



## Newsletter Friday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2021



House Point Totals  
Week Commencing: 14<sup>th</sup> December 2020

	<b>316</b>		<b>242</b>
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### Message from Mrs Grainger

Happy New Year.

Since the announcement on Monday evening, we have been working flat out behind the scenes getting everything ready for both children in school and you at home, without taking an extra training day.

Before this, on the INSET day, we spent the whole day focussing on the curriculum we teach. Ensuring we are offering learning that introduces new vocabulary, offers chance to gain new knowledge and skills of subjects and giving opportunity to enhance lasting retention of the information and skills by storing it in our long-term memory. We are thrilled at how we have developed our curriculum over the past year.

We were equally excited to receive all the children back to school to continue this curriculum. After listening to many interviews, over the weekend, that reassured staff and children that we would be back to school after the Christmas break, we were then astonished to learn this would not be the case with 12 hours' notice! YES – schools do not hear any information beforehand. We learn this information whilst watching the announcement at the same time as everyone else.

At this point I wish to thank every member of my staff who has rallied together. My office staff in particular have spent time late on Monday night

adding information to the website and answering many messages on MyEd to ease worries of parents and carers. All staff came into work extra early on Tuesday with ideas, solutions, and positivity of how we can move to the new learning style as easily as possible. Staff members also having legitimate fears of their own or are maybe leaving children or vulnerable people at home, but this has not deterred their commitment. We have been met with many words of kindness over the past few days, which we are all so grateful for and we thank you for your understanding of our predicament.

And so now we are open to over 70 children from Nursery up to Year 6. We are offering a normal, full, high quality curriculum to those in school and placing all the necessary resources on the school website to be accessed at home. This allows the work at home to mirror that of the learning in school. Where requested, we can print packs of learning for collection. We have set up TEAMS accounts for all children and will be offering face to face short sessions over the coming weeks. Mandy in the kitchen has prepared, cooked, and cleared away, on her own, for all the children in school and organised hampers for those that need them. Parents and carers have offered support, suggestions, and shared ideas they have come across. Parents and carers have also helped pass messages to those who might have missed them. In these difficult times it is heartening to see a community pull together in many ways, and Chadsmead has done just that. Well done. We would like to wish everyone our sincerest hopes that your family will all remain well and unaffected during this time.

# Messages from School



This proverb has been very true this week. I am saddened that we have to go into a lockdown and close the school for many pupils, but I am looking for positive opportunities to keep me optimistic. My Miniature Dachshund – Fudge - will be having puppies at the end of January and I am very excited. I promise to show you pictures.

Mrs Grainger



Happy New Year ☺



## Early Years

Hello Saplings!

I hope you are all well and had a fantastic Christmas. I hope that Santa came to visit you and left you some exciting presents. Santa came to visit me too, and left some lovely gifts under my tree. I would like to say a big thank you for my presents from the parents and children. Myself and Mrs. Harris really appreciated them.

It is a bit strange at the moment, some of us being in school and some not. We missed seeing all of you on the first day back. The children in school have been talking all about New Year Resolutions. 2021 might have started in a strange way, but we can still think about some of the things that we might want to get better at. Maybe you want to get better at riding your bike or maybe you want to learn to write some more letters in your name. I'm not very good at exercising, so my plan is to go for lots more walks and get my heart beating fast, just like you in PE!

Just remember, even though some of you are not here, we are still thinking of you. If you are missing us, just sing our days of the week song or our morning counting song and we will be there in your heads, dancing on the carpet!

See you very soon,  
Mrs. Rigby



I just want to start by saying a big thank you for my wonderful presents from the parents and children at Christmas, they certainly brought a smile to my face. I hope you all had a fantastic Christmas and Santa came to visit you with all the exciting presents that you asked for.

My pet rabbit 'Ginger' certainly got everything he asked for! He enjoyed opening his presents and playing with his new 'Teach and Treat' game. Over the Christmas holiday I have been teaching him how to use his new game and he is enjoying all of his treats, YUMMY!

I have been thinking about my New Year Resolution for 2021 and my plan is to continue to eat healthier, exercise more and continue going to my dance classe. What would you like to get better at?

I know it's a bit strange at the moment but I want you to know that we are thinking of you all and I can't wait for us to be back altogether in the classroom having lots of fun!

See you very soon, Miss. Morton



Happy New Year Acorn class! Keep on smiling and welcome to 2021. I hope you had a wonderful Christmas and Santa left you lots of surprises under your tree. I was very excited when it snowed and I made a snowman in my garden. He had a carrot nose, a woolly hat and scarf and sticks for arms. Did you enjoy exploring the snow?

School is a little different at the moment and this week we have been talking about our New Year Resolutions. I think I am going to try and eat more fruit and not quite so much chocolate.

