



Newsletter Friday 5th November 2021



Message from Mrs Grainger

We have been happy to welcome our pupils back after half term: many of our pupils enjoyed telling us about their Halloween activities and lots are also looking forward to a weekend of fireworks. Please be safe whatever you are doing this weekend.

During the pandemic, we are aware that pupils have missed out on opportunities to work collaboratively and creatively. We know that these areas are really important to children and so at Chadsmead this year we have decided to run three arts weeks, one each term. During these weeks, pupils will focus on either Music, Drama/Dance or Art/DT.

During the first of our Arts Weeks (w/c 15th November), our work will focus on the following:

EYFS & Y1/2	Drama/Dance
Y3/4	Art/DT
Y5/6	Music

We have lots of exciting plans for the children with visiting guests, lots of practical activities and Year 6 pupils will be singing in a concert at Lichfield Cathedral. At the end of the week, we will share our new skills in a special whole-school assembly.

We are all very excited about the weeks ahead. If you have any skills or ideas that you are able to share with us as we plan future weeks, please do get in touch. Our next planned Arts theme week will be w.c. 7th March 2022.

House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 18th October 2021

	215		201
	244		222

September 2022 Reception Intake

The application process for a reception place for September 2022 will open on 1st November 2021. The closing date is 15th January 2022. Please apply via Staffordshire County Council Admissions: www.staffordshire.gov.uk/admissions

SEND and Families Spotlight - **Children's and Young Person's Autism Service**

<https://www.mpft.nhs.uk/services/children-and-young-people-autism-service> Midlands Partnership NHS Foundation Trust - Information about autism and the support available from the NHS. The website shares, factsheets, toolkit and workshop information as well as videos for parents and children relating to behaviour.



PTFA Christmas Quiz at Chadsmead

3rd December at 8pm
£10 per team - 6 people max per team.
Bring your own drinks (alcohol permitted) and snacks and wear something Christmassy. Payment with Team Name to the school office by 1st December please.



curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

It has been an exciting and fun packed start to the new half term in Years 1 and 2! We have started our new theme - Land Ahoy and our Pirate Day was a



great success. The children learned 'Sea Shanties' and made rafts to see if they would float or sink. Our English work is directly linked to our theme and we have started working on 'The Story of Pirate Tom'. Over the next couple of weeks, we will make changes to the story and finally we will write our own adventure stories involving pirates.

In maths, Year 2 have just started work on measuring length using metres. Year 1 are working on the relationship between addition and subtraction.

Years 3 & 4

It has been great to see the children come back to school after the half term break. They have been full of chatter about their holiday and seem happy to back in school.

We have spent the first part of the week on the story of Guy Fawkes which has had everyone engrossed, especially in the grisly details of being imprisoned in the Tower of London.

Our new theme - Burps, Bottoms and Bile is all about the human digestive system. We aim to make a digestive system w.c. 15.11.21 as part of our Arts week so please send in any material we may use.

For example, cardboard tubes, plastic pipes, balloons, old footballs (anything that can be used as a model!).

Creative homework is due next Tuesday (9th November) and online maths homework (Learning for Parents) will go out next Thursday (11th November). Please check the office has your up to date e-mail/phone number if you are still struggling to access this.

Please remind your child to use Rockstar Times Tables 5x a week - without this they will find their maths more difficult than the other children!

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week started their new theme Alchemy Island – 'It's time to suspend your disbelief and open your mind. We're going on a magical journey to Alchemy Island. Can you find the gold hidden deep within the island's mysterious landscape? The only way is to study the map, unravel the riddle and begin your adventure. On the way, you must do all you can to learn about the ancient art of alchemy, be creative and try to impress the island's team of ace alchemists. Will they praise your scientific, computing, geographical or musical expertise? You've got your map, coordinates and everything else you need to make your way across Alchemy Island. Don't forget to pack your imagination. Got your suitcase ready? Then let the journey begin.'

We have started to read the playscript version of The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe; our writing has focused on Narrative Writing - working towards stories set in fantasy worlds; whilst maths has involved working with fractions. Year 6 have also this week completed their Bikeability training - wow it has been a busy week!

Reception and Year 6 National Child Measurement Programme

The school nursing team will be in to do Height and Weight Checks of all Reception and Year 6 children on Tuesday 16th November 2021. Information about this has been sent to all parents/carers via MyEd and is available to read on the school website – OPT OUT forms are available should you wish your child not to be measured – please contact the school office for a form.



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Dates for the Autumn Term 2021

Week beginning Monday 8 th November 2021	Year 2 Phonics Tests
Week beginning Monday 15 th November 2021	Arts Theme Week
Tuesday 16 th November 2021	Year 6 Music Share Concert – 7pm Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 30 th November 2021	Years R – 6 Peter Pan Pantomime Lichfield Garrick
Thursday 2 nd December 2021	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Friday 3 rd December 2021	Christmas Fair
Friday 10 th December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 14 th December 2021	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am/2pm
Wednesday 15 th December 2021	Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 th December 2021	Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.30am
Friday 17 th December 2021	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Christmas holiday