



Message from Headteacher

Our Christmas Fair was a success raising £1,578.72 This was down to the hard work of those who stayed to help. The community came to support the school and it was a pleasure to be a part of the festivities. A big thank you too, to Years 5 & 6 for raising £541.07 We plan to use the money to help resource our school with home reading books. In the new year, children (who have finished the phonics scheme) and parents/carers will be introduced to Accelerated Reader. You may wish to find some information beforehand:

<http://www.renlearn.co.uk/about-us/>

This week we have both seen the KS2 Carol Service and the Early Years Nativity. They were filled with festive cheer and cuteness in their own special ways. Whether it was your child's first or last performance with us, they are all so very special, and I hope you enjoyed watching as much as the children did performing.

I have to say a HUGE thank you to the staff for all their hard work at this time of year when they are probably at their most tired. They have maintained their smiles and ensured that Christmas spirit prevails. Behind every event in school is lots of hard work and preparation and

at Christmas there is a never-ending series of events such as the Christmas Fayre, performances, Christmas dinner, etc. An extra special mention has to go to Mrs Wayman-Chiles and her staff in the kitchen who provided a fabulous Christmas dinner for the pupils and staff on Wednesday.

My final festive thank you is to the parents and carers. I appreciate that there have been many changes this term but your continued support is much appreciated by all the staff at our school. So to you all, have a wonderful Christmas and a peaceful New Year from all of us.

We look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 7th January 2019.

Letters Home

Copies of all letters sent home can be found on our website under the tab 'Parents & Families'; 'Virtual Office'; 'Letters Home'.

Years 1 & 2

Years 1 and 2 have had a busy week, finishing off our learning for the term. We have also found time to enjoy some seasonal activities - making calendars and cards as well as thinking about the senses we use at Christmas. Our party day gave us the opportunity to play some games, have a dance and a Christmas sing-a-long.

We would like to thank you all for supporting your children's learning during the term. We wish you all a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

Years 3 & 4

We would like to thank all of our parents in Year 3/4 for your support this term. The children have worked extremely hard and are well deserving of a Christmas break.

We loved performing the KS2 Christmas concert for you and are sure you were proud of the children's efforts.

It has been a lovely build up to the break with the Christmas Fayre last Friday, the concert, Christmas lunch, a party and a good old festive sing along to end the term!

Please look out for a letter with extra Y3/4 news about the new year. We look forward to returning in January dressed as cavemen and cavewomen.

Years 5 & 6

Year 5/6 have enjoyed both watching and performing in a variety of Christmas productions over the past week.

We would also like to say how proud we were of all the children who organised and ran a stall at the Christmas Fayre on Friday, as well as saying a big thank you to all parents that contributed in any way.

Enjoy your Christmas.

Nut Free School

A letter has been sent home recently about nut allergies within school - please help us strive to be a nut – free school.



ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Week Commencing: 10th December 2018

Whole School Attendance: 95%

Year Group:	Percentage Attendance:
Reception	89%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	94%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	99%
Year 6	94%

House point totals
Week Commencing: 3rd & 10th December 2018

	794		573
	579		830

House Points Winners

Well done to St Chads house who were house point winners for the Autumn term – they enjoyed a session of glow in the dark dodgeball on Wednesday this week!

Winter approaching

Please be aware that at times during the cold weather the ground, playground and surrounding footpaths can be very icy. Please do remind the children to take care coming to and leaving school. **Parents and carers are reminded to keep to the gritted footpaths around the perimeter of the school building at all times.** It is imperative that pedestrians do not walk across the car park at any time. During icy weather the footpaths are gritted for your safety. Thank you

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, 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>



Great Chadsmead Bake Off



Congratulations to our winners:

Originality: Jonah and Ezra

Taste: Sophie

Overall winner: Satoshi

Parking

Please can we ask parents/carers to be mindful of Friday Acre residents and driveways when parking to drop off and collect your children. Thank you.

Photography of events in school

NEVER take a picture of an aspect of school life going on in school without permission. To do so and publish it on social media such as Facebook could be putting a child or family at risk. There are a range of factors that can make it essential that a child's picture must not be taken and NEVER PUBLISHED. On occasions, school will allow the taking of photographs but this will always be for private use only at home. Thank you.

Christmas Disco and Fayre

Grateful thanks to everyone who helped in so many ways with the running of the Christmas Disco and Fayre last Friday.

Special thanks needs to be given to Mrs Clark, Mrs Mace and Mrs England for pulling together all the background necessities over many weeks, like letter writing, posters, risk assessments and money duties, to name only a few. Also to Mr Robertson and Miss Tyrell (parents) for stepping up to the plate to help organise the event and Mr Whitfield who had a very important but specific job on the night.

Everyone who played even a small part is very much appreciated, as without many hands the event could not have taken place.

During the day and night:

Parents: Dr Bramwell, Mrs Bytheway, Mrs Ivey, Mrs Jones, Mr Robertson, Miss Tyrell, Mr Whitfield, Ms Winyard and Miss Young.

Staff: Mrs Baines, Mrs Bishop, Mrs Buckley, Mr Budge, Mrs Cadman, Mrs Chapman, Mrs Clark, Mrs Dennis, Mrs England, Miss Hathaway, Miss Lemm, Mrs Ling, Mrs Mace, Mrs Mcleod, Mrs Miles, Miss Morton, Mrs Mytton, Mrs Pearson, Mrs R Rigby, Miss Robinson, Mr Stevens, Mrs Swallow, Miss Tullett and Mrs Wayman-Chiles.

Also thanks to those people who helped in the lead up to the Fayre: Mrs Eggington, Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Heathcote, Mrs Matthews and Mrs V Rigby.

The Year 5/6 fundraiser was a particular triumph. Although the children had fabulous ideas and executed them precisely, without the support from parents/carers at home it would not have been so successful. The children were incredibly proud of their preparation for the stall, so thank you for supporting your child in, baking, making, buying and assembling to name a few tasks that were completed at home.

Lego Club

We are pleased to be able to offer **Lego** after school club running from **3.20pm - 4.20pm** every **Monday** from **14th January** for **5** weeks until 11th February. There is a maximum of **15** places available for Years 1-6. The club is organised, administered and supported by Kids With Bricks Ltd, an external provider who deliver after school clubs across the whole of the UK.

The club costs £3.99 per child per session and is paid for half termly in advance. All club places are reserved and paid for online. Just go to website

www.kidswithbricks.com to book you child's place.

Note... Online sales close the day of the first session, places are limited. Any problems please contact us on

07739 640 551/ 07411 482996

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