



4 March 2020

WORLD BOOK DAY DISCO

EYFS & KS1
5:00 - 6:00pm

KS2
6:30 - 8:00pm

Dress as your favourite book character.

Free doughnut and unlimited squash

Chocolate, crisps, sweets, glitter tattoos and glow sticks available to purchase on the night.

Admission - £2.50
Payable on the door



Message from the Headteacher

Alongside the newsletter, you will have received information about how home learning works at Chadsmead. This is in response to the parent's survey. Homework is always a difficult topic of conversation because for all those parents that are in favour of it, there are equally those that are not.

Here are few reasons why we set homework:

- Teaches children how to learn on their own and work independently
- Helps learning beyond the scope of the classroom
- It shows you what the teacher thinks is important to learn
- Homework is a good opportunity for parents to connect with education
- It teaches responsibility and accountability
- It reinforces the concepts taught in class

Please take the time to look through the booklet - 'Supporting Learning'.

Next week we look forward to our themed Reading week, which includes the Book Day Disco on Wednesday 4th March and a visiting author on Friday 6th March. There is still time to order signed copies of books.

What's on next week



Monday 2nd March:

- KS2 Team Games 3.20-4.20pm
- Lego Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Science Club 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 6 Late Birds

Tuesday 3rd March:

- Choir 8.20-8.50am
- Singing, Woodwind & Guitar Lessons
- KS1 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 5 Late Birds

Wednesday 4th March:

- Street Dance Club 8.15-8.45am
- Violin & Keyboard Lessons
- Boxercise 3.20-4.20pm
- World Book Day Disco

Thursday 5th March:

- Drum Lessons
- KS2 Healthy Lifestyle 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 3 Late Birds

Friday 6th March:

- KS2 Archery 3.20-4.20pm
- Year 4 Late Birds

Years 1 & 2

This week, Years 1 & 2 started their new theme; Wriggle and Crawl. Over this half term, we will be looking at mini-beasts, including their habitats and life-cycles. In maths, Year 1 are learning number sequences; counting up in 2s, 5s and 10s. Year 2 have continued learning time, especially minutes 'past' and 'to' the hour. We have learned 'The Bug Chant' in our writing lessons; reciting then innovating the poem.

Reminders: Theme homework is due in on Tuesday 3rd March. PE is on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Reading folders need to be brought every day.

Years 3 & 4

It was great seeing everyone back in school on Monday and we really got off to a 'fizzing' start with our potions day. The children loved dressing up as 'mad scientists' and spending the day creating lots of different concoctions. We hope they also learnt some key vocabulary including acid, alkaline, solids, liquids, gasses, carbon dioxide, effervescence and lots more! We will be looking in more detail at this topic and hope we really stimulate curiosity.

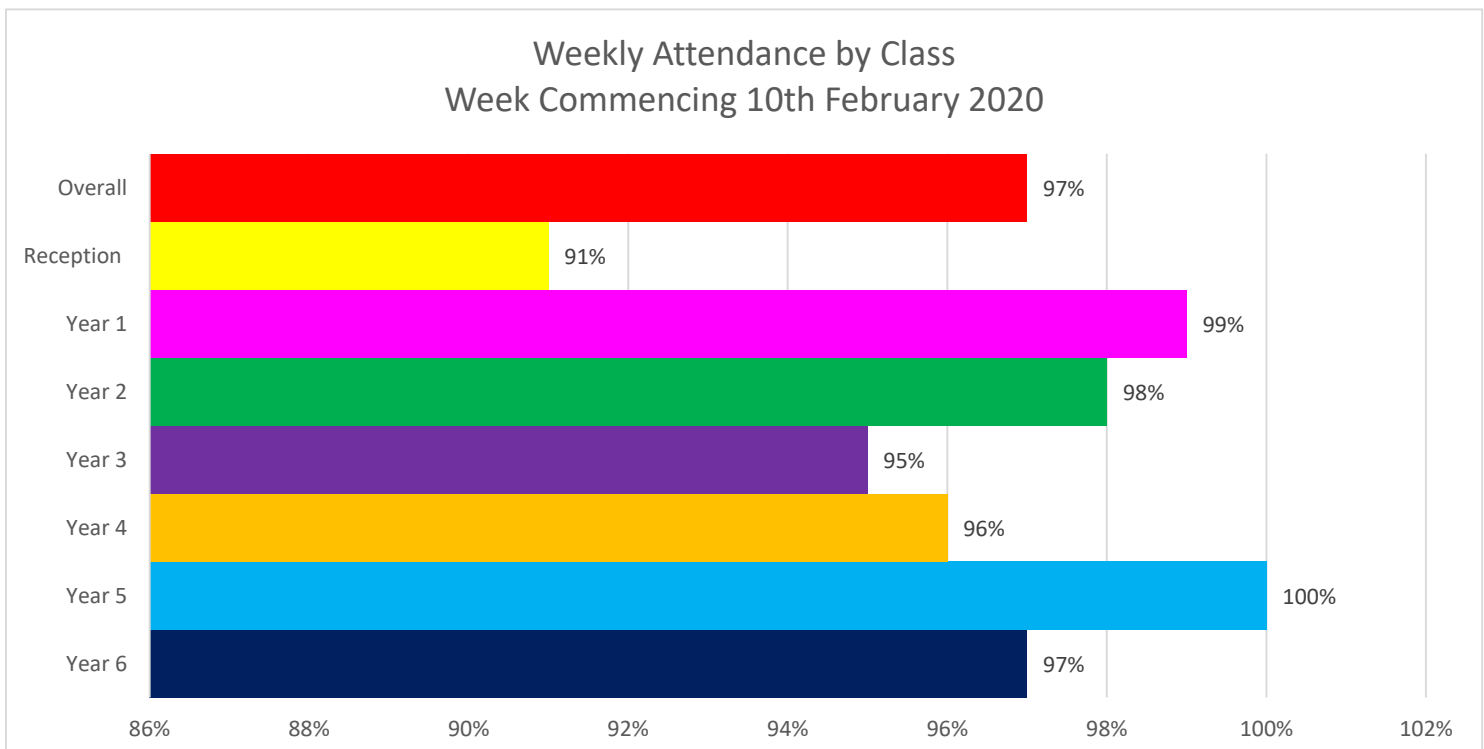
Many thanks for all the amazing creative homework - it will be displayed asap and the children have really made a great effort here (with adult help!)

