



Newsletter Friday 20th November 2020



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 9th November 2020

	316		301
	352		280

Message from Mrs Grainger

Whilst walking around school this week I have observed such wonderful learning and I have particularly enjoyed some Covid-safe conversations with children about their learning. The school displays are bright and vibrant and over the next few weeks we will ensure all the children get to see the displays from across the school. At this time of year, the thoughts of the staff begin to drift towards Christmas! Watch out for dates coming soon, but we have plans for Covid-safe festive film nights, Christmas dinner, class parties and a virtual pantomime paid for by PTFA. Specific details will follow shortly. I have put up my decorations this week to start a festive feeling!

If you are worried about a vulnerable loved one or know someone in need who is self-isolating, then please get in touch. They can collect and deliver prescriptions, food parcels and supplies.



Jozone

Jozone Kids Club are looking into the potential of providing day care on the Inset Day Monday 4th January 2021 for our Chadsmead children.

If you may require childcare for this date and would be interested in Jozone providing this service please could you email them at jozoneheadoffice@gmail.com

They would need a minimum number of children to be able to run this session and therefore would like to gauge interest in advance. Thank you.



Blue Peter on YouTube!

We would like to inform you that Blue Peter has launched on YouTube <https://bit.ly/3hNvZjR> at CBBC. Blue Peter is the longest running kids TV show in the world and videos are being uploaded to YouTube that are suitable for 5-11 year olds. They have world record breaking challenges, arts and crafts, environmental videos, cooking and baking how tos, inspirational films, gaming, celebrity appearances, dance routines and music performances. They also feature ways of getting a Blue Peter badge, behind the scenes footage and extra content about our incredible presenters Adam, Lindsey, Mwaksy



, Richie and Henry the Blue Peter dog. If you are interested in this, subscribe to <https://www.youtube.com/bluepeter> - (it's obviously completely free to subscribe!) and don't forget to watch the live programme on CBBC at 5.30pm.

Years 1 & 2

In KS1 we have been learning lots about how we can be as healthy as a superhero. We have learned about eating healthy food, keeping ourselves clean and taking regular exercise.

In our English work we have been inventing our own 'losing' tales. We have come up with our own characters and ideas for our own stories.

In maths, we have been learning a variety of different skills to be able to add and subtract in different ways, for instance, using number lines for count on or back and using bar models to represent the difference, also using objects to find more and less.

Next week we are going to start to think about 'real life' heroes.

Years 3 & 4

We have enjoyed learning all about volcanoes this week including how they are formed, their locations and the 'Ring of Fire'. Children seem amazed at some of the facts like how some of the deepest parts of the ocean are formed by earthquakes and volcanoes and how the earth's tectonic plates move in different directions.

Chestnut class have had a week of computing as Sycamore did last week and next week will be Maple's turn. This is part of our 'Covid secure' approach to school life so we don't all follow each other into the computer room and share equipment across classes.

We trust you have found your child(ren)'s remote learning book and accompanying letters. Please remember that we want this book to only be used for remote learning and not other 'work' or activities your child may wish to do.

Finally, it has been lovely to see children help and support each other at playtime as they socialise in their class bubble. This has been challenging for some and has meant children have learned to get on, compromise and be more tolerant than in the 'old normal'!

Years 5 & 6

This week, Years 5 & 6 have been learning more about Ancient Civilisations. We have discovered why Ancient Empires were expanded and also how important rivers were to these people of the past. We have learned about the farming cycles of Ancient Egyptians. In maths, Year 5 have been focusing on multiplying numbers, up to 4-digits by 2-digits and Year 6 have been simplifying fractions. During writing, we have been producing persuasive travel brochures, which hopefully entice people to want to visit Egypt. We have continued reading our class text, 'Secrets of a Sun King', and are still thoroughly gripped by it!

Christmas Cards

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will only be able to allow children to bring cards into school for children within their class bubble. Thank you.

Introducing Ollee – a virtual friend (ParentZone/BBC Children In Need)

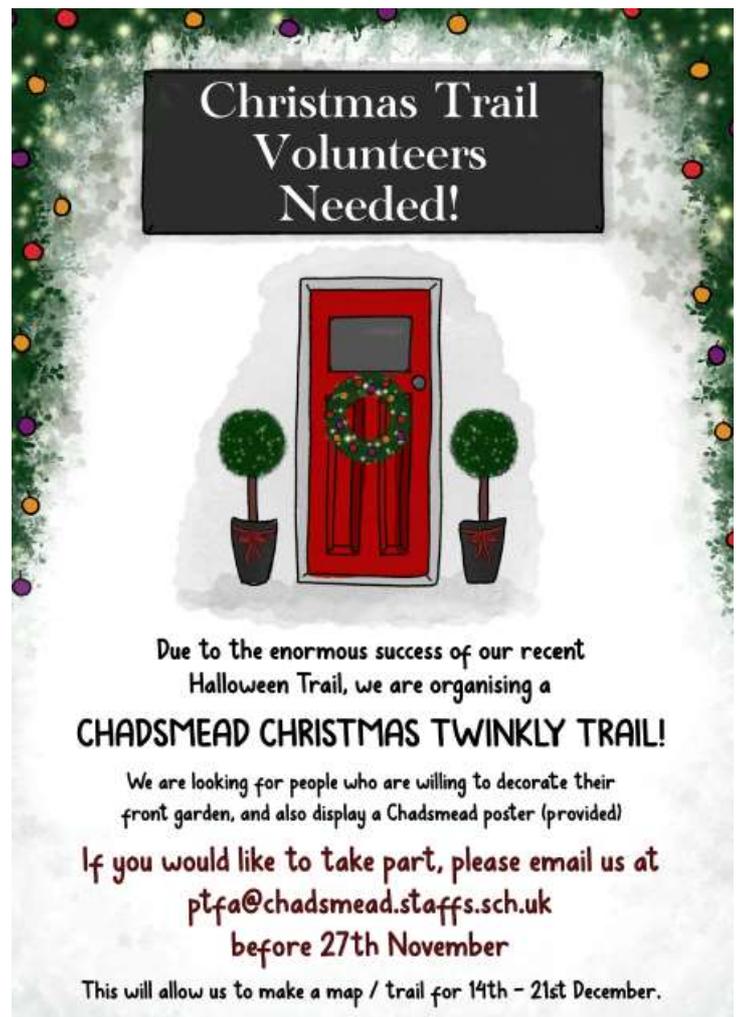
Ollee is a digital friend for children aged 8-11, created by Parent Zone and funded by BBC Children in Need's A Million & Me initiative, which aims to make a difference to children's emotional wellbeing.

It's designed to help children reflect on how they feel and to process their experiences with the support and help of their parents and carers – and it does this by offering them advice about a range of subjects: school, family, friends, their body, the internet and the world.

For each of these subjects, children can choose an emotion that matches how they feel about it: happy, angry, sad, confused, frustrated, stressed or worried.

Next, they can choose from a list of topics – for instance, a child who was worried about school might be able to select 'I haven't done my homework' as the cause of their worry. Finally, they'll see a page of advice about the topic, presented in child-friendly bite-sized chunks they can read then or save for later.

You can find more information and download the Ollee app here: <https://parentzone.org.uk/Ollee>



**Christmas Trail
Volunteers
Needed!**

Due to the enormous success of our recent
Halloween Trail, we are organising a
CHADSMEAD CHRISTMAS TWINKLY TRAIL!

We are looking for people who are willing to decorate their
front garden, and also display a Chadsmead poster (provided)

**If you would like to take part, please email us at
ptfa@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk
before 27th November**

This will allow us to make a map / trail for 14th - 21st December.