



**Newsletter Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020**



House point totals  
Week Commencing: 21<sup>st</sup> September 2020

	<b>220</b>		<b>178</b>
	<b>221</b>		<b>222</b>

**Message from Mrs Grainger**

At school we regularly talk to children about how mistakes are an important and natural part of any learning process (similarly to the mistakes which take place when learning to crawl, walk, talk, ride a bike and so on). After six months away from school (for most children) we are using praise, encouragement and positivity to boost children's self-esteem so that school is a positive and inspiring place to learn. Sometimes we may cover concepts that children may have forgotten but this is natural due to the break in learning. Again, encouragement from home and school will really support every child in believing in themselves, their successes and mistakes.

In class, we are encouraging all children to answer questions and to never be afraid of sharing an answer. I know that you will be having similar discussions with your own children at home. Thank you for your support in providing love, care and kindness for your families which supports your child's confidence in school too.

**Message from the School's Governing Body**

It has been lovely to see everyone settling in to their new routines and I hope that children have shared positive experiences from their learning and their return to school with everyone at home.

I am writing to let you know the new arrangements for governance at Chadsmead for the foreseeable future whilst Covid 19 continues to have an impact on our daily lives. As a member of the Community Academies Trust (CAT) group of schools, Chadsmead's governing body will now be called the School Standards Committee (SSC). This reflects the fact that CAT will deal with matters such as Finance and Health & Safety centrally and the governing body of each school will focus on the governance of standards, safeguarding, Special Educational Needs (SEN) and Pupil Premium (PP).

Please do take a look at the governance tab on the Chadsmead website where you can 'meet' your governors and learn how to contact us if required. And remember that all your governors are volunteers, so I am sure that you will join me in thanking them for committing their time and efforts to supporting the school for the year ahead.

Warmest good wishes  
Iona Chisholm  
Chair of SSC

**PLEASE**

**Lunch Box Reminders**



**NO PEANUTS  
OR  
NUT PRODUCTS**

A reminder that children should not bring any whole nuts or nut based products in to school. We do have children with severe nut allergies and this could be life threatening to them. Products to avoid also include:

- Nutella/Nut based chocolate spreads
- Nutella chocolate/bars
- Peanut Butter



### Years 1 & 2

During the week the children in KS1 have been very busy creating new ideas for characters and settings to write their own invented wishing tales.

In maths lessons we have been doubling, halving and finding more and less than an amount and comparing numbers.

As part of our theme work, we have named and ordered the planets in our solar system and then recreated the planets in art using chalks and collage. We have also begun to look at the history of space travel over the last 100 years.

It has been a fabulous week here in Years 1 and 2!



### Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have enjoyed investigating parachutes this week. As part of our Theme 'Mighty Metals' we have looked at what makes a parachute work. This involved us going onto the playground (in our class bubbles) and experimenting with the large PE/outdoor parachutes. It was great fun having children see if they could run under the parachute as the class lifted it up and down! We worked out various forces were in operation such as our arms pulling, gravity and that the parachute was meeting some air resistance when going both going up and down. We also then attempted to make our own parachutes in class which allowed us to discuss forces further.

In English, we have enjoyed learning a new story called 'Traction Man' and have begun to write our own version of this 'defeating the monster' or superhero story. Watch this space....

### Individual School Photos only - 13<sup>th</sup> October

Tempest Photography will be in school on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October to take individual children photographs only. Due to the current situation, there will be no sibling photographs this year. Children who normally have PE and come to school in their PE clothes will need to wear school uniform on this day only.

### Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week written a balanced argument considering the question – 'Is learning at school better than learning at home?' We had some very interesting opinions and reasons! We have also continued reading our book 'Wonder' and working on place value, rounding and negative numbers in maths.

In theme we have thought about genetics, traits that may have been inherited and begun to debate nature nurture. Some of Year 6 finished their week with Bikeability.

