



Newsletter Friday 1st October 2021

Reception Open Events 2021-2022

4th November 2021 (10.00am)
 23rd November 2021 (2.00pm)
 8th January 2022 (10.00am)

Please contact the school office to arrange an appointment on 01543 421850 or email office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk

House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 20th September 2021

	267		200
	209		232

Message from Mrs Grainger

This week was Parents Evening, and what an absolute delight to have parents come into school to speak with teachers. Rightly so, the focus is back on the children’s learning and it was so beneficial for teachers to be able to have that quality moment to speak with you. The large majority of parents kept their appointment and were appreciative to our Covid measures – thank you. The past 18 months has helped us realise that we are grateful for these moments and as parents and children left the school it was fabulous to see so many smiling faces.

At times we as a school have to act when children or family members report issues of possible physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse or neglect. When we do act, it could mean us talking to you as parents or carers, advising parents or passing information on to Children and Families Services. You could then be asked to take part in follow up meetings or processes. We are not doing this to intrude or be nosy. We are doing it to make sure all our children are safe, that their voice is heard and that they are protected. It is part of our job. It is the most important part of our job. Thank you to all parents and carers who understand this and who continue to do the best they can for their children on life’s journey. If you are ever worried about this or have any other worries come in and talk to me or the other staff.

October Half Term Dates

Just to confirm that half term is Monday 25th October to Monday 1st November – return to school Tuesday 2nd November.

COVID Update

Parents and carers are asked to note that there has been a huge increase in the presence of Covid cases across Staffordshire. Staffordshire Local Outbreak Control have advised ALL school settings to be proactive to prevent and reduce transmission, and it is likely that measures may change in the next few weeks – we will keep you fully informed using the MyEd app.



Smile Please!

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 12th October for individual and sibling photographs.

Peter Pan Pantomime – 30th November 2021

Reminder that letters have now been sent home to all Reception – Year 6 children. Payment is due via ParentPay by Friday 8th October to guarantee your child’s place.

BURGERS & DOGS

7th October

Tasty Mains Beef Burger Veggie Hot Dog	Scrummy Sides Chips Sweetcorn Baked Beans	Yummy Desserts Chocolate Orange Drizzle Cake with Chocolate Custard Strawberry Jelly & Ice Cream
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Don't forget, the school meals are free for all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2!

curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

During this week in Years 1 & 2 we have been working on our 'Muck, Mess and Mixtures' theme. We have been inspired by the artists Paul Klee and Mark Rothco who have used primary and secondary colours to create abstract art. The children have produced some amazing abstract art work.

In our writing we have made changes to the story 'The Disgusting Sandwich' and thought of synonyms for the word disgusting, to create a new title and changes to the places that the sandwich goes. We have planned and re-written the stories using our new ideas.

In maths Year 2 have been looking at increasing and decreasing number patterns and using the symbols $<$ and $>$ to compare greater than and less than. Year 1 have continued to focus on number bonds and have started to look at doubling numbers to 10.

Thank you for everyone who attended Parent Evenings. It was a great opportunity to get to know one another and find out how your child is getting on.

REMINDER: spelling homework books in on a Tuesday so that new spelling can be stuck in to go home for the next spelling test.

HOMEWORK: Maths activities set online on Learning with Parents.

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have made the most of a wet and windy week.

They have been outside and collected a wide variety of seeds for their science lesson which we managed despite the weather. We have investigated whether plants have legs - how do they disperse their seeds and grow in lots of different places.

In writing this week we have studied the oldest recorded story in Britain – 'Beowulf'.

This amazing narrative has been used as a model for children to write an innovated version of the story. We have had lots of gory descriptions of the terrible battle between Beowulf and the monster Grendle.

We have been working hard on maths also with a lot of emphasis on Rockstars times tables.

Finally, it was lovely seeing people back in school after so long and great to meet new parents and old!

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week continued to read our class text 'Treason', the book has been really inspiring for the children and has many links to work done within other subjects, writing and theme especially.

In writing the children have been reading a letter written by Anne Boleyn to King Henry VIII and using it to write their own persuasive letter.

Theme has been comparing Henry VIII six wives and discussing political reasons behind each of his marriages and analysing evidence provided related to the execution of Anne Boleyn.

Maths for Year 5 has been comparing and ordering 6-digit numbers and Roman Numerals, whilst Year 6 have worked on multiplying by 2 digits, and they have then moved on to division of larger numbers by one digit.

It was great to see most of our parents at Parent's Evenings this week.