Think about all the super things you can do while you are at home. Perhaps you can do some baking, help mommy and daddy or go for a lovely walk.

I look forward to seeing your super smiles soon, Mrs Pearson

## Years 1 & 2



Hello Apple class! I hope that you are all safe and well. I'm hoping that you had a lovely 2 week break and managed to rest lots as well as have fun. I'm so sorry that we cannot be together again at the moment but I will keep in touch with all of you by phone, website news and email over the coming weeks until we can all re-join together in our class.

From Miss Tullett

Hi Elm Class. I know how excited you all were for Christmas day, especially as we began our daily countdown back at the very beginning of November! I hope you all had a lovely time celebrating and having a bit of a rest. I certainly did! I enjoyed having lots of time at home to do some Christmas baking, what do you think of my creations? My family definitely enjoyed eating them, so they didn't last very long! I can't wait to see all your lovely smiley faces and hear all about what you have been up to.

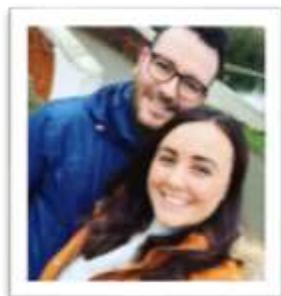
Miss Hathaway



Hi Cherry class! I hope that you have all had a magical Christmas, I know how excited you all were before we broke up! I hope you ate lots of goodies and played lots of fun games with your family. My Christmas was a very quiet one with Mr Mullen! Thank you so much for all of the lovely cards and gifts. We ate lots of chocolate, watched lots of Christmas films and went for some nice walks around the local area. I can't wait to see all of your happy, smiley faces soon and hear about what you have been up to. Stay safe and I'll see you soon.

Mrs Mullen

BE BRAVE  
BE CREATIVE  
BE KIND  
BE THANKFUL  
BE HAPPY  
BE YOU



Hi everyone in Apple, Cherry and Elm classes. I hope you had a brilliant Christmas and got lots of lovely presents and ate lots of lovely food – I know I did ☺ I also spent some great time with family doing a 1000 piece jigsaw, it is from a YouTuber called Colin Furze, who makes lots of crazy inventions. Looking forward to seeing you all soon. Wishing you all lots of fun and laughter from Mrs Swallow.



## Years 3 & 4

Hello everyone and Happy New Year!

I hope everyone managed to have a good Christmas and enjoyed a few extra treats over the holiday.

It was lovely to have Father Christmas visit and feel the excitement even when things aren't quite normal! One of the best parts of the holiday was waking up, opening the curtains and seeing the ground covered in snow. My youngest daughter was so pleased as she had put snow on her list to Santa! Snowmen, sledding and snowball fights made for a fun couple of days! We've not seen the last of it yet either! Brrrrr..

Best wishes

Mr Budge

As we start 2021, I hope that you are all safe and well. Happy New Year and remember that:



Miss Lemm



Here we are again. Some of you in school, many of you at home. I just wanted to say that if we all pull together, we can get through this together and then we will all be back together soon. Remember: "Yesterday is history. Tomorrow is a mystery. Today is a gift. That's why we call it 'The Present.'" I send you my best wishes and keep safe. Mrs Taylor.

Hello Chestnut class!

I hope you are all keeping safe, healthy, busy and (definitely) WARM!

Christmas was brilliant - thank you for my gifts.

I am very excited about our TEAMS sessions - I look forward to seeing all your lovely faces. Mrs Bishop



Hiya Year 3/4, and Happy New Year from Mrs Baines, Mrs Ling and Mrs Mytton!

We hope you have had a fabulous Christmas, enjoying all your new and exciting gifts.

Mrs Ling, Mrs Mytton and I (Mrs Baines) have eaten far too many mince pies over the Christmas holiday, so our New Year's resolution is to eat more healthily and do lots of exercise! What New Year's resolutions have you made?

Keep smiling everybody!



## Years 5 & 6



Welcome to 2021, Birch Class! It has been a strange start to the year, hasn't it? However, a new year is always a chance to reflect on the past year and to make positive plans for the next year. Even with restrictions, there are so many things we can still achieve! We could take long walks in the crisp, fresh air. We could cycle to school! How about challenging ourselves to read that big book that has been sitting on a shelf. Maybe we could even take up a new hobby, like baking or cooking. What will you do to make positive changes this year? I'm really looking forward to finding out about your exciting new skills and maybe I'll have some to share with you too! Mrs Chapman.

