



Message from Headteacher

Welcome to our first 'new look' newsletter. After the success of our amazing website we felt that the newsletter needed an update. We especially like that it matches with the website. As always, your constructive feedback is welcome – after all, the newsletter is one of our primary communication tools with you.

A huge thank you to everyone who has looked at our website. Your comments were greatly received. The children also spent time in school looking at the website and offered some interesting suggestions - many of which we are in the process of implementing and some were changed immediately!

Well done to all those who found the reindeer, he was hiding in the Virtual Office. 7 children were picked randomly by Mr Budge and Mrs Miles in Celebration Assembly to have lunch with myself. We had an amazing selection of yummy cakes to go with our lunch – thank you Mrs Wayman-Chiles.

I can hardly believe we will be in December next week. We embrace the festive period with our school trip to the pantomime. 'Oh no you're not!'. 'Oh yes, we are!'

Children in Year 1, 2, 5 and 6 will be going on Wednesday 5th December and children in Year 3 and 4 be will going on Friday 7th December. You will have been sent a letter giving specific details for each day's trip. Please read these carefully as they require your child to either come to school early or be collected later.

Continuing with the Christmas theme, thank you, once again, for supporting our non-uniform days. Next week it's children's toys. The Christmas Family Disco and Fayre steadily approaches; this is one of our biggest fundraisers and we would really appreciate your support. We are raising money this year to support a new reading scheme that will engage students, motivate reading practice and improve reading progress. More details to follow in the new year.

Today you will have received raffle tickets for the Christmas fair. If you would like to take part and be in with the chance of winning any of this year's prizes all you have to do is fill out and return the tickets stubs with the correct money, in an envelope marked Chadsmead Christmas Raffle, to the school office before the 14th December. Each ticket costs £1. If you would like more, please contact us. If you have unsold tickets, please return them so we can reuse them. We are now at the point where we need volunteers to help run the Fayre on the evening. Thank you to those who have volunteered already – but we are still in need of more volunteers to help run our planned stalls. Without volunteers some stalls may be unable to go ahead. Please let us know if you can help at any point during 5 – 8pm on Friday 14th December. No experience required and full instructions given. Thank you.

What's on next week

Monday 3rd December:

- Woodwind Lessons
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 3/4 Invasion Games 3.20-4.20pm

Tuesday 4th December:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Singing & Guitar Lessons
- Year 5/6 Invasion Games 3.20-4.20pm

Wednesday 5th December:

- Keyboard & Violin Lessons
- Years 1, 2, 5 & 6 to see Panto 1.30-4.15pm

Thursday 6th December:

- Drum Lessons
- Year 4 Swimming
- Year 1/2 Football 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 4 trip to Wade Street Church 10.00am

Friday 7th December:

- KS2 Extreme Sports 3.20-4.20pm
- NON UNIFORM DAY Donate a toy for the Christmas Fayre
- Years 3 & 4 to see Panto 9.30am – 12.30pm



Early Years

This week Early Years have been completing lots of exciting activities such as retelling the story 'Stick Man', experimenting with floating and sinking, painting and drawing their own Stick Man, threading beads onto pipe cleaners, building using foam blocks and shaving foam and adding two groups of objects together and much more.

Years 3 & 4

The children have all shown great enthusiasm this week in their mental maths work.

In Year 3 we have spent lots of time working on how to add and subtract without writing anything down, using a variety of methods. We have also learned to estimate the answer to sums by rounding up or down and then mentally adding/subtracting. Please assist us with this by getting your child to use their mental maths skills in everyday situations like when in the supermarket or out shopping.

Year 4 have been learning to multiply using the short method and the children have done well to master this skill which is invaluable to them as they progress.

In theme, we have learnt all about the Mercalli scale in Earthquakes which indicates how much damage is done to buildings and infrastructure!

We are looking forward to our Theatre trip next Friday morning!

