



Newsletter Friday 22nd October 2021



House Point Totals
Week Commencing: 11th October 2021

	297		278
	237		248

Message from Mrs Grainger

It has been an interesting week, with a burst pipe in green wing, meaning Sycamore have had to relocate to Rowan classroom. Unfortunately, this will continue for the next half term, the amount of water has been quite catastrophic. Huge thanks to Mrs Clark and Mrs Mace who came into school on Sunday (with the help of the emergency plumber) and were able to contain the problem.

We are also experiencing an increasing number of unauthorised absences where parents and carers are not informing us of the reason their child is not at school. **IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL FOR ANY REASON, YOU MUST INFORM THE SCHOOL.** In most cases there are very simple explanations for absence, but if you do not tell us, your child's absence has to be recorded as unauthorised and may result in a home visit.

The children and staff have worked incredibly hard over the course of the half term and it seems to have flown by. I am sure you and your children are ready for a break and I hope that you have an enjoyable half term.

Message from the PTFA

The PTFA would like to thank everyone that volunteered to be part of the Halloween Trail. We hope everyone enjoys themselves on the trail and it will be great to see so many Chadsmead families out and about having some spooky fun! Happy Halloween!

SEND and Families Spotlight – Family Hubs

Your local Family Hub is a virtual space where you can find advice and support, and connect with others in your area.



We know that family life is a little bit harder at the moment, that's why the local authority have created 8 hubs of help for families across Staffordshire who can answer your questions, help you find support and share ideas for coping with the changes coronavirus is making to our lives.

Find out more what your family hub can offer you: <https://www.staffordshireconnects.info/kb5/staffordshire/directory/service.page?id=AQbmpSMTcFk&localofferchannel=0>

Find out more about the Lichfield hub: Lichfield Family Hub: <https://www.facebook.com/Lichfieldfamilyhub>

September 2022 Reception Intake

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

School finishes today for half term – return to school Tuesday 2nd November

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

Years 1 & 2

It's hard to believe that we have completed our first half term in Years 1 & 2! The children have learned so many new skills in maths, reading and writing. It is pleasing to see such good progress in such a short amount of time.

In maths, Year 2 have learned to use addition and subtraction facts that they already know to help them to add and subtract using 2-digit numbers. Year 1 have also been adding and subtracting by using the counting on or back method.

Writing has been great fun. We have learned about writing instructions and linked it to making a disgusting sandwich using unusual sandwich ingredients. I'm sure you have heard about these.

In theme, we have focused on the food part of our Muck, Mess and Mixtures topic and we have applied design and technology skills to design and make our own fruit salads.

HOMEWORK - all children will have a choice for their homework over the break. We will be beginning our new theme 'Land Ahoy' when we return to school. Take a look in your child's purple homework book for ideas to make something creative over the holiday.

Have a well-rested break everyone.

Years 1 & 2 will be having a dressing up day on Friday 5th November for our new theme 'Land Ahoy'. The children can come dressed as pirates or sailors or any ideas with a nautical (of the sea) theme.

Years 3 & 4

Years 3 & 4 have had a really different week this week. We have learned a brand new skill – weaving!

As part of our theme – Tribal Tales – we have learned how important it was for early people to make clothes. After researching the development of weaving we looked at some important vocabulary – WEAVE, WAFT, WARP, LOOM, THREAD. We then mapped out how exactly we would make our weave, one step at a time. Then we thought about colours, type of thread, loom size then chose our best design and began weaving.

We all managed to complete a piece of weaving and also recorded our work in a special booklet. It was a fun couple of days!

In other news, we have also finished our plants experiment with some interesting results - some of the plants were rather smelly especially those with no light or air whilst the others were able to grow successfully - some more than others!

Have a happy half term and see you back in school on Tuesday 2nd November for a brand new theme - Burps, Bottoms and Bile.

Years 5 & 6

Years 5 & 6 have had a full, stimulating and very enjoyable week this week. All classes have completed an Art project focusing on the artist Hans Holbein. We have created small, detailed parts of his painting of Henry VIII, then put them all together to make the full picture which has been very effective.

We have also enjoyed a DT day, the children have researched, designed, made and then evaluated a medieval device including moving parts. In addition, we have managed to complete our class text Treason, what a great book it has been to read.

Next half term we will begin a new theme Alchemy Island which we are very much looking forward to.

Years 5 & 6 Art Classes

Years 5 & 6 have been recreating sections of Hans Hohlbein's famous painting of King Henry VIII. We used a range of materials to practise our colour mixing (wax crayon, watercolours, oil pastels, felt tip pens, pencil crayons and poster paints) to choose our final medium. We all agreed that watercolours were the best for colour matching.



Dates for the Autumn Term 2021

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