



Newsletter Friday 8th October 2021



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 27th September 2021

	201		192
	181		212

Message from Mrs Grainger

As we reach the end of the fifth full week in school it's heartening to see school life in full flow. Something we had to adapt significantly last year was our collective worship (you might call this assembly), we really missed the time spent together and the added depth it gives to our curriculum to experience learning this way.

We provide collective worship daily, and each weekday follow this structure:

Monday – This is whole school. It promotes and centres around theme days and personal and social values. It develops a sense of community spirit and explores own beliefs.

Tuesday – This is in key stages. We use a resource called Picture News where we share topical news and consider moral issues in the world around us.

Wednesday – This is for Years 1 – 6. Mrs Miles leads a hymn practice which allows the children to experience participation and the wealth of Mrs Miles musical knowledge. Singing in school was the activity most missed by the pupils last year.

Thursday – Class assembly. This links to our RE curriculum. The children have a 'think piece' that is based on fundamental British values but are linked to all major faiths. The emphasis is upon evoking a response from children which leads to reflection and thought.

Friday – Whole school Star Awards. We reinforce positive values by celebrating learning from the week and share outside school achievements. This develops a sense of community, promotes a common ethos and is everyone's favourite.

You might like to ask your children about the day's collective worship, prompting them on the subject, you might find some interesting discussions developing.

COVID Update

Parents and carers are asked to note that there has been a huge increase in the presence of Covid cases across Staffordshire. Staffordshire Local Outbreak Control have advised ALL school settings to be proactive to prevent and reduce transmission, and it is likely that measures may change in the next few weeks – we will keep you fully informed using the MyEd app.

The Changing Weather

With the cold weather fast approaching please can you ensure that your child brings a coat to school every day. It is beginning to get colder and it will be time to get out the hats, scarves and gloves again! Please also make sure that you label all items, including water bottles that belong to your child. Thank you!

Smile Please!

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 12th October for individual and sibling photographs.





What has your child been learning about in class this week?

Years 1 & 2

Years 1 & 2 have been inventing their own stories in writing this week. We have created new characters and problems. In reading the children who are on accelerated reader have completed their second STAR reader test and have their new ZPDs in their reading diaries.

In maths the Year 2 children are using what they know about numbers bonds to 10 to derive facts for number bonds to 20. Our favourite maths phrase this week is..."If I know that $(3+4=7)$ then I know that $(13+4=17)$ ". Year 1 children have been doubling, halving and comparing numbers to 10.

During our theme time we have been enjoying completing science investigations to find out which substances are stickier and if they are as good as glue for sticking craft items

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have been really hard at work as we near the end of our 5th week in school.

We have been writing the most amazing stories of a monster being defeated by a hero. This has built on work from last week when we studied Beowulf. It is lovely to see how the children are using some of our grammar which we teach explicitly once a week. This week we have revised fronted adverbials by remembering the key words WHEN, WHERE and HOW something happens.

The children have also been enjoying a really gruesome lesson in History this week.

We have learned all about The Lindow man - a man found preserved in a peat bog near Manchester who lived at the end of the Iron Age. We have been amazed at how historians were able to find out the grisly details about how this poor soul met his death and even what he ate!

Please check bags for writing homework this weekend - due in on Tuesday.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week continued to read *Treason*, we are really enjoying it, it is amazing how much detail and how many links there are to our Tudor theme.

In maths we have worked on the four rules and some problem solving in Year 6, whilst Year 5 have revised roman numerals and also worked on addition and subtraction. Writing has been explanation texts about Henry VIII's children which we have then followed up with more explanation texts related to Tudor torture! Very gory indeed!! We've also had a motivational speaker this week. He spoke a lot about positive thinking and believing in yourself. Anyone can achieve anything they put their mind to!

KS2 Harvest Festival

Regrettably we will be changing our plans for our Harvest Festival. You may be aware that Staffordshire rates of positive covid cases are higher than the national average, and Lichfield district itself has had a particularly sharp increase of cases since schools have opened. Therefore, we are taking precautionary steps to reduce educational disruption and the transmission of covid. We will not be inviting parents in to watch the Harvest festival. We shall continue to collect food for the Foodbank and hold our own service within school. We thank you for your understanding that these decisions are made with our children's education at the forefront.

