



Message from Headteacher

As previously mentioned, we are transforming our home reading system for children who have completed their phonics learning (Y2-6). This means the previous colour bands you may know are no longer relevant. Please do not be alarmed when your child's home reading book comes home with a new colour banding. The new system, based on Accelerated Reader, will be explained to your children next week and a letter to yourselves will follow shortly after. We are excited to introduce this widely successful approach reading.

A reminder that our Y1/2 Mathematics Mastery workshop is on Tuesday 22nd January 2019 at 2:15pm in Beech classroom. Please come to the main office to sign in. The workshop will be an opportunity to share how children learn in Maths and ideas for you to help at home. We strongly encourage you to attend if you can.

Another date for you to add to your diary is an NSPCC talk on Online Safety. We will be holding two workshops on Monday 11th February 2019 at 2:00pm and 7:00pm. The hour-long workshop will help parents, carers and other adults understand their child's online world, build confidence to have those important conversations that can help keep children safe online and help you know where to go for help and advice. This year's meeting is a different provider; a National Children's Charity. Each year I attend these meetings with my own children in mind and each time I learn something new, because the world of technology changes and my children get older. We look forward to welcoming you in school.

What's on next week

Monday 21st January:

- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm

Tuesday 22nd January:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Woodwind, Singing and Guitar Lessons
- Year 3 trip to St Chads Church
- Mathematics Mastery Workshop for parents/carers of Year 1 & 2 - 2.15pm
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm

Wednesday 23rd January:

- Violin and Keyboard Lessons

Thursday 24th January:

- Drum Lessons
- KS1 Multi Skills 3.20-4.20pm

Friday 25th January:

- KS2 Dodgeball 3.20-4.20pm



Years 1 & 2

Years 1/2 have continued learning 'The Great Fire of London' text. We have looked at writing features and checked to see if we are including them in our own writing. In maths, Year 1 have started to learn about 'time' especially months of the year. Year 2 have been matching times tables equations and arrays.

REMINDER

- book bags must come to school every day, **especially Fridays for home readers to be changed**
- spelling books must come to school every day, **especially Mondays for spellings to be given**
- completed homework should be in by Tuesday 22nd January.



Year 2 using counters to create arrays for multiplication in Mathematics Mastery

Years 3 & 4

Years 3/4 have had an interesting week plotting the key events of the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age onto a timeline – not an easy task!

We have been working hard in English to write our innovated journey tale based on a text called Stone Age boy and also been enjoying Stig of the Dump, a real classic that some parents may recall fondly.

We appreciate the support children have been given with home learning especially times tables and spellings. Our maths relies more and more on the children having an ability to recall basic multiplication facts and those who have learnt them at home noticeably progress more rapidly than those who don't.

Spellings are very similar and it is great to see the difference that 5 minutes a night or so really does make!

Years 5 & 6

Year 5/6 have this week spoken more about their dissection of a heart and how the circulatory system works. They have looked at the research of James Lind and his investigation into scurvy. The children have also started some fitness testing in PE.

We were fortunate enough to be visited by the NSPCC on Monday and each of the Year 5/6 classes took part in a workshop session.





ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL

Week Commencing: 7th January 2019

Whole School Attendance: 96%

Year Group:	Percentage Attendance:
Reception	99%
Year 1	95%
Year 2	99%
Year 3	94%
Year 4	95%
Year 5	96%
Year 6	99%

House point totals
Week Commencing: 7th January 2019

	346		323
	322		356

Pre-Loved Uniform

We have a stock of Chadsmead jumpers and cardigans in stock, £5 each.

Please complete an order form (available from the office) and we will contact you once your items are ready to be collected.

Mathematics Mastery Workshop

Letters have been sent home this week to Year 1 & 2 parents and carers about another workshop taking place on Tuesday 22nd January at 2.15pm.

Collection of children from Jozone

Following a near miss this week, any parents/carers dropping off children or picking them up from Jozone, **must** use the pedestrian gate and not walk across the car park. Thank you.



Christingle Fundraising

Thank you to everyone that helped to raise £62.66 for The Children's Society.



