



Newsletter Friday 7th May 2021



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 26th April 2021

	308		271
	280		306

Message from Mrs Grainger

I hope that you enjoyed the Bank Holiday this week and that you managed to do something enjoyable. It is important that we continue to operate within the current Government requirements for COVID-19. This includes the wearing of face coverings and social distancing. It is also important that you continue to follow the guidance should your child develop any of the symptoms of COVID-19. The current requirements are that any child displaying any of the symptoms should get a PCR test and isolate until the results are known. Only when that is negative, should they return to school. Please note that the Government currently specify that the lateral flow test is not sufficient for this purpose.

National Testing

Earlier in the year, the DfE (Department for Education) have said that there will be no formal tests and examinations again this year. This was as a result of the COVID-19 restrictions that have meant partial school closures and lockdowns during the course of this and last academic years. This means that the Year 6 SATs tests that were scheduled for the week of 10th May will not go ahead as they would have done normally. Teachers will still be making teacher assessments for their pupils between now and the end of the term for use within school and to do this we will be using a combination of standardised tests and assessments of the children’s school work. There is a similar situation with KS1 SATs tests, the Year 1 phonics test and the Year 4 multiplication tables test. We will still be providing parents with the usual information on your child’s achievement via the school report that you will receive towards the end of the term.

Staggered Start Times and End Times

A reminder of start times and finish times as some children are arriving late or being picked up late from school.

Class	Drop Off	Pick Up
Saplings	8.45am	11.45am/3.15pm
Acorn	9am	3.15pm
Apple	8.50am	3.05pm
Cherry	8.55am	3.10pm
Elm	9am	3.15pm
Chestnut	9.05am	3.20pm
Sycamore	9.10am	3.25pm
Maple	8.55am	3.20pm
Birch	9.00am	3.25pm
Elder	8.50am	3.15pm
Oak	8.45am	3.10pm

We would ask that you kindly adhere to the times above, as it is really important for us to continue to keep everyone in our school community safe. Thank you in advance for your support.

Sun Cream and Hats

As the weather (hopefully) starts to gets better, we need to make sure that children are staying safe in the sun. Please apply sun cream to your child in the morning before they come to school. Your child may also bring sun cream (with their name on) to school to apply it themselves at lunchtime. Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat (with their name on too).

curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

This week in maths, Elm class have been counting large groups of objects by sorting them into groups of 10 and then counting them in tens. Cherry class have been using positional and directional language to lead their partners to different places in the classroom. Apple class have been finding 1 and 10 more/less than numbers to 100. Understanding how the ones or tens digit changes.

In writing, we have written an innovated version of Hansel and Gretel by changing the characters.

In theme, we have been learning about day length and how this changes during the different seasons.

Years 3 & 4

It's been a short week in school with the Bank Holiday and Thursday's training day. We have had an interesting 3 days where each class has planted their 3 sunflowers which were donated to us by our Governor gardeners. We shall let them sprout in the classroom and then each class will choose their strongest looking plant to transplant outside the school entrance. We will then see which class wins the Sunflower 'race' by having the tallest sunflower by the summer holidays!

We have also worked hard in maths with Year 3 doing angles within polygons and Year 4 solving problems using length and mass.

In English we have planned our own Native American stories linked to nature and begun to write our first draft.

Years 5 & 6

During this short week Y5/6 have continued to enjoy their class text 'Darwin's Dragons' and have written a diary from the point of view of one of its characters. In writing they have written an interview of Charles Darwin using research about him. Maths has been related to data handling. In theme we have completed computer data bases, looked at animals and plants that live on the Galapagos Islands and worked on theme vocabulary. Only three days in school but still a busy week!

Could we please ask for all slips to be returned and payments made for our Mission, Survive and Thrive activity in mid-June.



Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition

This year, as a school, we are taking part in the Royal Mail Heroes Stamp Design Competition. Millions of critical workers have kept the country going when many others were told to stay at home and there have been many people who volunteered to help in their communities. Royal Mail wants to honour them by producing a set of eight stamps. The stamps will feature designs created by eight school-aged children. They are asking children to think about who their hero or heroes are, and to then design a stamp in their honour. A special panel of judges will pick the winning designs and the final eight stamps will be sent to Her Majesty the Queen before they can be printed and issued. The competition is open to children aged 4-14. Children will be designing their stamps in school and it would be amazing to think that a child in our school could have their designs made into actual stamps that you can purchase at the shops! There are also monetary/voucher prizes for school and the children who reach at least Regional Final stage.

Calendar Dates for 2021/22

Calendar dates for the Summer Term, as well as calendar dates for the Academic Year 2021 to 2022 are available on our school website. You can now begin to plan those well-deserved and much-needed holidays that we are all excited to go on during the school holidays well in advance!

Keeping in Touch

If you have a query about the school or simply need to ask us something, please email office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk or send a message via the My Ed app and we will get back to you as soon as possible.