



Message from Headteacher

Welcome back everyone!

This is the shortest half term I've ever known, with lots of broken weeks. To add to this, we have been notified of another election date, where the school will be used as a polling station once again. **School will be closed on Thursday 23rd May.** Apologies for the delay in informing you of this, but we only received confirmation of this a few days ago.

You most likely will have seen that we are having our roof repaired. This is a substantial amount of work across both buildings. The entire roof of the infant building is being replaced and the KS2 hall. There will be some disruption, as you would expect, but I am confident that the company carrying out the work (who routinely work in schools) will be considerate to our needs. You will be notified of any specific changes for classes as and when they occur.

Thank you to the parents and carers who came to our Phonics and KS1 SATS meetings on Tuesday this week, we appreciate you taking the time to attend. The resources from these meetings can be found on our website.

Enjoy the bank holiday weekend.

What's on next week

Monday 6th May:

- BANK HOLIDAY

Tuesday 7th May:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Singing, Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- KS2 Athletics 3.20-4.20pm

Wednesday 8th May:

Thursday 9th May:

- Year 3 Drum Lessons
- Year 3 Swimming
- KS1 Athletics 3.20-4.20pm
- KS2 Running Club 3.20-4.20pm

Friday 10th May:

- Guitar Lessons
- KS2 Rounders 3.20-4.20pm



Don't forget that school will be closed on Monday 6th May due to the May Bank Holiday.

Years 1 & 2

Welcome back to our Year 1 & 2 classes. We started this week with our 'WOW starter' for this half term's theme - The Enchanted Woodland. We spent lots of time outside creating transient art with natural items found in the forest, exploring the nature in our school grounds and taking photos of interesting flowers and leaves and making tree boggarts using clay.

In maths Year 1 have been measuring using non-standard units such as hands or cubes, Year 2 have been looking at and comparing the value of coins and notes using language such as greater than and less than.

In English we have been exploring 'defeating the monster' tales, in particular Hansel and Gretel. We have been learning the story using actions and sequencing the events.

Thank you for the homework handed in so far – please keep it coming.

Years 3 & 4

It was a great start back for the Years 3 & 4 children on Monday.

We had a lovely 'WOW starter' day mixing various foods and liquids together to begin our Theme - Scrumdiddlyumptios. It was great to see how they enjoyed seeing the changes that occurred and then deciding whether the changes were 'reversible or irreversible'. We made Fizzing Lemonade, Invisible ink, Green pancakes and Jelly snakes. We also prepared 'Eggs in Vinegar - or bouncy eggs' which the children loved looking at this afternoon!

Years 5 & 6

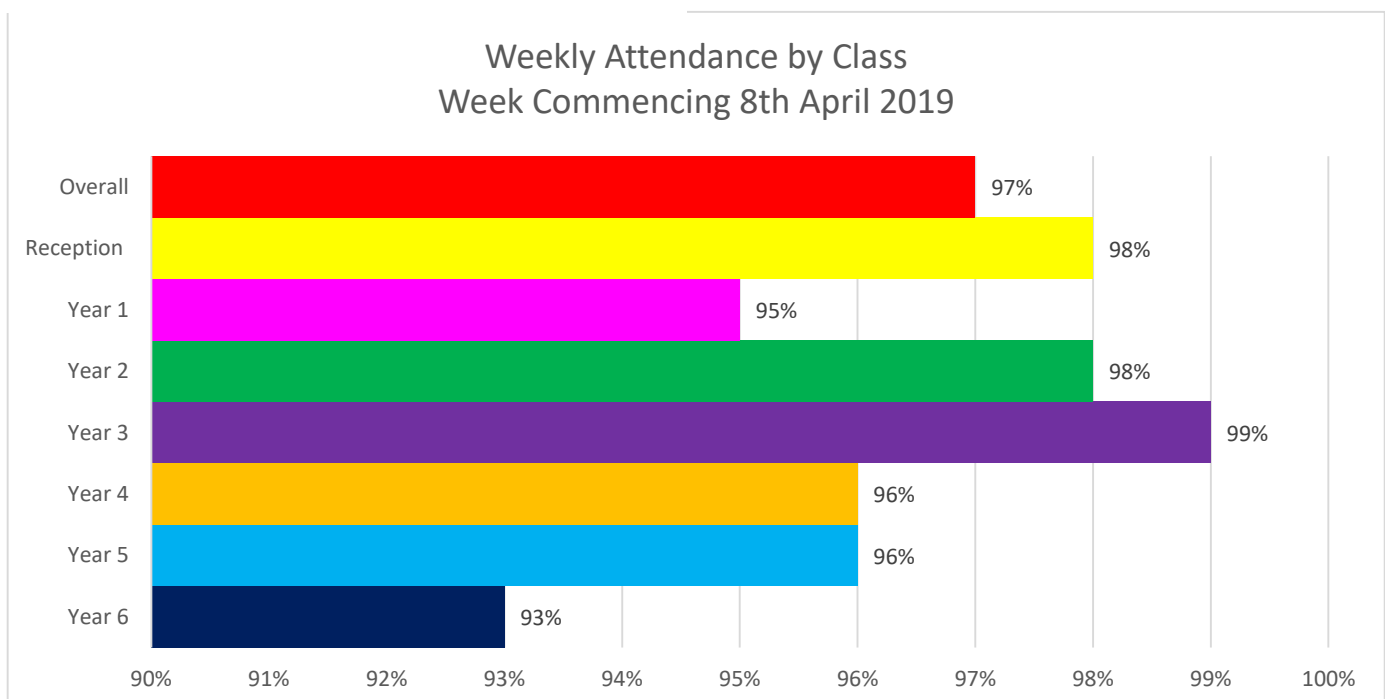
We are pleased to see children back after the Easter holidays for the start of our new theme 'Tomorrow's World'. Year 5 pupils have been working very sensibly, sometimes in the hall this week with Mrs Chapman due to tests taking place in their regular classrooms.

