



Newsletter Friday 13th November 2020



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 2nd November 2020

	258		280
	250		239

Message from Mrs Grainger

IF YOU OR A FAMILY MEMBER TAKE A TEST FOR WHATEVER REASON - UNTIL YOU GET A RESULT, YOU MUST SELF-ISOLATE AND STAY AT HOME AS A HOUSEHOLD. PLEASE ALWAYS NOTIFY SCHOOL TO PROTECT THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.

CAN I ALSO REMIND ALL PARENTS THAT NO CHILD WHO IS SELF-ISOLATING SHOULD BE BROUGHT DOWN TO SCHOOL WHILST A BROTHER OR SISTER IS BEING DROPPED OFF OR COLLECTED. THIS BREAKS ALL THE MEDICAL ADVICE THAT WE ARE ASKED TO FOLLOW. THANKS TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS WHO HAVE PUT PARTICULAR ARRANGEMENTS IN PLACE TO ALLOW SOME CHILDREN TO ATTEND SCHOOL WHILE OTHERS STAY SAFELY AT HOME.

Please be aware that staff will also be following government guidelines, meaning at times they will also be required to self-isolate due to their own needs or family members. This is in addition to general illness absence. The reality for all schools is running without a full workforce and we thank you for your understanding.

Remote Learning

Next week your child will be bringing home a remote learning exercise book(s), along with the school Remote Learning Plan. Please keep the book safe, so that should you need to isolate all learning can be put in the book and then brought back to school at the end of the isolation period. Remote learning can be accessed from the website: Covid-19/Remote Learning/Class or Year group. Printed packs are available on request.

House Captains

Welcome to this year's House Captains, who were chosen after a presentation to children all about themselves and a democratic vote – we look forward to working with them this year.

Garrick House



St Chad's House



Darwin House



Johnson House



Christmas

Despite COVID-19, we are still hoping to organise special Christmas events and activities for the children. We are currently in the process of creating a plan, ensuring the activities meet the required protective measures. As soon as these are finalised, we will share the arrangements with all families. Unfortunately, we will be unable to offer our usual Christmas performances. We cannot have large groups in school, we cannot mix classes together and we cannot sing; these are the main reasons for not being able to offer a performance. We are unable to record any performances as we have a large number of children without parental permission to do this. I know this is disappointing, for us as well, but please rest assured we will try everything we can to make the Christmas period as magical as we can.

Years 1 & 2

In KS1 we have been very busy working on our 'Superheroes' theme. We had great fun using our sense of taste to identify our likes and dislikes of different fruit and vegetables. Not many of us liked the celery!

We have been busy innovating (making changes) to the story 'Charlie's Superhero Underpants'. We came up with ideas to change the story character and what they lose, then write some super innovated stories.

In maths we have been using lots of manipulatives to help us with our working out. We have used number lines, tens frames and bar models.

Years 3 & 4

It's been an interesting week in Years 3 & 4.

We have had Maple and Chestnut classes both following their regular timetables of morning lessons (maths, writing, reading) and afternoon lessons of theme and PE, Jigsaw, Maths Meetings and Timestable Rockstars. They have enjoyed learning how to use inverted commas correctly and also reading more of our book The Firework-Maker's daughter. It has provided some excellent opportunities for retrieval and inference style questions which we are getting better at answering. Children have also shown a real interest in Tremors - our theme. This enthusiasm has been reflected in the homework which has been sent in. It is amazing, many thanks for your help in getting the children to be creative. After quarantining the work sent in, we will make it into a display.

Sycamore class have spent most of the week learning Computing. We have learnt all about how digital devices work and tried to analyse the advantages/disadvantages between using digital or non-digital devices. We had lots of fun producing a digital painting and comparing this to a 'regular' painting!

Years 5 & 6

In theme lessons, Years 5 & 6 have been looking at timelines of different civilisations. We have compared empires, have discussed the land use of each empire and began to consider what led to the dissolution of each.

In writing, we have begun to create persuasive texts about Egypt and in reading we are continuing our class text, 'Secrets of a Sun King'. Maths for Year 5 includes squared and cubed numbers and Year 6 have worked on factors, multiples and prime numbers.

Thank you for the wonderful homework that was completed over the holidays. Examples of this will be displayed in the hall.

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'.

Aston Villa Foundation - LIVE Session

With the difficulties at the moment for children not being able to continue their football sessions, the Aston Villa Foundation have thought of a way to keep them engaged over this second lockdown whilst delivering LIVE technical sessions. Virtual LIVE football in the community sessions will take place each week, details of the first session are below:

Name: Virtual Skills Session

Date: Sunday 15th November 2020

Time: 10:00-11:00am **Price:** £2.50

Location: Microsoft TEAMS (LIVE); email with TEAMS link will be sent on Friday 13th November (your child can practice the skills indoors or outdoors in a small space as long it is safe to do so)

Requirements: One football (any ball), appropriate footwear, drinks bottle

Link: <https://tickets.avfc.co.uk/en-GB/categories/football-in-the-community-courses>



The poster features a central illustration of a red door with a green wreath, flanked by two potted trees. The background is decorated with a green garland and colorful lights. The text is as follows:

**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.