



House Point Totals  
Week Commencing: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2021

	<b>199</b>		<b>226</b>
	<b>203</b>		<b>194</b>

### Message from Mrs Grainger

We had a lovely Harvest Festival this week, thank you so much to the readers and to Mrs Miles for arranging this. A great big thank you for all the food donations that we will shortly be taking to the Lichfield Food Bank – your generosity is greatly appreciated.

You may have heard in the news this week, that the new Secretary of State for Education (Nadhim Zahawi) has made clear, young people regularly attending school is a national priority and is important for their education, wellbeing, and long-term development. He upholds that attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils of compulsory school age. Schools can only grant leaves of absence in exceptional circumstances. If a leave of absence is agreed, it will only be for a specific period of time. We will consider all applications for leave of absence on an individual basis taking into account the specific facts and circumstances, and relevant background context behind the request. It is important to acknowledge that taking a pupil out of school during term time disrupts their learning and it may cause them to fall behind in their learning. Parents who choose to take an unauthorised holiday or leave of absence must accept that this will have an adverse effect on their child’s educational achievement and the school may ask the Local Authority to issue a fixed penalty fine where an unauthorised holiday has been taken. We work together with local authority staff, attendance support workers, and local health services (including GPs and school nurses) to reassure families and ensure as many pupils are attending school as possible.

### September 2022 Reception Intake

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

# Halloween Trail

Sunday 31st October  
4-8pm

Last years amazing Spooky Trail is now a distant memory  
**BUT NEVER FEAR**  
... some of our ghoulish Chadsmead families have again decorated their houses to create a spooktacular Halloween trail!

Simply purchase your trail pack, by the 19th October, to take part and see how many Halloween pictures you can spot.

Packs available from school for **£2**  
Includes trail map, activities and Halloween treats!

- Complete the trail in your own time -
- Covid friendly family activity! -
- Please, **NO KNOCKING ON DOORS!** -

For your trail pack, please give correct money in an envelope with the order form available from the school office. You will be given your trail pack before we break up for half term.

For more information, please contact us [ptfa@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk)



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

### Years 1 & 2

This week in Years 1 & 2, we have been carrying out science investigations as part of our theme work. Do you know the shape of a bubble? Are they all the same shape? This week we used our prediction skills to predict the shape of the bubbles that different shaped bubble blowing wands would make. Talk to your children to see what our findings were.

In English writing, we have been working on instructions linked to 'The Disgusting Sandwich' story. We are going to be creating instructions for and making our own disgusting sandwiches next week.

In maths, Year 2 have been adding and subtracting ones and tens to/from a 2-digit number and Year 1 have been counting on to add efficiently and creating their own addition stories.

#### **REMINDER**

There seems to be some confusion with PE days and spelling days.

Monday - bring kit in a bag

Thursday - come to school in PE kits

Spelling tests on Tuesday - children need to bring in their spelling books so their new spellings can be stuck in.

### Years 3 & 4

Can you believe that next week is the end of the first half term?! Wow - time is flying by and we are really busy in school. There is such a lot going on at the moment with children enjoying taking part in our Harvest service, our gardening club is in full swing as well as children enjoying various after school clubs along with extra curricula music lessons!

The children have really enjoyed investigating the conditions plants need for growth in our Science experiment. We have found it most interesting to see and smell (ugh!) the effects of no light, limited air, no water, and little room to grow. It has been great to hear group discussions as we record the conditions of the broad bean and cress plants week on week.

Thanks for your support with the home-learning, it really does make a difference. Please check your child is going onto TT Rockstars 5 times a week (5-10 mins per session), as well as reading each night and learning spellings. Times tables are used in so many parts of maths for the rest of the academic year that the children who learn them find it so much easier!

### Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week focussed on Science within theme lessons, carrying out two investigations that have looked at levers and pulleys and their relationship with forces; we have created some errrrr sentences.

Maths has been a continuation of the four rules, writing has been a biography of Henry VIII and in reading we are getting close to completing our book Treason. We have also all completed an Accelerated Reader assessment meaning ZPD's will be updated shortly.

Finally, we enjoyed our Harvest Festival, with many of our children volunteering to read aloud or even sing in a small group.

### Year 6 Music Share Concert 15th November 7pm

Year 6 are excited to be taking part in a concert at Lichfield Cathedral. Having made a start this week, pupils will spend time each Tuesday learning a range of songs that they will perform in the Cathedral with other local schools and accompanied by a live band. Further details will be sent to Year 6 pupils but please put the date in your diary. It is really exciting to be able to sing together again and make music; this is a wonderful opportunity for our pupils.

### Midland Partnership Foundation Trust NHS

Should you have any concerns about your child's sleep, development, toileting, behaviour, nutrition etc, then please contact Mrs Cadman at school, who can help support by submitting a 0 to 19 Well-Being referral to the school nursing team. Alternatively, you can contact them directly for advice on 0300 3030 3924 for advice or text on 07520 615 721

## Dates for the Autumn Term 2021

Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October 2021	School breaks up at the end of the day for the half term holiday
Monday 1st November 2021	INSET DAY
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November 2021	Back to school!
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> & Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Year 6 Bikeability
Week beginning Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Year 2 Phonics Tests
Week beginning Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Creative Arts Week
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Year 6 Music Share Concert – 7pm Lichfield Cathedral
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> November 2021	Years R – 6 Peter Pan Pantomime Lichfield Garrick
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> December 2021	Whole School Flu Vaccination
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> December 2021	Christmas Fair
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Christmas Jumper Day
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS1 Nativity 9.30am
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	KS2 Christmas Performance 9.30am/2pm
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Children's Christmas Dinner
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	Nursery & Reception Nativity 9.30am
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> December 2021	School breaks up at the end of the day for the Christmas holiday