Year 3s are now swimming on Thursdays with Year 4s doing PE on Thursdays. Year 3 and Year 4 need PE kits on Tuesdays too so please leave in school and take home in the holidays. Thanks for your help here.





Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 started our new theme of 'Stargazers' with a three-way rotation of Art, Science and Geography. As the week continued we have continued with Science and have looked at the Earth, Sun and Moon in relation to each other.

Theme homework is due in next Tuesday, thank you to parents that continue to support their child's homework. Next week is Reading week; we are looking forward to that enormously.



House point totals
Week Commencing: 10th February 2020

	329		320
	341		292



GROW YOUR OWN POTATOES

Reading Week - Week Commencing 2nd March

During the week, children will learn about an author in their class and share through an assembly. There is a disco on Wednesday 4th where children can dress as a book character if they so wish. There will be a sponsored read on Thursday 5th and Billy Bob Buttons a renowned children's author is coming in to work with the children on Friday 6th March. The children will be able to purchase signed copies of his books at the end of the day.

ParentPay

Please could parents log onto their ParentPay accounts and clear any dinner money debts that are showing. Thank you.

Spring has sprung and the Gardening Club is back! This term we will be getting ready to plant our summer flowers and crops.

As a bit of fun we have registered for the national "grow your own potatoes" challenge. Chadsmead, along with many other schools, will grow 2 different varieties of potatoes and compare our results. How many potatoes will we get? How much will they weigh? What sizes will they be? Just some of the questions we hope to answer.

The challenge planting day is Tuesday 3rd March. If your child would like to come and see how it's done come to the raised bed area at 12.30pm.

The club will start in full on the 17th March so sign up if you are interested in joining us for this term.

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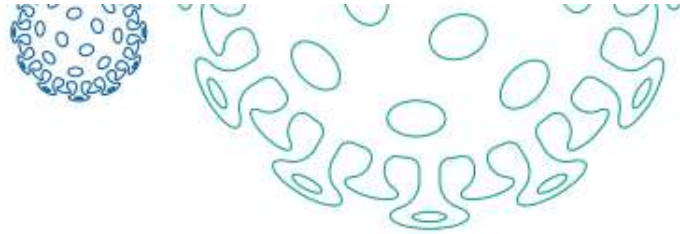
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Public Health
England



Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles.



If unwell do not share items
such as bedding, dishes,
pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Iran, specific lockdown areas in northern Italy, special care zones in South Korea or Hubei province China (returned in the past 14 days) should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days.

See [NHS.UK](https://www.nhs.uk) for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



CORONAVIRUS – Good hygiene

Following guidance from GOV.UK, next week all children across school (at an age appropriate level) will learn hand hygiene and how to prevent the spread of infection. Please talk to your children at home about the importance of good hygiene. Please show them how and encourage them to wash their hands fully. Encourage use of tissues when coughing and sneezing. Talk to them about keeping their hands away from their face, mouth and nose. Thank you.