



Newsletter Friday 6th November 2020

We don't grow when things are easy, we grow when we face challenges.



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 19th October 2020

	159		182
	170		145

Message from Mrs Grainger

Welcome back. Although there have been significant changes during the half term holiday, with the tier status in Staffordshire and then the National restrictions from 5 November, learning at Chadsmead remains a constant. The Government have stated that schools will not close in this period and that education for our children remains of upmost importance. School attendance remains mandatory.

At Chadsmead, we consider our protective measures to be comprehensive. Ventilation is one of our crucial measures. Since September, classroom windows have been opened to ensure good ventilation around school. This will continue, even though the weather will be worse. We will turn the heating to an increased temperature, but families need to be aware that this does mean the temperatures in classrooms and around school will be lower. This is unfortunately a direct consequence of the control measures we have to maintain. To ensure your child remains comfortable in class, we would suggest ensuring they wear a vest, thermal or round neck white t-shirt under their school uniform. As an extra layer of clothing, children could also wear a plain, preferably blue/dark coloured fleece (without large logos) over the top of their jumper/cardigan, we think this is a good idea. You can also buy Chadsmead Fleece from Uniforms Plus and via their website: www.uniformsplus.co.uk

You will also have noticed painted areas appearing at the drop off and collection points. **Please do not stand in the yellow chevron areas, this protects both yourselves and staff members.** Maintaining the 2m distance from other parents and carers is still a priority, even if you have children in the same class. You might also like to wear masks at these times and we recommend that you do on school grounds.

Message from the Governing Body (SSC)

Dear School Community

Since last writing, I have attended a meeting with the Community Academies Trust (CAT) and the governing body have had their first meeting. We are all committed to work together as a team and support the school in its work to give every child the chance to flourish despite all the challenges of the moment. Thank you to Mrs Grainger and all of the staff for all the effort that they make every day for our children. Also, thank you to those involved in all the many extra activities such as the gardening club and Halloween trail. All of this collective investment in our children's happiness shows how much positivity can come out of teamwork. We will always achieve more together. Hoping that you all keep safe and well.

Best wishes

Iona Chisholm

Message from the PTFA

The PTFA would like to say a HUGE thank you to all the families who decorated their houses and gardens for the Chadsmead Halloween Trail. They all looked amazing and we appreciate the effort that was involved.

We hope that everyone who took part in the trail enjoyed themselves as much as we all did.

The trail raised over £250 and the money raised will pay for a virtual pantomime for the children to watch in school.

We are currently arranging a Christmas Trail; details will be out very soon.

If anyone has any ideas or suggestions please email us at: ptfa@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk

Years 1 & 2

We have all survived our first week back! This week has been the first week of our new theme 'Superheroes'. The children loved their 'Superhero' day on Monday and we have continued to work on lots of activities through the week.

We have been very creative making city scenes and we are beginning to think about our super bodies now.

With your help the children have created some fantastic homework that they have brought into school to share and display.

We have started reading the story 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants' in our English work and the children are enjoying it very much.

The theme homework will continue this week and new homework will be set next week.

Years 3 & 4

It's been great seeing Years 3 & 4 back in school after the half term break. Even with the current restrictions limiting what people can and can't do the children have such a positive attitude and seem as happy as ever!

Thank you for the homework sent in for our new theme 'Tremors'. Please send any more of this in by next Tuesday. It would be nice to display the work as it looks so good. Next week, we shall give out homework as usual on Thursday.

The children have spent this week learning about the story behind Bonfire Night and it is clear many are fascinated by what happened. It is great to see children so keen to learn about the details behind this huge historical event and they have genuinely seemed shocked as the plot has unfurled.

We have also learned about our Earth's structure - the 4 layers all the way down to a molten Iron core. Again, the children have expressed such surprise to find this out and this has (quite rightly!) prompted interesting discussion points like 'Where has it come from?' etc.

Years 5 & 6

Welcome back! This week, Years 5 and 6 have begun their new theme, 'Ancient Civilisations', and have designed and created fantastic clay Canopic jars. We will evaluate our work against our plans soon. Our new whole class reading text, 'Secrets of a Sun King', has us all gripped already and we are all really looking forward to reading this historical fiction. During maths, we have been focussing on multiples, factors, prime numbers and cubed and squared numbers. We have been very busy! A fantastic start to the new half term.

September 2021 Reception Intake

Staffordshire school admissions on-line application system is now open. The closing date for admissions is 15th January 2021. Further information can be found on our school website under the tab 'Parents & Families' and 'Admissions'.



Reception Open Events 2020
17th & 19th November (4pm)

Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment on 01543 421850 or email office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk

Ofsted Good Provider

The poster features a blue header with the event title and dates. Below the header are five small photographs showing children in various school activities. At the bottom left is the Chadsmead Primary Academy logo, and at the bottom right is the Ofsted Good Provider logo.

COVID Helpline

The Department for Education coronavirus helpline is now available to answer questions about COVID-19 relating to education.

Parents can contact this helpline as follows: Phone: 0800 046 8687

Email: DfE.coronavirushelpline@education.gov.uk

Opening hours: 8am to 6pm (Monday to Friday).

Casual Lunchtime Supervisor Vacancy

We are looking for a casual lunchtime supervisor, please contact the school office for an application form.



Korogocho, Africa

Children have also returned to school in Africa too following Coronavirus. This week they were given shoes so they don't have to dance in bare feet.

Support in Staffordshire for Families

Aiming High Activities: Staffordshire Local Authority provide a series of activities for children with learning difficulties throughout the year. Following the announcement from the government about the second national lockdown, they have updated schools with information regarding the Aiming High activities and services.

The local authority is working very closely with their providers to see what activities can be safely provided during November and December. This may mean that unfortunately some of the face to face activities previously planned will have to change to virtual sessions, while other sessions may need to be moved to a later date. As soon as the local authority have any further details they will post any changes on Staffordshire Connects at the link below:



<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/results.page?localofferchannel=6-1-8>

If you have already booked places on an activity that needs to be changed then the local authority providers will be contacting you in the near future with details of any new arrangements. If you have any questions in the meantime though, please speak to the local authority booking team on 0300 111 8007 (option 5).

We and the local authority understand that this may be a very worrying time for lots of families and so alongside our providers and the local authority, we will continue to provide you with updated information as soon as we know of it. Therefore, we have included some information below on other support that is currently available which we hope you will find useful.

Emotional Wellbeing Support: Information on emotional wellbeing support is available on Staffordshire Connects at the link below:

<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/advice.page?id=4Pf3vU6K9yM>

Family Hubs: Eight Family Hubs have been launched across Staffordshire to provide virtual advice and support and these are also a good way to connect with other people in your local area. For more information, please follow the link below:



<https://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/Coronavirus/Help-and-support/Family-Hubs.aspx>

Family Support Service: If you feel that your family needs some extra support then help is available from the County Council's Family Support Service.



For more information please contact myself at school or email the local authority at aiminghigh@staffordshire.gov.uk and either of us can share more details with you about the service and put you in touch with the service.

Family Fund Grants:

The Family Fund is



Family Fund
Helping disabled children

a UK wide charity that provides grants for essential items to families on low incomes who are raising disabled or seriously ill children. Families can apply for grants for a wide variety of items that they feel could help their disabled child and ease some of the everyday pressures they face. These can include kitchen appliances, computers and tablets, furniture, sensory toys, clothing and bedding and more. Full details of the grant and information on how families can apply is available at the link below:

<https://www.familyfund.org.uk/FAQs/how-do-we-apply>

I hope this information is useful to you.
Take care
Mrs Cadman