Dear Year 5/6,

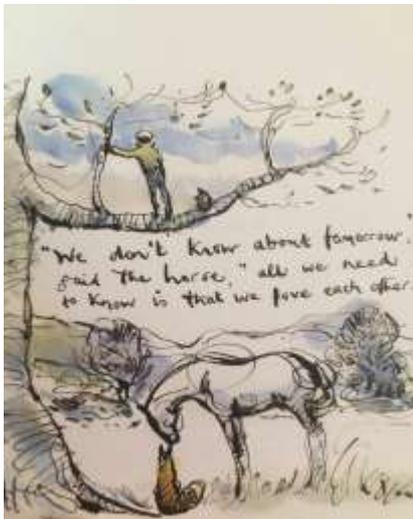
My plan to ask for 2 impossible presents for Christmas and what I really wanted didn't work. I didn't get a real ewok or a jet pack. I did get a campervan, which is what I really wanted. Unfortunately, it was a campervan lunch box. My best present over Christmas was a virtual race from Lands' End to John O Groats. There are 10,000 people in the race. I run/walk then input my distance. I started on New Year day and on the map, I am currently somewhere in Cornwall. The first night after my run I was by a KFC! I hope to reach John O Groats by November (maybe) from Mrs Dennis





Dear everyone,

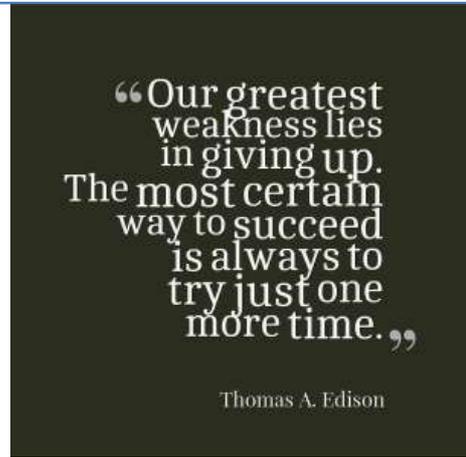
Returning to school has been really unusual of course however, I've been really lucky to have had a new patio at home over the break and can't wait for the sunnier weather to have a cuppa outside.



In the meantime,



...has been my mantra this week.  
Mrs Cadman.



Mr Stevens always says 'all anyone can ask is that you do your best. Your best will always be good enough'.

Hello Oak Folk! 🖐️

I just wanted to wish you all a happy new year. It's not quite the return to school that we might have wished for but I hope that you're all ok.

Remember this quote: 'Mighty oaks from little acorns grow.'

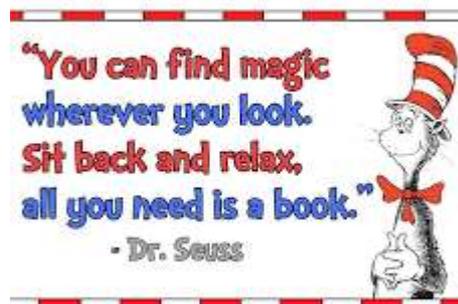
You may be quite small now but you will grow up to be strong and powerful. Do everything you can to grow your brains and body whilst you're at home: keep learning new things; stay fit and healthy.

I look forward to the day we are all back together again.  
Mrs Miles

From the Office team

Happy New Year to our Chadsmead families. It wasn't the start we expected, but we will make the most of it and be grateful for what we have. Whether your child is in school or home learning, we know that you will be working hard to ensure they are safe, healthy and happy. Take care all  
- Mrs Clark, Mrs England & Mrs Mace

And in the words of Dr Seuss:



## School Admissions Final Reminder

Staffordshire County Council's application system is open -



<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Education/Admissions-primary/Apply/Overview.aspx>  
The closing date for admissions is 15<sup>th</sup> January 2021

## In2Ed Africa



Far away in Africa, things seem so different from at home. They are dealing with coronavirus too but not in the same way as we are here.

One of their core values of In2EdAfrica is transforming global landscapes... as they rewrite the ghetto narrative they rewrite the African narrative and the global narrative.

In a place with no running water, limited electricity and sewage systems, they are continuing to succeed in building and developing a showcase of talent through the In2EdAfrica dance troop... anything is possible when we believe in possibility!



## BBC TV Education Announcement

Starting on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> January, each week day on CBBC will see a three-hour block of primary school programming from 9am, including BBC Live Lessons and BBC Bitesize Daily, as well as other educational programming such as Our School and Celebrity Supply Teacher and much loved titles such as Horrible Histories, Art Ninja and Operation Ouch. BBC Two will cater for secondary students with programming to support the GCSE curriculum, with at least two hours of content each weekday.

## Bojangles Dance

Bojangles Dance in Lichfield are running a free to join family exercise class, every Tuesday at 10am. Please email for the Zoom code, which can then be used again each week whenever you would like to join in. Jump & Go with Miss Jody. Please email: [jo@bojanglesdance.co.uk](mailto:jo@bojanglesdance.co.uk) for more information and mention that you are a Chadsmead Family.