Year 6 have been busy with a mock-SATs week so that they are fully prepared and aware of the arrangements for SATs week, commencing 13th May. Please ensure that all pupils have the correct equipment in their pencil cases, including: blue pens (including spares), sharp pencils, rubber etc. We have noticed many pupils yawning during tests this week; please do ensure that children get to bed at a good time so that they are well rested. Attendance is also very importance at this time.





Please note it is the last Early Bird session for Year 6 on Friday 10th May.

Requests please for Years 3 & 4!

Please could you send in for next week, any empty cereal boxes, toilet rolls, plastic bottles. Foil and elastic bands are also required and anything Years 3 & 4 can use to make models!



House point totals
Week Commencing: 8th April 2019

	386		411
	328		350



Chadsmead Got Talent Wednesday 12th June

Entry forms have now been sent home with children wishing to participate, forms need to be returned to school by Friday 17th May. Auditions will be held during school on Wednesday 22nd May and any acts through to the final will be notified on Friday 24th May.

Little Princess Trust

A special mention to Paige in Year 3 who has had 10 inches of her hair cut off for a children's charity. Paige donated her hair to the Little Princess Trust, well done Paige for being so thoughtful and doing this.



Named Uniform

Please could you check that all items of uniform are clearly named. At this time of year in particular, the children take their cardigans and sweatshirts off and we really do not want lots of lost property or children taking the wrong item of clothing home, due to it not being named. We have a few missing cardigans/jumpers which may have gone home with your child in error. Please ensure you check that you have the correctly named uniform at home.

For up to date information visit: www.chadsmeadacademy.co.uk

Year 6 SAT's Monday 13th – Thursday 16th May inclusive

Please note that these national tests must be taken in the particular slot allocated, on the morning of each day. As previously advised the timetable is:

- Monday am - GPS
- Tuesday am - Reading
- Wednesday am - Maths
- Thursday am - Maths

Staff are again kindly arranging to be in school to run a breakfast club. Children may arrive from 8.30am.

With just 10 days to go, the biggest impact parents can make is trying to encourage a good bedtime routine, so that children can REST properly. Have this conversation now and encourage your child to be relaxing by 9pm, and agree that no electronic gadgets, phones, tablets, TVs etc. to be on. A well-rested child can concentrate and apply themselves so well and the ability to focus and think clearly is greatly improved in a child who has had a good night's rest.

Suncream/Hats

As the weather hopefully gets better, we need to make sure that children are staying safe in the sun. Please apply sun cream to your child before they come to school. Please also ensure that your child has a sun hat (with their name in). Thank you.

Attendance Letters

We continue to carefully monitor attendance at school and are pleased that our attendance rate is above national expectations, yet we always strive to do better and improve on the previous year. Colour-coded attendance letters have gone home this week detailing your child's year to date attendance. Any questions or queries please contact the school office.

If your child is going to be absent from school please let the school office know by 9.30am and provide a written explanation on their return. The school phone number is 01543 421850 or you can text the absence line on 07756 921747.

Just a gentle reminder that the glass corridor and gates open at 8.40am. The classroom doors open at 8.45am with registration starting at 8.50am. Doors are locked at 8.55am ready for lessons to begin. Thank you for ensuring your child gets to school on time.

Early Years and Key Stage 1 finish school at 3.15pm and Key Stage 2 finish at 3.20pm.

Home Learning Support Books – Year 2

Order forms are available from the school office for the CGP KS1 SATs bundle books. They are £5.50 for the pack and will be ordered on Tuesday 7th May. We will contact parents/carers once they are in stock to collect them from the office.

School Events 2019

Monday 6 th May 2019	Bank Holiday
Monday 13 th – Thursday 16 th May 2019	KS2 SATS Tests
Tuesday 21 st May 2019	KS2 Summer Music Concert 9.30am
Monday 27 th – Friday 31 st May	Half Term Week
Monday 10 th June	Years 5 & 6 Visit to the Open Centre, Derby
Wednesday 12 th June 2019	Chadsmead's Got Talent
Tuesday 18 th – Wednesday 19 th June 2019	Friary/Netherstowe/King Edwards Transition Days
Friday 21 st June 2019	Inset Day
Monday 8 th July 2019	KS2 Sports Day
Tuesday 9 th July 2019	KS1 Sports Day
Monday 15 th July 2019	Year 6 Prom
Friday 19 th July 2019	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.30am
Friday 19 th July 2019	Last Day of Term

Message from the Governing Body

Dear Children, Parents and Carers,
We have been continuing to support school in its work to inspire the children to achieve their best and have been very pleased to see so many positive achievements in data, as well as the wide range of opportunities that the school is giving the children. The visitors that we are welcoming into school, special events like Science Week and the continuing efforts of staff to make learning fun, mean that the school is a really stimulating and exciting place to be. Seeing events publicised in 'The Mercury' is also a valuable way of making the wider community aware of this.

We are making plans for the Governors to visit school for a 'Governor Day' next month and we really look forward to spending time with staff and children and are so grateful for how they welcome us and give us such a fabulous opportunity to see how well the school is progressing and how the children enjoy their learning.

We hope you have spent some time looking at the new website and noted the Vision and Values of the school. (From the menu, select 'Our School', then 'Vision and Values'). Thank you to the staff and Mrs Mace for their work on the website.

And thank you to you all for your continued support as we work together for our children's benefit.

Warmest good wishes

Iona Chisholm

Chair of LGB



