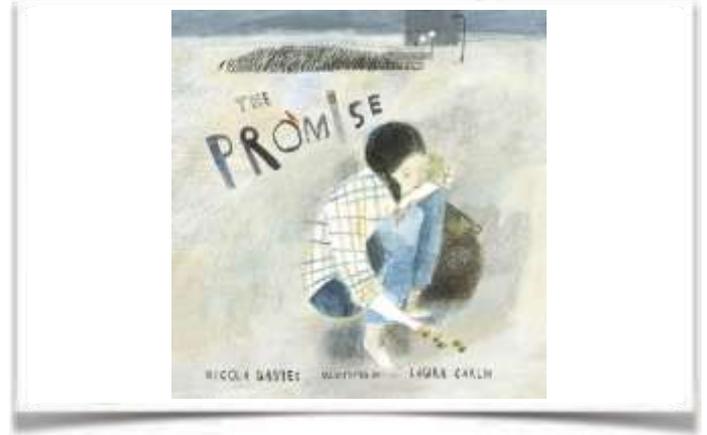




## Newsletter Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2021



### Message from Mrs Grainger

Welcome back to all of our children and families. I hope you all enjoyed a good summer break. Although the weather wasn't great, I am sure that you managed to plan lots of enjoyable things to do and keep busy.

A warm welcome to our new families starting with us this term. Nursery children have visited this week, Reception children have started school fulltime and I hope that our new children across the higher years have settled in. I'm sure that you will all thoroughly enjoy being part of our Chadsmead community.

I have particularly enjoyed being able to pop into classrooms and around school to see the children learning and playing. My favourite activities so far have been a whole school assembly – which was the first time for our year 1 children! And Hymn practice. I had forgotten how really lovely it is to do these everyday activities in school.

Finally, I would like to draw your attention to the letter that I sent out, detailing changes in the way schools are required to manage any cases of COVID, and the differences in school arrangements. Whilst most of the restrictions have been lifted, we are still exercising caution in school. For example, we have reinstated assemblies, but not for every day. I will continue to monitor the local and national picture and make any changes necessary in line with our school outbreak management plan. There are more details of this on our website.

### Message from the Chair of Governors

It is hard to believe that the 6 weeks of summer has passed and we have now begun a new academic year. I wanted, in this first newsletter of the term, to introduce myself as the new Chair of Governors and to thank the outgoing Chair, Iona Chisholm for all of her hard work and dedication to the school over the last 6 years.

Iona will continue as an active Governor in the school. On behalf of the Governors I would like to welcome everyone back and especially send a very warm welcome to the youngest of our community who have just joined us. I am sure I speak for us all when I say that we are looking forward to productive school year and getting back to normal hopefully unhindered by Covid.

Dr D Sarson



### Music Tuition

Music tuition has started in school this week for children in KS2 who signed up for it. Lessons are as follows:

- Monday Morning – Woodwind
- Wednesday Morning – Keyboard/Piano
- Wednesday Afternoon – Violin
- Thursday Morning – Guitar
- Friday Morning – Singing
- Friday Afternoon – Drums

We still have spaces available for Years 3&4 Violin Ensemble and Years 5&6 Guitar Ensemble (Thursdays before school) if your child is interested, please contact the school office.



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

### Years 1 & 2

Hello from KS1!!!!

We have had a fabulous start to the new academic year in KS1. Years 1 & 2 have settled into their new classes well. We spent the first few days getting to know our new surroundings and children and teachers that we are sharing them with. We have been sharing the text 'The Secret Sky Garden'. We have linked our learning from this text to our own lives and our environment.

We have been thinking about making sure that our open spaces around our school are free from litter and are places that we enjoy being. We have started our maths learning by picking up from our previous year group and have been doing lots of counting. Year 1 have been recognising quantities up to 10 and Year 2 have been identifying tens and ones in 2-digit numbers.

All children should have brought home a reading book, homework book and spelling homework book this week.

REMINDER - Bring PE kits in a bag on Monday. Come to school in a PE kit on Tuesday.

- Bring a water bottle and a jacket/coat everyday.
- Bring reading books to school every day. RWI books are changed on Fridays.

### Years 3 & 4

Welcome to Years 3 & 4!

Time certainly does fly and we're already one and a half weeks into the new term! We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and managed to recharge your batteries.

It has been lovely seeing the children come into school with smiley faces, smart uniform and optimistic attitudes. We have made such a positive start!

This week, as a whole school return to school theme, we have been studying a book called 'The Promise'. The children have showed imagination creating their own newspaper reports about this, as well as writing descriptive poetry and also creating their own 'Green City' using environmentally friendly ideas.

PE days this year:

Mrs Bishop Maple class: Tuesday (arrive in kit) and Wed (children to change in school)

Mr Budge Sycamore class Wednesday (children to change in school) and Thursday children arrive in kit.

Thank you for your support.

### Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have had a great start to the term. We have been really impressed with their behaviour and their attitude to learning. They are very focussed, enthusiastic and keen to please.

For our first seven days the majority of our work has revolved around our book 'The Promise'. The book considers many environmental issues and talks about us looking after our world. The children have read the book and produced a wide variety of written pieces of work related to it. We have also spent a whole day being creative where we made sculptures based on the work of Andy Goldsworthy.

We are really looking forward to beginning our new theme of 'Off with Her Head' next week.

### Caretaker Vacancy

We are seeking to appoint a part time energetic, resourceful, reliable Caretaker with a broad range of DIY skills necessary for the effective and efficient operation of site services. This includes heating, cleaning, security, portage, reallocation of furniture and equipment, repairs, maintenance, improvements and refurbishments.

Closing Date: Monday 20 September 2021

Interview date: Monday 27 September 2021

The link to the advert is:

<https://www.wmjobs.co.uk/job/101568/caretaker/>

### My Ed App



Please can you ensure you have downloaded our communication app – MyEd – we have had a number of parents we have been unable to contact this week via the app and it is an essential tool for communication for school.

### Special Educational Needs Activities

Details of lots of fun activities for young people up to the age of 18, who have a special educational need or disability and live in Staffordshire are available on our website at the link below:

<https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/results.action?qt=aiming+high&sr=0&nh=10>  
Young people can take part in a number of free activities (usually 1 a month with extra free places available during school holiday periods). Young people are then very welcome to take part in more activities but some of our providers may ask for a voluntary contribution.

If you feel your child is eligible for attending any of the activities, please contact the booking team on 0300 111 8007 (option 5) to help with booking places or any queries.



Please keep an eye out for our Calendar of Events which has been sent home with all children this week.

### School Clubs

Letters have now been sent home for Progressive After School Clubs, KS2 Lunchtime Gardening Club and also French Club – copies are available on our school website.

Choir will begin again for KS2 children on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September before school at 8.20am – a separate letter is coming home with children soon!

### Flu Vaccination

An NHS flu immunisation team will be coming into school on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> December.

All children from Reception to Year 6 can have the free vaccination, a simple nasal spray. Consent forms this year will be electronic and the Immunisation Team would like everyone to complete a form, even if you do not want the flu spray for your child. The form and further details will follow.....



### Hollie Guard App

To anyone with kids old enough to have a mobile phone. Download the HOLLIE Guard App for them. If they're walking home late or alone, they can switch it on and you can track them. If someone approaches and they feel unsafe they can shake their phone. It sets off a high pitched alarm from the phone and also messages an alert to you (or whoever's number is entered as guardian)

This app can be used by adults as well as children.

Kind regards,

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