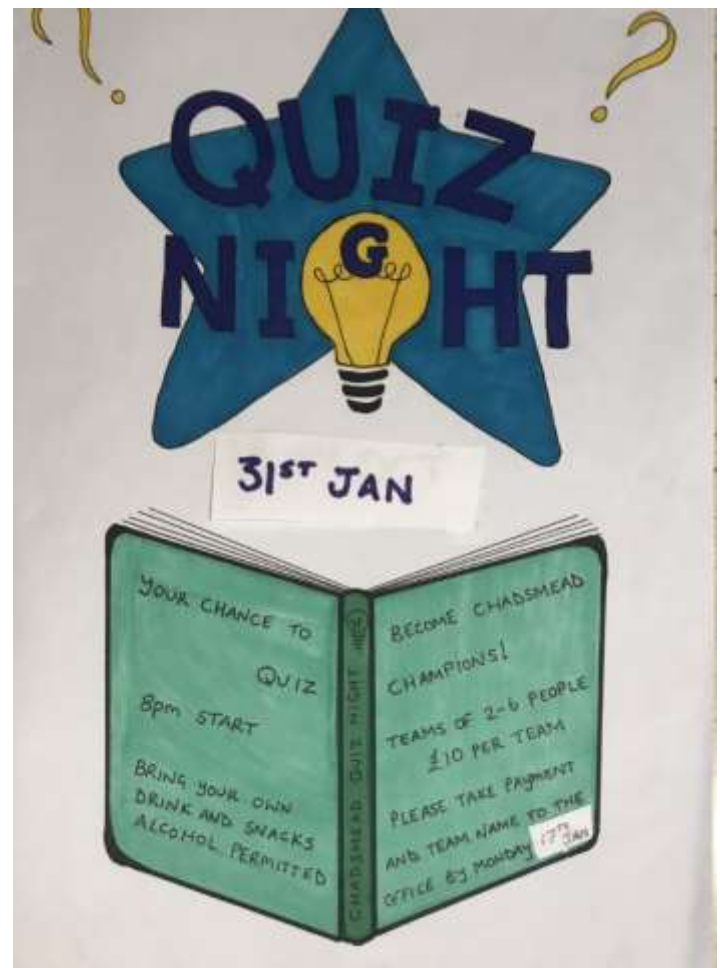


Lost Property

We have a large amount of lost property that has accumulated in school from hats, gloves and scarves to even coats and a shoe! Please make sure your children’s belongings are named – it does not make them any more difficult to lose but it does make it much easier for them to be returned to their rightful owner! If you think your child may have left something in school, please encourage them to look for it.

Contact Telephone Numbers

Did you get a new mobile as a Christmas present? Have you treated yourself recently to a new phone? If so, then please remember to let us know if your number has changed. You would be amazed at the number of parents/carers who we try to contact only to find that their details have not been updated. This also includes landline numbers when you move house! Thank you for keeping school informed.



Dates for the Spring Term

SPRING TERM 2020

JANUARY

Monday 6th Term starts

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 12th Parent’s Evening

Thursday 13th Parent’s Evening

Monday 17th } Half Term

Friday 21st } Inclusive

Wednesday 26th The Book Bus

MARCH

w.c. 2nd Reading Week

Thursday 5th World Book Day

APRIL

Thursday 2nd Easter Service for KS2 – 9.30am

Friday 3rd Early Years and KS1 Easter Service - 9.30am

Monday 6th } Easter Holidays

Friday 17th } Inclusive