Years 1 & 2

In KS1 we have been planning and writing some exciting invented losing stories using our own ideas, characters, plots and settings. We have also been measuring using centimetres, meters, rulers and meter sticks in our maths lessons in Year 2. Year 1 have been doubling and halving numbers to 20.

We have begun practising our Christmas play - Born in a Barn. All of the children were asked which part they would like to play. The Year 2 children who wanted a speaking part have lines to learn and have got a script to help them practise. It would be fabulous if you could help them to learn their lines 'off by heart'.

All children have also been given a letter stating their role and the costume they will need.

Years 5 & 6

Year 5/6 have had another busy week. On Monday and Tuesday, we vacated the mobile to enable South Staffs Water to run workshops. Our pupils learn a great deal about water efficiency and the high number of litres that we use -and often waste! We hope they have shared what they learnt with you. Pupils had fun creating radio jingles, top trump cards, water efficiency stickers, conducted a water detectives tour of the school and created a news report.

On Thursday, we had a fabulous morning with Mark McKenzie and Peter Armitage learning more about WW2 and the role of The Post Office at that time. Pupils had the opportunity to handle many artefacts from that period of history. We are grateful to The Post Office for funding this for our pupils.

Pupils are now well on the way with planning their stalls for the Christmas Fair and teams should be bringing their resources into school on Monday.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Week Commencing: 19th November 2018

Whole School Attendance: 96%

Year Group:	Percentage Attendance:
Reception	97%
Year 1	90%
Year 2	95%
Year 3	98%
Year 4	96%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	96%

House point totals
Week Commencing: 19th November 2018

	265		293
	257		544

Children in Need

Thank you to everyone who donated to our non-uniform day for Children in Need – we raised £212.45



Christmas Fayre

Our Christmas Disco and Fayre is on Friday 14th December from 5-8pm. Please come and join in the fun! In the build up to this we are having non-uniform days on:

Friday 30th November – Bring in a chocolate donation

Friday 7th December – Bring in a toy donation

Thank you as always for your support.

After School Clubs Spring 2019 Term

Reminder that all forms are due back into school by Tuesday 4th December so that spaces can be allocated. Spare letters available in the office or on the website.



Visit to watch Dick Whittington

Wednesday 5th December Years 1/2/5/6 1.30pm – arrive back at school at 4.15pm approximately

Friday 7th December Years 3/4 – 9.30am – children MUST arrive by 8.30 at school

Please look out for the update letter coming home today!

Punctuality and Attendance

We continue to carefully monitor attendance at school and we are pleased that our attendance rate is above national expectations, yet we always strive to do better and improve on the previous year. If your child is absent from school, please let the office know before 9:30am and provide a written explanation on their return. For further information, our Attendance Policy can be found on our website.

The Great Christmas Bake Off

Become Chadsmead's Star Baker!

Bring your festive themed creation into school on Monday 10th December for it to be judged on taste, creativity and festiveness. £1 to enter.



Keeping in Touch

In order to keep parents and carers as informed and updated as possible we encourage you to regularly check our website, www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk. We also text and send letters home in book bags and we produce this weekly newsletter which is uploaded to the website too.



Pre-Loved School Uniform

We have a stock of Chadsmead school jumpers and cardigans available to buy for £5 each. Please pick up an order form from the school office and we will contact you once stock is available.



EYFS Sponsored Cycle

During Road Safety week, Early Years took part in a sponsored cycle where they had to avoid obstacles and learn all about how to be safe when they are on their bike or scooter. The children raised a huge £237



Glass Jar Sale – Christmas Fayre

Please help us by providing a 'filled jam jar' for our stall. It's simple: fill an empty jar with sweets, biscuits, small toys, hair clips or anything you have that you think someone else would appreciate!

Decorate with ribbon, stickers, Christmas paper or anything you have at home.

Bring your filled jam jars into school by Wednesday 12th December and receive 5 house points per jar!