Special Educational Needs Activities

Details of lots of fun activities for young people up to the age of 18, who have a special educational need or disability and live in Staffordshire are available on the website at the link below:
<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/results.action?qt=aiming+high&sr=0&nh=10>

Young people can take part in a number of free activities (usually 1 a month with extra free places available during school holiday periods). Young people are then very welcome to take part in more activities but some of our providers may ask for a voluntary contribution. If you feel your child is eligible for attending any of the activities, please contact the booking team on 0300 111 8007 (option 5) to help with booking places or any queries.

Chadsmead is so lucky to have a team of committed Governors who work with the Headteacher on the strategic development of the school. The School Standards Committee (SSC) are a group of individuals, who are elected, nominated or co-opted and are representatives of parents, staff, the Local Authority and the local community. Our governing body are:

- Dr Deb Sarson (Chair of the SSC)
- Mrs Iona Chishom
- Mrs Deborah Bissell
- Mrs Sarah Snashall
- Mr Neil Kirkwood
- Dr Gary Lambert
- Mrs Jo Owens
- Dr Anna Hooper
- Mrs Gemma Grainger
- Miss Tullett

Parking

Please could we ask all parents/carers who need to bring a car to school to park appropriately. We have had a number of recent calls from residents who have complained that cars have been blocking driveways and pavements.

Keeping in Touch

In order to keep parents as informed and updated as possible we encourage you to regularly check our website, chadsmeadacademy.co.uk. We tweet, through our Twitter feed @Chadsmeadschool. We also text/email and send letters home via MyEd. We produce this weekly newsletter which is uploaded to the website every Friday.

September 2022 Nursery Intake

The Nursery admission process for September 2022 is now open. To apply for a place in our Nursery please complete the application form available from the school office. The closing date for admissions is Friday 21st January 2022.

Water Bottles

We all know the importance of keeping ourselves well hydrated throughout the day – it keeps us healthy and allows our brains to function well. We would like all children to bring in a water bottle from home each day filled with water. As the footballer Ronaldo says, we should be drinking water as it is far healthier for our bodies than sugary drinks. We are also very concerned about the impact of sugary drinks on children's teeth when they are drinking them throughout the day. To keep children's teeth healthy, our school protocol is for children to drink water only from their bottles during lesson times. Please help us to preserve our children's healthy smiles by sending your child to school with water in their bottle.

Attendance

We continue to carefully monitor attendance at school and work closely with our Education Welfare Officer. In line with the Department for Education guidance on absence, requests for holidays in term time will not be granted. The guidance makes it clear that headteachers may not grant any leave of absence during term time unless there are exceptional circumstances. If your child is absent from school, please let the office know before 9am. Please confirm the reason for the absence i.e. flu, upset stomach etc. For further information, our Attendance Policy can be found on our website.

Punctuality

Although the majority of our parents and carers are excellent at bringing their children to school on time, there are still children arriving late. Registration times are:

- * Nursery 8.45am
- * Acorn/Willow 9am
- * Apple/Cherry 8.55am
- * Sycamore 8.50am
- * Maple/Birch/Elder/Oak 8.50am

Children coming into school after their class times above are actually late and will be marked as so. This will show on your child's attendance record so please ensure your child arrives at school on time. Arriving late does have an impact on your child's start to the day. This also impacts on the rest of their class due to the disruption it causes. Please support school by arriving at school on time.

Dates for the Autumn Term 2021

Tuesday 12 th October 2021	Individual Photographs
Friday 22 nd October 2021	School breaks up at the end of the day for the half term holiday
Monday 1 st November 2021	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 nd November 2021	Back to school!
Thursday 4 th & Friday 5 th November 2021	Year 6 Bikeability
Week beginning Monday 8 th November 2021	Year 2 Phonics Tests
Week beginning Monday 15 th November 2021	Creative Arts Week
Tuesday 16 th November 2021	Year 6 Music Share Concert – 7pm Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 30 th November 2021	Years R – 6 Peter Pan Pantomime Lichfield Garrick
Thursday 2 nd December 2021	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Friday 3 rd December 2021	Christmas Fair
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am/2pm
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.30am
Friday 17 th December 2021	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Christmas holiday