



Newsletter Friday 28th May 2021



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 17th May 2021

	241		227
	298		222

Message from Mrs Grainger

In light of the latest concerns regarding the new variant, it is only sensible to continue with the cautious ways of working, to try and minimise increased spread. Staffordshire County Council have launched a "Don't Give Up Now" campaign. We are all asked to keep following the guidelines, get tested twice a week and to book a vaccination when we're offered one.

As we approach the end of the year and the better weather please take note of this message from the DfE:

School attendance continues to be mandatory for all pupils and the usual rules on school attendance apply. This includes parents' duty to ensure their child regularly attends school, and schools' and local authorities' ability to issue sanctions, including fixed penalty notices, for poor attendance.

As restrictions begin to lift, we know some families may be looking to take holidays during term time. As usual, parents and carers should plan their holidays around school breaks and avoid seeking permission to take their children out of school on holiday.

Finally, the sun seems to have made an appearance in time for next week and I hope that you have a wonderful half term break.

Whit Week Holiday

Monday 31st May 2021 to Friday 4th June 2021 – back to school for Summer Term 2 on Monday 7th June 2021.

Message from the Governing Body (SSC)

Dear children and school families,
I am delighted to let you know that we have recruited a new Community Governor. Her name is Jo Owens and she is a local teacher. During her interview, it was clear she knew all about the history of the school and was most impressed by the journey taken by Mrs Grainger and all of the staff in returning Chadsmead to a friendly and successful school, rebuilding its strong sense of community and high standards, plus ensuring compliance with safeguarding requirements as a priority. It is a reminder of how far the school has come these last few years and how all the children, school families and staff have come together and played their part for the benefit of all pupils. Well done to everyone and thank you. As we approach the end of this academic year, the SSC will be welcoming and supporting all our new governors into their new roles and supporting the school in evaluating the effects of this extraordinary year, whilst also looking forward to how the school will be giving our children the very best support and opportunity in the academic year ahead. Recently, Governors have enjoyed hearing from staff about the comprehensive curriculum planning which has taken place to ensure that all pupils receive a broad and stimulating education. Look out on the website in the next few weeks for information on and photographs of our new Governors. Very best wishes
Iona Chisholm

Tempest Photography – Year 6 Leavers

Tempest Photography will be in school on Monday 7th June to take the Year 6 Leavers photographs for their Leavers Book.

curriculum

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

Years 1 & 2

This week it was the turn of Apple class to use the Beebots. We have been creating algorithms for the Beebot and debugging the algorithm if it ended up in the wrong place! We have also been creating some fantastic artwork, inspired by the artist Wassily Kandinsky. We have mixed primary colours to create our own Kandinsky trees. In maths, Cherry class have been learning about the place value in 3-digit numbers and then using this knowledge to compare them. Apple and Elm have continued to add and subtract two-digit and one-digit numbers. In writing lessons, we have been writing and performing our own poems about our theme "Enchanted Woodland".

We hope that you all have a lovely half term and look forward to seeing you in Summer 2!

Years 3 & 4

In Years 3 & 4 this week, we have finished off our American Road Trip Theme with a focus on one of the most famous artists in the world and also an American - Jackson Pollack. The children have learned new skills such as creating a 'wash' as a background and then after studying some of the artist's work, we have created our own Pollack style paintings. The results are amazing and we shall proudly display them in school. You will get to see them at the end of term as the children take them home. We cannot believe we only have one term left before the end of the school year. Next term we shall be learning all about the Ancient Greeks - please see the homework in the purple books.

We hope you have a great half term and enjoy what is hopefully less rainy weather!

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have this week finished their class text 'Darwin's Dragons', it is a new book we have tried this year and we have thoroughly enjoyed it. In writing, we have written a letter from a character in our book to Queen Victoria using formal vocabulary and also written a detailed description of the Galapagos Giant Tortoise. In maths, we have continued to draw and measure angles accurately and calculate angles on a straight line, around a point and within a triangle.

Within theme lessons we looked at the theories of Darwin and Mendel and then investigated plant growth on our school grounds and considered environmental factors that may affect this growth.

We would like to wish you all a good half term break and hope everyone comes back recharged, ready for our new theme titled 'Tomorrows World'.

Annual Reports to Parents/Carers

You will receive your child's end of year report as normal in July. If your child received remote education from January to March, this will be included in the report. You will also have the opportunity to discuss your child's report with their teacher at the end of year.

Social Media

Recently, there has been an increase in escalating concerns (throughout Staffordshire schools) with the number of students utilising social media and other links to facilitate online bullying and arguments over these platforms. This does appear to be a result of students returning to the classroom following lockdown having had access to more online activity in previous months for example.

Incidents are being reported to the police by young people as well as their parents/carers and so we have been kindly asked to share the age restriction information.



Lichfield District residents are being invited to grab a pair of gloves and a litter picker this spring and join in with the country's biggest mass-action environmental campaign.

Lichfield District Council is backing this year's Great British Spring Clean, which is running from 28 May to 13 June 2021. To book litter pickers, red bin bags, and waste collection, please [email Nicky Haycock](mailto:Nicky.Haycock) or call [01543 687550](tel:01543687550). Litter pickers are issued on a first come first served basis.



DANCE FIT

Free dance fit classes at Nether Stowe School for parents in the local area!

Local dance fitness company, Dance & Beats!

Join in with others and get active in a fun, relaxed environment. Bringing the community back together again at Nether Stowe School!

Venue: Nether Stowe School on Wednesdays

Time: 10.15am to 11.00am

Book via: rich@netherstowe.com

