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LIKE A
BIRD
EXPAND YOUR
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LEARN NEW
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Message from Mrs Grainger

I do hope that you are all keeping safe and well and have managed to get outside for exercise without getting too cold (or wet!). I have to say what a fantastic job the children are doing at home with their learning. The teachers are absolutely thrilled with the level of engagement. A huge credit goes to every single one of you.

We understand that there are different pressures and demands on each of you and would like to reiterate that we are here to support you, so please get in touch if you need us. It can be very easy to compare ourselves to others, particularly in these days of social media. Please remember that Facebook and other platforms only show a curated version of people's lives. Your best, whatever that may look like at the moment, really is good enough, so please be kind to yourselves. Family wellbeing comes first and is the priority for all of us at this challenging and uncertain time.

We are all missing things at the moment. From a personal perspective, the thing that I'm missing most (apart from not seeing my parents in months and school not being full of course!) is having something specific to look forward to, like a holiday, or a concert or a meal out with friends. It all seems so surreal, waiting to hear what we will or won't be allowed to do in the next few weeks or so. So, let's keep looking after one another, as right now that is the most important thing. Thank you all for the fabulous support and understanding you have shown, which demonstrates just what an amazing community and school we have.

Rapid Lateral Flow Tests

Last week we received from the Government, our delivery of testing kits for school staff. As per our letter sent out earlier this week, staff are now testing themselves twice a week. These tests are to pick up asymptomatic cases. Please note that if a member of our staff tests positive, they will immediately self-isolate and book a PCR test. This may mean that we will be forced to close a bubble in school at very short notice. If this is the case, you will be notified as quickly as possible via My Ed. Please check your messages each morning before you set off for school – just in case. Regular testing of school staff will undoubtedly support the national drive to make schools and their local communities safer, and allow life to return to as close to normal as soon as possible.

Message from the Chair of the SSC

Dear Children and School Families

I hope that you are all keeping safe and well.

I just wanted to say thank you and well done to everyone for all that you are doing at home to meet the challenge that is remote home learning!

Thank you too, to all the staff who are balancing the roles of in-school AND on-line teaching.

If anyone is able to show their appreciation to staff for their efforts, they would be so grateful as this is a demanding and frustrating time for us all and we can all bring positivity and celebrate our team work at Chadsmead with a 'thank you' or a 'well done!'

I hope that you will be doing the RSPB birdwatch this weekend!

Very best wishes

Iona Chisholm

curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

This week we have been learning all about the Great Fire of London and how it spread so quickly! We have been historians and thought about which historical sources are helpful and tell us what happened during that time, we know that Samuel Pepys' diary was very useful.

Apple and Elm have been exploring numbers to 50 this week, looking at number patterns, counting in tens and recording two digit numbers in place value charts. Cherry have been learning about time, knowing how many hours in a day, how many minutes in an hour and how to tell the time at quarter past an hour. Lots of us have also enjoyed playing in the snow - whether at home or at school. I think our favourite thing was building snowmen (or snow leopards!)



Years 3 & 4

Well another week has flown by and here we are back at Friday again!

It has been nice to see so many faces on the live catch ups and lessons that we have been doing across the 3 classes in Y3 and Y4. I know that seeing everyone is a boost to all, teachers included!

We all know that these difficult times will not last forever but also we all know it is difficult. Keeping in touch is just one of our ways of trying to keep on track with schooling.

Thanks for all the work that is being sent into school. It is such a challenge for parents and we appreciate all you are doing to work with us.

It is so important that the work is completed and sent in - remember only the highlighted blue work on the weekly Remote Learning sheet needs submitting, although the rest of the work does need completing too. We often include answers for sheets e.g. the grammar at the start of the week and some of the reading/math's.

If you are still unable to join our TEAMS meetings/lessons please MyEd the office or e-mail the school on the bubble e-mail - bubbleClockdown2021@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk.

Years 5 & 6

Well, it's been an exciting week with the addition of a snowy weekend and school closed on Monday so we all experienced the challenges of working at home again this week. We continue to be impressed by how hard Y5/6 pupils are working, whether in school in different circumstances or at home and with the support of parents. We hope that the live lessons are helping to motivate children in Year 5 and that the recorded lessons for Year 6 are encouraging a hard-working attitude and a greater sense of independence. Thank you for sending in home learning by 3pm on Fridays; it is clear that there is some excellent work going on, well done.

We continue our 'Blood Heart' theme: learning about the circulatory system, enjoying the text Pig Heart Boy, writing news reports based on the text and beginning to plan our own dilemma stories. Thanks to some training from Malachi, we have also considered the importance of self-care during this current, difficult time and taken the opportunity to enjoy a mindfulness session.

We have had fun making videos related to the heart on school ipads and look forward to watching the ones sent in from home too. Stay safe and keep smiling everyone!

Daily TEAMS Check In Times

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| Acorn Class: | 9.30am | Maple Class: | 2pm |
| Apple Class: | 2.30pm | Sycamore Class: | 3pm |
| Cherry Class: | 11am | Birch Class: | 9am |
| Elm Class: | 11.30am | Elder Class: | 1pm |
| Chestnut Class: | 12.15pm | Oak Class: | 1.30pm |

February Half Term Holiday

Chadsmead Primary Academy will close over February half-term to all children, to enable all staff to have a much needed rest. We will be using this time to thoroughly clean the school in preparation for the next half term. Thank you for your understanding.