Cold Weather

Please be aware that at times during the cold weather the ground, playground and surrounding footpaths can be very icy. Please do remind the children to take care coming to and leaving school. **Parents and Carers are reminded to keep to the gritted footpaths around the perimeter of the school building at all times.** It is imperative that pedestrians do not walk across the car park at any time. During icy weather the footpaths are gritted for your safety. Thank you

If for any reason the school has to close due to adverse weather, a text message will be sent to all parents and the county council website page for school closures will be updated. Staffordshire County Council - <http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/education/schoolsandcolleges/emergencyclosures/emergencyschoolclosures.aspx>

Routine Dental Appointments

Parents and carers are asked wherever possible not to arrange routine/dental appointments during school time, except in cases of urgency, so that interference with school work is avoided. Please do not keep children out of school for the whole day unless absolutely necessary. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

ParentPay

Please can you log on to your ParentPay accounts and ensure there are no dinner money arrears. Substantial arrears will result in you having to bring in a packed lunch for your child daily.



Lichfield Literature 2019 is packed full of engaging and exciting literature activities and events, with something for everyone. This year's theme Frontiers, Borders and Barriers is explored in terms of geography, world travel, science fiction, astrology and stories passed on through generations with acclaimed authors and journalists including Alex Hibbert, Alison Weir and Barbara Erskine. The festival has opportunities to participate in creative writing workshops, book readings, Q&As and more, we hope to see you there, in venues across Lichfield from 7th - 10th March.

You can find full Lichfield Literature listings on the [website https://www.lichfieldfestival.org](https://www.lichfieldfestival.org)



Families First courses commissioned through ACL for LICHFIELD AND BURNTWOOD. January to March 2019

District East Staffs	Simply Play course (PEEP) Adults and children 0-4 years Morning course	Parenting programme From Pram to Primary School (Family Caring Trust) Afternoon course	Healthy Lifestyles/ well-being course 'Time for You' Afternoon course
	Recognised Parenting course	Recognised parenting course	Confidence building course.
Venue	Charnwood Children's Centre Lichfield Adult and child course (mixed age sessions 0-4 years) – suitable for adults who do not access other children's activities and /or are wary of being in a group situation. The course encourages adults to interact and play with their child, to understand basic child development, and encourage their child to make choices and explore new activities. Lots of support for the adults to manage their child's emerging behaviours and develop realistic expectations of their child's development, while trying a range of different activities. Can be used as part of a contact arrangement.	Charnwood Children's Centre Lichfield Suitable for adults 19 year + who are struggling with their child's behaviour; mealtimes/ bedtimes/ lack understanding of how to talk and listen to their child, set fair consistent boundaries, consequences and rewards. The course focuses on children's behaviour that are between 0-11 years primarily.	SPARK centre, Burntwood Suitable for adults – 19 years + who have poor mental health, struggle to go out and about or meet new people, who do nothing for themselves because their family situation dominates their week. A low key course where adults can take their time to settle into the sessions – but offers opportunities to try new craft activities which can easily be reproduced at home/ gain confidence to be in a group situation.
Start date	<u>Start date:</u> Wednesday 23 rd January 2019 10 sessions per course (no session half term week) 10:00-11:30	<u>Start date:</u> Wednesday 13 th February 2019 8 sessions per course (no session half term week) 12:45-2:45	<u>Start date:</u> Tuesday 22 nd January, 8 sessions per course (no session half term week) 1:30-3:00
Tutor	Tutor: Jenny Barnes jenny.barnes@staffordshire.gov.uk 01283 233400 Please contact Jenny direct to make a referral	Tutor: Jenny Barnes jenny.barnes@staffordshire.gov.uk 01283 233400 Please contact Jenny direct to make a referral	Tutor: Debbie Fogg debbie.fogg@staffordshire.gov.uk 01283 233400 Please contact Debbie direct to make a referral

- **PLEASE NOTE: - ANY ADULT ATTENDING ANY OF THE ABOVE COURSES WILL NEED TO BRING 1 FORM OF I.D WITH THEM.**

